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RICHARDSON'S

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Garden Guide and

Catalogue of "Rich" Brand

Garden, Farm and Flower SEEDS,

Potatoes, Bulbs, Flower Pots, Tools, Etc.

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ZAR CAMERA,
given free with
a $1.80 club order.

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on pages 3 and 4

A PREMIUM FOR EVERY 25c. PURCHASER OF OUR SEEDS—a six months' subscription to this best farm paper if requested—only for new subscribers.

A. A. RICHARDSON, Prop.

North Western Seed Co.,

Formerly Dundas, Minn. Faribault, Minn.

FARIBAULT REPUBLICAN PRINT.

GRIGGS & CO.

At Wholesale to Consumer GROCERIES

190-192 E. Third St., ST PAUL, MINN.

ESTABLISHED 1875.

Buy goods of us and save one profit.
We sell at wholesale to any one by the package.
Don't send to us if you only want cheap goods.
We use 23 yrs' experience in making our purchases.
We aim to give you the best value for your money.
A guarantee on every thing we sell.
If you send for price list be sure to mention this book and enclose 2c. stamp.
GREETING-BEST WISHES.

Another year of hard times has gone by and now we find business somewhat improved. Not that it is yet what it might be, but you can help all in your power by raising and marketing only the best of everything. To do that you must have the best in seeds. Plant Richardson’s. If you’ve never tried them yet, you’ll see what the result is likely to be, by reading the testimonials herein.

Don’t you ever believe that because a firm doesn’t issue a 200-page catalogue printed in all the colors of the rainbow, with exaggerated pictures and descriptions, that they don’t sell good seeds? We sell good seeds, because it’s the only right treatment of our customers. Did we entirely disregard our obligations to God and right, we should still endeavor to sell good seeds, to keep our customers—“honesty is the best policy.”

We warrant our seeds thus far that we will replace any that fail.

“Good seeds in large packets at low prices” is our motto.

By a careful comparison, you will find that, with better times, other seedsmen have advanced many of their prices this year. We have made a number of price changes, but have advanced prices on not one single item.

Our store and office is situated on Richardson’s Gardens (the largest in this vicinity) where we annually gain much knowledge of seeds.

May we not have your orders?


These Faribault men or firms have kindly given us permission to refer to them (enclose stamp in writing them):

CITIZENS’ NATIONAL BANK.

FARIBAULT REPUBLICAN,

A. W. McKinstry, Prop. and Ed.

C. D. McKellip, Associate Editor.

BOLLES & SNOW, the Fair Store.

We can recommend the firms whose advertisements are in these pages. In writing to them please mention Richardson’s catalogue.

From the Isanti County Press of September 9, 1897,—“The splendid appearance and fine quality of many of our county’s exhibits at the [State] Fair are due in no small degree to the excellence of the seeds, which have been furnished by A. A. Richardson, of Faribault.”

Because, 1st, it contains no alum nor ammonia, but is fresh, pure, clean, strong and healthful.

2d.—Our strongest claim is only that it is just as good as any other in the market—some ladies say it’s better.

3d.—It costs no more than other standard absolutely pure baking powders, but we give with each pound

A VALUABLE PRESENT

—different presents at different times.

When you send for a seed order to go by express or freight send extra half dollar and a pound of Rich Baking Powder will be sent you together with 30c. worth of flower pots of your selection, or a set Cristy-pattern knives.

Buy one pound—you’ll buy more.

Save the ticket in each can for a camera, July 4th.

MANUFACTURED BY

RICHARDSON MFG. CO.,

Faribault, Minn.

Onion Seed Special.—We have about 100 lbs. of Yellow Danvers grown here at Faribault. We have tested this and found it of strong vitality; but because it is crop of ‘96 we do not want to use it in filling our regular orders. We offer it at the following low prices: Oz., 5c.; 1/2 lb., 12c.; 1 lb., 35c.; by mail postpaid.

SEE Low Priced Collections of vegetable and flower seeds on page 16.

INVESTIGATE

how cheaply you can cook by gas.

Faribault Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,

FARIBAULT, MINN.

THE big little, boiled down, common sense, farm paper. Unlike any other. You need it. Send fo sample. FARM JOURNAL, Philadelphia.
YOU CAN HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT.

Do you want to own a Camera, Watch, Autoharp, Silverware, Dinner or Tea Set, Sewing Machine, Gun, Incubator, Bicycle, Organ, or some other longed-for possession?

HOW YOU CAN DO IT.

Just spend a little time taking orders for Richardson’s Seeds. It will be quite easy. Indeed, you will be surprised to find what really easy and pleasant work it is. Nearly everybody has to buy seeds from somebody somewhere. You will find that, with very little urging on your part, your friends will readily buy Richardson’s Seeds through you. A few hours’ work will earn you the less expensive premiums, and by a few days spent even the highest priced will be yours.

HOW WE CAN DO IT.

We want to have Richardson’s Seeds introduced into every locality of the United States. It would take hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars to reach every locality through newspaper advertisements, and besides results from advertisements are never certain. So you see we can well afford to pay you handsomely for work the results of which are sure. We expect to make our money on purchases of future years from the customers you secure. Those who prefer may have cash premiums for their work, but we will readily see that we can afford to give you better value in these premiums, which we buy for cash at wholesale, and which will be standing advertisements for us.

DO IT!

Try it, won’t you? Try selling “good seeds in large packets at low prices”—Richardson’s Seeds.

Richardson himself started into the seed business only a few years ago, beginning by selling seeds for an eastern seed house. Some thought the firm he was working for was too far east and south. We are here in this cold, northwestern country, and no one can make that objection to buying from you now. Richardson found that it was easy to sell people seeds, and after much study and application began a seed business of his own, and now wants you to sell his seeds and offers you these splendid premiums for a little work. Richardson still keeps in touch with his agents by doing some canvassing each year. In January, he had a letter from a friend in a nearby town, saying:

“Are you coming over here to sell seeds this year? I heard some say they liked your seeds and looked for you last year.”

Our friends know and recommend our seeds. Others will do so, after they once use them. We, of course, furnish as large packets, and the same high quality, of seeds on these club orders as on our regular mail orders.

Now won’t you start right to work? If you want some sample packets of our seeds to show, send us a dime for postage, and we’ll send you several packets, both vegetables and flowers, also extra catalogues and order blanks, etc. We’ll help you in every way possible. We’ll please you with the premiums and please your friends with Richardson’s Seeds.

Cordially yours, A. A. Richardson, Prop.

These goods are (like our seeds) just as represented. We will furnish you a further description of any you desire on application—have descriptive circulars of some.

The amounts of club orders stated are the amounts of seeds in packets, for which the premiums will be given. Vegetable and flower seeds in ounces count one half, and in other quantities one-fifth, as much as seeds in packets towards the premiums. As much credit as possible will be given on orders for other goods—write about it.

Zar Camera. Takes pictures 2x2 inches. 
Given for a $1.80 club order.

Crescent Camera. Makes 3x3 in. pictures. 
Given for a $3 club order.

Both these cameras are practical warranted instruments taking as good pictures as others larger and more expensive.

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Dexter Camera. View finder; no complications; pictures 3½x3½ inches. Price $4. 
Given for a $5.50 club order.

Cyclone Camera. Two view finders; 4x5 in. pictures; very handsome first-class camera. 
Price $5. Given for a $7.90 club order.

Given for a $31 club order.

26 in. Juvenile Wheel, splendidly built, boys’ or girls’ styles. 
Given for a $49 club order.

Adams Bicycle, 28 in. Worth easily $45. 
Given for a $49.50 club order.

Butler Bicycle. Well worth $50. 
Given for a $87 club order.

These wheels are not merely “best at the price” — they are absolutely guaranteed equal to any wheels produced at any price. Ladies’
MARCH.

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You should get the seeds you will need this year now. Manure liberally your garden patch. Make hot beds and sow tomatoes, peppers, egg-plants, and Prize-taker onions; also cabbages, cauliflower, and celery for early use; also flower seeds for early blooming.

or men's styles. Illustrated specification circular free.

Chatelaine Watch. Fine jeweled nickel movement, stem wind and set, gold hands, nickel case. Given for a $2 club order.

Ansonia Watch; regular size, nickel case, stem wind and set, good 30 hour time keeper. Given for a $2.10 club order.

Solid Silverine Watch; water and dust proof; 7 jewel movements; high grade. Given for a $5 club order.

14k Gold Filled Watch. Warranted for 5 years, beautifully engraved cases, 7 jewel movements, ladies' or men's sizes, open face or hunting. Given for a $10.25 club order.

Rogers Bros. 1847 Silverware. Knives and forks, the genuine 12 pennyweight goods. A dozen given for a $6 club order.

100 Piece Dinner Set. Good grade semi-porcelain, decorated in foliage green or fog blue. Given for a $1 2 club order.

56 Piece Tea Set. Tasteful printed decorations in beautiful tints—blue or brown. Given for a $5.90 club order.

"Cottage" Sewing Machine. An unsurpassed, high arm, lock stitch machine; finished in best manner; modern improvements; 3 drawers, full set attachments and extras, warranted for 5 years; worth $30. Given for a $29.75 club order.

Parlor Organ—genuine Mason and Hamlin; five octaves; eleven stops; beautiful case, beaded, jig-sawed and engraved; bevel edge mirror in top; walnut or oak. Catalogue price $160. Given for a $74 club order.

If your school or church wants a nice organ, we can furnish it. Write.

Autoharp. No. 23, 23 strings, 5 bars producing 5 chords. Price $5. Given for a $6.15 club order.

Breech-loading Shot Guns. Good guns. Single Barrel, given for a $10.50 club order. Double Barrel, $16.75

Winchester Magazine Rifle. Model '92; round barrel; 32, 38, or 44 caliber; factory price $18. Given for a $19.25 club order.

Palace Incubator. 200 egg size; fitted complete ready for work. Price is $30 net. Given for a $47 club order.

If these premiums are not what you want, tell us just your needs, and we will be glad to tell you what size club order will secure it.

Purchaser pays transportation charges on these premiums.

SWEET POTATOES.

Many do not know that these may be raised here. One man in Faribault raised a large one last year from our plants about 14 in. long. The Northfield Independent told last fall of a man who raised 15 bushels last summer and thought they were as easily raised as Irish potatoes.

Plants ready about May 1st and after.

Yellow Nansemond is one of the best varieties for this section. Plants only 45c per hundred.

Vineless Gold Coin Prolific is claimed to be much earlier and a better yield than others. Plants 75 per hundred.

If you want several hundred or thousand plants, write for prices on amount you want.

Next thing to a daily at less than half its cost is

THE FARMERS' TRIBUNE,

From Minneapolis, Twice a Week—Tuesdays and Fridays.

Gives all the news, stories, fashions, markets, weekly agricultural page. Yearly, $1.
Select Vegetable List...

Our list is not so long as to confuse, but an excellent one is given. Sorts of varieties are arranged mainly with earliest first.

Prepaid—Prices include postage except on beans, corn and peas.

Discounts—For every $1 worth of seeds in packets or ounces you may select 25c. worth of packets free. The Northwestern Agriculturist free with a 25c. order.

Beans, big packets. Postage 15c. per quart extra.

- Extra Early Red Valentine, green pods, early 5 10 18
- Curries Rust Proof Wax, early, productive 5 10 20
- Speckled Wax, best for canning crop 5 10 20
- Yosemite Mammoth Black Wax 8 15 33
- Early Golden Cluster Pole Wax 6 15 25
- Henderson’s Bush Lima 6 15 25
- Early Hardy Pole Lima 6 15 25
- White Marrowfat, for soup, green shell and dry 5 8 15
- True Navy, pure seed of this standard sort 5 8 15

Corn, Sweet, big packets. Postage, 12c. per, on White Cob Cor. standard early sort.

- Champion, largest eared early sweet corn 7 18 20
- Early Minnesota, second early 5 10 18
- Country Gentleman, the sweetest, rows irregular 7 12 20
- Stowell’s Evergreen, standard late 5 10 15
- Perkins Corn: White Rice 5 10 15
- Golden Tom Thumb; Red Beauty; each 7 15 25

Peas, big packets. Postage, 15c. per quart extra.

- Alaska, extra early smooth pea 5 10 18
- American Wonder, early dwarf wrinkled 6 12 20
- Nott’s Exculator, early, dwarf, very sweet 7 14 20
- Heroine, medium, 2½ feet, productive, best quality 7 14 24
- Champion of England, tall, well known sort 5 10 15
- Melting Sugar, pods edible like string beans 8 15 30

Asparagus, Palmetto, early, productive 4 10 20 50

Beets. Our big packets hard to beat.

- Extra Early Eclipse 5 10 20 50
- Edmund’s Early Blood Turnip, fine 5 10 20 50
- Long Smooth Blood, for winter 4 10 18 40

Swiss Chard, use leaves for greens, midrib like asparagus.

- Lane’s Improved Sugar Beet 4 10 20 45
- Mammoth Long Red Mangel Wurzel 9 18 50
- Yellow Globe Mangel Wurzel 3 6 12 35
- Golden Tankard Mangel, most productive 4 7 15 40

Brussels Sprouts, Improved Dwarf 5 10 20 50

Cabbage, large packets. These grow heads.

- Extra Early Express; Early Jersey Wakefield; pointed heads, each 5 15
- All Head Early, best flat headed early 7 20
- Sure Head Premium Flat Dutch; American Drumhead; All Seasons; each 5 15
- Large Red Pickling 5 15
- Improved American Savoy, finest, ed of all 5 15

Carrots, big packets and good seeds.

- Earliest Short Scarlet Horn 5 10 25 70
- Ox Heart, fine for family use 5 10 70
- Danvers Half Long; Long Orange; each 5 10 20 65

Cauliflower. Don’t buy cheap cauliflower seed.

- Early Snowball, the best 16
- Early Dwarf Erfurt, a fine variety 12

Now be sure that seeds for early plants are all soon. As soon as ground permits sow, harrow, and sow asparagus, cress, leeks, onions, early peas, parsley, radish, spinach, and turnips. Set out onion sets and hardy plants—cabbage, cauliflower, onions, and pursanes. Sow cabbage, celery, and cauliflower for early plants. Plant hardy flower seeds and sowe lawn grass.

Celery, a very healthful vegetable—pkt oz ½ lb lb
- White Prince, best early, easily grown and blanched 5 15
- Giant Pascal, best late, good keeper 5 12
- Turnip Rooted or Celeriac 5 15

Chicory, a Coffee Substitute. Large Rooted 3

Cress. Fine salad plants.
- True Water, sow beside water 10
- Curled or Pepper Grass, grows anywhere 3

Coffee Berry, or Soja Bean. Has sold post 5 10 for 15c.-25c. Large packet 5

Cucumbers. Big packets of Fine Seeds.

- Early Russian, the earliest 5 10 20 60
- Chicago Pickling: White Spine; Long Green; standard sorts for slicing and pickling; each 5 10 20 60
- Snake, looks like a green snake 8

Egg Plant. Try this excellent vegetable—Early Long Purple, the earliest 5 20
- New York Improved Purple 8 30

Gourds. Dipper; Nest Egg; each 5

Herbs. Don’t buy herbs. Raise them yourself.
- Summer Savary; Thyme 4
- Dill 3
- Sweet Major’s Sage 5

Kohr-Rabi, or Turnip Rooted Cabbage
- Early White Vienna 5 15
- Kale, or Borecole. Dwarf Green Curled 4 10
- Leek, Large Musselburg 5 15

Lettuce. Large Packs. Try a new variety.
- Black Seeded Simpson, popular early lettuce 5 10
- Early Prizehead, leaves tinged reddish brown 4 10
- Denver Market, an early head lettuce 5 10
- Improved Hamsen, for late 5 10
- The Deacon, large heads, stands heat 6 15
- Cos or Celery Lettuce 5 10

- Emerald Gem, earliest, sweetest, best 5 10 25 60
- Early Green Nutmeg 5 10 20 60
- Perfection; Osage; salmon flesh; each 5 10 20 60
- New Banquet, salmon flesh, not ribbed 5 10 20 60
- Banana Cantalope, banana shaped 18 in. long 6 12

Watermelons. Big Packs. Grow some millions.
- Cole’s Early, earliest, fine quality, best for home use 5 10 20 50
- Sweet Heart: Wonderful Sugar; Dixie; each 5 10 20 50
- Green and Gold, yellow flesh, 10 10
- Preserving Citron 4 10

Miss Emma K. Marty, Cottage Grove, Minn., writes: “Your seeds and buls did very well. They were all fine bloomers. We liked the tuberose the best—it has large buds on it now [Oct. 9, ’87].
Osage Musk Melon
Imperial Tomato

Mammoth Salsify
Spinach

This is the great garden making month. Finish April work. Sow beets, mangolds, carrots, parsnips, salsify, herbs and kohlrabi. sow lettuce and radish every two weeks for succession. When warm plant string and lima beans, corn, cucumbers, melons, squash, pumpkins, and late peas. Thin early sown seed. Plant all flower seeds and bulbs. Cultivate.

Onions. Large packets of good seeds. pkt oz 1 lb
Extra Early White Barletta, pickling...6 12 35 1.25
Extra Early Red; Large Red Weatherfield........ each 5 25 80
Yellow Diapers.......................... each 5 25 75
White Globe............................ 8 15 4.50
Mammoth Prizetaker, yellow skin, best of all 7 50 1.30
Onion Sets. Postpaid, pt. 10c; qt. 20c.
Parsley. Double Curled.................... 3 7
Parsnip. Big packets. You need a parsnip bed. Hollow Crown, standard sort...... 4 8 12 40
Improved Guernsey, shorter and thicker 5 10 15 50
Peppers. Early Improved Spanish...5
Red Chili, a hot one for chili sauce...6
Long Red Cayenne; Golden Dawn; Yellow; each 5
Ruby King, best large red for varieties 8
Pumpkin. Our big packets will raise
“some pumpkins.”
Small Round Sugar; Japanese Pie; each 4 8 20 50
Jumbo, or Mammoth........ 6 10 15 50
Radish. Packets large. These are good varieties.
Earliest Scarlet Turnip............... 6 12 25 60
French Breakfast; Long Scarlet Short Top; Chariot; Early Long White; each 5 10 20 50
Early Long Brightest Scarlet, the best we tried last year, very tender and crisp 8 15 35 60
China Rose Winter............... 5 10 20 50

FARM SEEDS.
Change your seed. A new variety will pay you well in increased yields. Try and prove it. These can all be had in 5 packets.

Outs. Michigan Wonder—"heaviest oat grown; earliest white oat.” One grower says: “The best of any oat we ever tried; it outyielded everything; stood up perfectly.” Peck 30c.; bu. 85c; 10 bu. $8.50.

Oats, Silver Mine—early, kernel short and thick, has yielded 280 bu. per acre. Peck 20c.; bu. 96c.; 10 bu. 3.50.

Field Peas, white or blue, qt. 10c.; pk. 50c.; bu. 1.50.

Kaffir Corn. Lb. 10c.; 10 lbs. 50c.; 100 lbs. 1.30; Early Amber Cane. Lb. 10c.; 10 lbs. 50c.; 100 lbs. 8.50.

Dwarf Essex Rape. Lb. 15c.; 5 lbs. for 1 acre 60c. Millet—write for market price.

Fodder and Ensilage Corn at about $1.25 per bu. Field Pumpkins. 3 oz. 3c.; 1 lb. 10c.; 1 lb. 15c.

EXCELSIOR WEEDER
Used in vegetable and flower gardens when weeds are small it is just the thing. Only 15c. each, postpaid.

GRASSES.
Lawn Grass—Sow thickly—1 lb to 30 sq. ft.
Fine Mixed; ½ lb. 15c.; lb. 25c., postpaid. "Rich" Mixed; ½ lb. 25c.; lb. 45c., postpaid.

Grasses and Clover; by express or freight:
Red clover..............1 lb. 12
White clover............25
Alfalfa......................35
Redtop clover...........20
Orchard grass...........20

Grasses, by the bushel 30c.; by the peck 30c.; 10 bu. $2.50.

PRICES quoted are for seeds delivered.

Rhubarb, grows from seed in 2 to 3 yrs 4
Salsify or Vegetable Oyster, a delicious vegetable Long White, the old variety......... 4 10 25 90
Mammoth Sandwich Island, larger........ 7 15 35 1.40
Spinach. New Victoria, best for greens 4 8 12 35
Squash, big packets. Try Warted Hubbard. Giant Summer Crookneck Bush........ 4 8 12 50
Delicata, finest, summer or winter...6 12 25 80
Sibley, rival of Hubbard, for winter........ 5 10 20 60
Warted Hub. fine strain of this old variety........ 5 10 20 60

Sunflower. Mammoth Russian, for chickens............ 5 10 20
Tomato. Most everybody loves “Love Apples.” Atlantic Prize, earliest good tomat o............. 5
New Imperial, early, large, smooth, solid, productive, best tomato on our list...

Golden Queen. Large yellow, solid, vigorous seeds........ 5 10 15 50
Ponderosa. Solid, the largest, not late 10
Yellows, or Ground Cherry. Delicious for pies or preserves. Try this 8

Turnip, big packets. Our seeds grow.

Purple Top Strip Leaf, for early or late 5 10 15 50
Golden Ball, flesh yellow, delicate and sweet........ 5 10 15 50

Ruta Baga, big packets. For man and beast.

Improved American Purple Top..... 5 10 15 50
Mongol, tankard shape, heavy yielder 5 10 15 50

White and German, flesh sweeter........ 5 10 15 50

Vine Peach, makes luscious pies and preserves, vines like cucumbers........ 8

PLANT JR. TOOLS and IMPLEMENTS.
We are agents. Write for special catalogue.

John Prescott, Princeton, Minn., writes: “Every seed I got of you started to grow, but the cut worms destroyed the young plants. Some of the land was planted 4 times before the worms left. After all that had luck I had enough crop left to take first premium on farm exhibited at the State Fair last fall. If it had not been for your seed, our county would have not taken 3d premium at the State Fair [there were 11 competitors] As long as I receive as square a deal as I always have had from you I will use no other seed.”
POTATOES.

In trials last year of the first five varieties below, Acme was earliest of all, then Michigan and then Thoroughbred. As far as yield was concerned, there was no much difference in the five.

Acme—"will set in 5 weeks from planting; is earlier and a little longer than the Ohio and is in general very desirable; produces as largely as late strong growing kinds."

A farmer in the potato belt, north of Minneapolis, writes: "I raised 14 varieties of potato (a kind of private experiment station) but your "Acme" was as early as or earlier than any I had; it also yielded any early potato and was free from scab or rot."

Early Michigan—"Snow white, extra in table quality and way ahead in productiveness."

Early Thoroughbred—Introduce in '96 at $1.50 per lb.—"surpasses its parent. Early Rose, in earliness by 10 days and in yield 2 to 1."

Uncle Sam, the People's Potato,—"Destined to become the most popular late market potato; heaviest cropper grown but superb cooking qualities white, dry, and floury."


bine quality, and a strictly first-class late or winter market potato."

World's Fair—Resembles Snowflake in appearance and quality but better yielder.

Freeman—similar to above, originated in Minnesota.

BY MAIL, POSTPAID: BY FREIGHT:

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Prices only hold good so long as our stock lasts or more can be secured at reasonable prices. Special prices on large lots. Barrels hold 11 pkts. or 166 lbs.

Flower Pots, Pots and Saucers.

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Well made pots and saucers we are enabled to offer at the most ridiculously low prices above: We can not afford to pack and ship less than 25 cents worth, unless you order at least one dollars worth of other sizes. Write for prices on several dollars worth. Measurements are all taken inside the top.

Wire Plant Stands; painted in rich brown, finished with gold bronze, porcelain casters. These are for the finest of wrought. Each $5.


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TESTIMONIALS.

Elmer A. Findell, Wyant, Minn., writes: "This spring I received a package of tomato seed and one of cabbage, and the seed did well. Everybody that saw the cabbages said they were the finest they ever saw, and the tomatoes were the finest I ever saw."

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| Sow turnips, lettuce, and summer and winter radish. Set plants of late cabbage, cauliflower, and celery. Cultivate, cultivate, cultivate. Miss Ella L. Lathrop, Hastings, Minn., writes: "All seeds satisfactory, but would especially recommend "Shropshire Hero Pea" [our Heroine is as good or better]. |

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