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CATALOGUE

OF

ORCHIDS

West View Greenhouses,

UTICA, N. Y.

Wm. Mathews, Prop.
ORCHIDS

FOR THE TRADE AND AMATEURS OR PROFESSIONALS.

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THIS LOVELY as well as extraordinary class of plants, so easily grown and so responsive in production of the loveliest flowers, has now fastened so strong a grip upon public favor that a decoration of any note without a display of these fascinating flowers is a thing of the past. Although there has been this season an immense quantity cultivated and put on the market over last season’s production, the supply has entirely failed to meet the demand.

It is pleasant to state that my stock of Orchids, which contains large quantities of all the good, reliable and profitable kinds, as well as a fine stock of fancy varieties, is in the best possible condition, and anyone favoring me with an order will be carefully and liberally dealt with. In addition to Orchids, I hold a fine stock of Stove Plants—Palms, Cycads, etc., Greenhouse and Bedding Plants; Foreign Grape Vines, etc., etc., at popular prices.

All goods carefully packed and forwarded by best route. No charge is made for packing.

Yours truly,

WM. MATHEWS.
CATALOGUE

OF

ORCHIDS

FROM

WEST VIEW GREENHOUSES,

UTICA, N. Y.

Orchids, Palms and Choice Hothouse and Greenhouse Plants.

WM. MATHEWS, Proprietor.

HARRISBURG, PA.:
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West View Greenhouses.
Announcement.

IN SUBMITTING this catalogue to my numerous patrons and to all parties interested in floriculture, I wish to say that the stock of Orchids, Palms, etc., etc., at West View, is in good, healthy condition, and comprises many fine specimens and choice varieties which have been purchased from the celebrated collections of the late Mrs. Morgan, of New York city, the late Alfred Munson, Esq., the late Dr. Wolcott, and from four other private collections of parties who, through change of residence, etc., have sold their plants at moderate prices; therefore any parties that desire to make purchases in the Orchid line will find, by looking over my stock, that my prices for good established plants are reasonable, and much more to their advantage than to risk the chance of buying poor stock even at lower figures.

Of all the good, easy-growing and free-flowering varieties I hold large quantities, from small plants in 3-inch pots and baskets to large specimens containing hundreds of pseudo-bulbs. Prices of those which are generally called the trade kinds are held at so reasonable a figure as to be within the reach of everyone interested in the florist business, either retail or wholesale.

To the florist, I would say: You cannot, in this enlightened era, afford to be without a few Orchids; don’t be afraid to put a little money into them—it is no trouble to grow them. The fact is, that many species can be handled with the least trouble of any exotic I know of. I grow many sorts by the hundred in my carnation house, hanging from the rafters from the 1st of November to the 1st of April, and all the trouble they give is to sprinkle them with the hose on one or two sunny days in the week. They take up no valuable space, and from the 15th of November to the 15th of March the house presented a sight such as one rarely sees—the Orchids above all through the house, showing a profusion of flowers, and the carnations on the benches below, blooming profusely. By the way, I hear someone asking me whether the Orchids hanging over the Carnations did not injure the latter. To this I say, not in the least, as the Carnations show a profusion of bloom, and look as if they would be eligible for a second term.

I should prefer each class of plants by themselves, but as every florist hasn’t a house for Orchids, he can get along very finely in any good, light plant-house, with the Orchids above and other plants below, and the profit from the growing of Orchid flowers from the roof will pay all the running expenses of the house, and leave the crop of other plants or blooms without any expense charged against them, while the growth of
the Orchids, if properly handled during the summer and early fall months, will pay a handsome interest on the investment.

All of this statement I can verify to anyone anxious to go into the matter, by way of investigation. Every intelligent florist strives to keep pace with the times, and whether he has an Orchid-house or not he can grow many chaste and beautiful Orchids in his plant-house without adding a very great expense or incurring much trouble and labor, take lots of pleasure, please his customers, give evidence of thrift and enterprise, bring ducats to his pocket-book, and sell more Carnations, Roses, Violets, etc., through having the Orchids.

I have shipped large quantities of Orchids in the last two years to parties in various parts of the Union. In almost every case I have received letters thanking me for sending such good stock at so reasonable a price, and, which is not least, complimenting me on the careful packing, it being a pleasure to state that I have never had a plant injured in transit. Soliciting an early inspection of my Orchid stock, I am,

Faithfully yours,

WM. MATHEWS.
CATALOGUE.

**Prices are quoted on application for plants of various sizes.**

**Ada aurantiaca.** Of easy growth in intermediate temperature; flowers rich orange vermilion.

**Aerides.** A fine East Indian species of easy culture, and handsome even when out of bloom. Flowers in long pendulous racemes, and very fragrant.

A. crassifolium.
A. crispum.
A. expansum.
A. " Leoni.
A. Fieldingi.
A. Houletianum.
A. Larpente.
A. Lawrencianum.
A. Leeanum.
A. Lobbi.
A. maculosum.
A. odoratum.
A. " Bermanicum.
A. " majus.
A. quinquevulnerum.
A. Rohanianum.
A. roseum.
A. Sanderianum.
A. virens.

**Aganisia pulchella.** A pretty orchid, with white flowers.

**Angroæcum.** Of similar habit to the Aerides, and very desirable; need a warm place.

A. articulatum.
A. citratum.
A. eburneum.
A. Ellisi.
A. Leoni.
A. sesquitpedale.
A. Sanderianum.
A. virens.

**Anguloa.** Large and showy flowers; require intermediate temperature.

A. Clowesi.

Anguloa Ruckeri.
A. uniflora.

**Anitochilus** species.

**Arpophyllum** species. A distinct genus, with numerous small flowers.

**Barkeria elegans.** A fine cool-house Orchid, with dark rose and crimson flowers.

**Bifrenaria nodosa.** Somewhat in the way of Maxillaria.

**Bletia Hyacinthiflora.** Very pretty, and of easy growth.

**Brassavola Digbyiana.** For intermediate temperature; large flowers, white, purple-streaked.

**Brassia.** This genus nearly resembles the Oncidiums.
B. Lawrenceana.
B. verrucosa.
B. species.

**Burlingtonia fragrans.** Flowers exquisitely fragrant, and very pretty.

**Calanthe.** Handsome stove orchids, very easily managed.
C. luteo-oculata.
C. Regneri.
C. Turneri.
C., Veitchii.
C. vestita.

**Catasetum.** Of strong growth; for warm temperature.
C. tridentatum.
C. species.

**Cattleya.** It is unnecessary to commend this magnificent evergreen genus, containing so many superb species.
C. Aclandiae.
C. amethystina.
C. amethystoglossa.
C. aurea.
CATTLEYA, Continued.
C. bicolor.
C. Bowringeana.
C. candida.
C. Chocoensis.
C. citrina.
C. crista.
C. Dowiana.
C. el dorado.
C. splendens.
C. Gaskelliana.
C. gigas.
C. Sanderiana.
C. guttata.
C. Leopoldi.
C. Harrisoniana.
C. intermedia.
C. labiata.
C. luteola.
C. marginata.
C. maxima.
C. Mendelli.

Cattleya Mossiae.
C.
C. " alba.
C. Percivaliana.
C. Perrini.
C. Schroderiae.
C. Skinneri.
C. speciosissima.
C. superba.
C. " splendens.
C. Trianæ.
C. " delicata.
C. Wagneri.
C. Walkeriana.
C. War ner.

Chysis. Very showy flowers, of bright colors. Grow in conditions suitable to Vanda.
C. aurea.
C. bractescens.

Coelogyn e. Splendid orchids, with very handsome flowers.
CELOGYNE, Continued.

C. cristata.
C. Forstermannii.

Colax Jugosus. Nearly related to the Lycastes.

Comparetia macroplectrum. Pretty rose-colored flowers.

Cymbidium. A well-known genus of excellent habit, with fine evergreen foliage and large flowers in racemes. They require a warm temperature.

C. Alcefolium.
C. eburneum.
C. giganteum.
C. Lowianum.
C. Mastersi.
C. pendulum.

Cypripedium. This genus has attained a high degree of popularity from its beauty and merit, and from the facility with which handsome hybrids have been produced in cultivation. Many of the species have marked foliage as well as handsome flowers.

C. alba purpureum.

Cypripedium Ainsworthii.
C. Albanense.
C. Almum.
C. Ashburtoniæ.
C. amandum.
C. Argus.
C. aureum.
C. Barbatum.
C. " grandiflorum
C. " nigrum.
C. " O'Brienii.
C. " Warneri.
C. Boxalli.
C. bellatulum (new).
C. Bulleni.
C. conchiferum.
C. calophyllum.
C. callosum.
C. calurum.
C. cardinale.
C. caricinum.
C. caudatum.
C. " roseum
C. chloroneurum.
C. ciliolare.
C. concolor.
C. Crossianum.
Cypripedium, Continued.

C. Dauthieri.
C. Dayanum.
C. Dominianum.
C. " rubescens.
C. Druryi.
C. Euryandrum.
C. Godefreyæ.
C. grande.
C. Harrisianum.
C. " elegans.
C. " nigrum.
C. Haynaldianum.
C. hirsutissimum.
C. Hookeri.
C. insigne.
C. " Chantini.
C. " alba marginata.
C. " Maulei.
C. " Shyletense.
C. Io.
C. Javanicum.
C. " majus.
C. Lawrenceianum.
C. " grandiflora.
C. " gigantea.
C. Leeanum.
C. " superbum.
C. Lindleyanum.
C. lævigatum.
C. Lowii.
C. longifolium.

Cypripedium marmorophyllum.
C. melanophthalmum.
C. Morganæ.
C. nitens.
C. niveum.
C. Ónanthum.
C. " superbum.
C. Parishii.
C. purpuratum.
C. praestens.
C. petri.
C. pubescens.
C. Roezlii.
C. Roebelini.
C. Sanderianum.
C. Schlimi.
C. Schroderiæ.
C. Sedeni.
C. " candidulum.
C. selligerum.
C. " majus.
C. spectabilis.
C. Spicerianum.
C. " magnificum.
C. stenophyllum.
C. Stoneii.
C. superbiens.
C. superciliare.
C. Swanianum.
C. tonsum.
C. venustum.
C. " pardinum.
Cypripedium, Continued.
C. venustum nigrum.
C. Veitchii.
C. vexillarium.
C. villosum.
C. " aurea.
C. " Lindeni

Cyrtopodium punctatum. Large growing and handsome; fine for intermediate temperature.

Dendrobium. A superb genus, containing many very fine species. Many are showy and fragrant; some are evergreen in foliage.
D. aggregatum.
D. Ainsworthi.
D. anosmum.
D. Bensoniae.
D. Brymerianum.
D. calceolaria.
Dendrobiunm, Continued.  
D. chrysotoxum.  
D. crassinode.  
D. Dalhousianum.  
D. Deeri.  
D. densiflorum.  
D. Devonianum.  
D. Falconeri.  
D. Farmeri.  
D. fimbriatum.  
D. oculatum.  
D. Findianum.  
D. formosum.  
D. giganteum.  
D. heterocarpum.  
D. Jamesianum.  
D. Lituiflorum.  
D. moschatum.  
D. nobile.  
D. " nobilius.  
D. Parishi.  
D. Pierardi.  
D. primulinum.  
D. suavissimum.  
D. superbiens.  
D. thyrsiflorum.  
D. tortile.  
D. giganteum.  
D. Wardianum.  
D. " giganteum.  
D. " Lowi.  

Dendrochilum glumaceum. Very sweet flowers of a light straw color.  

Epidendrum. A large class of interesting orchids, of rapid growth, with handsome flowers.  
E. bicornutum.  
E. cochleatum.  
E. fragrans.  
E. machrochilum.  
E. " album.  
E. " roseum.  
E. nemorale.  
E. " majus.  
E. leucocochilum.  
E. dichromum.  
E. paniculatum.  
E. Stamfordianum.  
E. prismatocarpum.  
E. vitellinum.  
E. " majus.  

Galeandra Devoniana.  

Grammatophyllum Ellisi. An odd species, of vigorous habit.  

Laelia. For intermediate temperature the Laelias are superb. Their flowers are large, and rich in color, and the genus is especially useful for cut-flower purposes.  
L. albida.  
L. " majus.  
L. anceps.  
L. " moranda.  
L. " alba.  
L. " Dawsoni.  
L. autumnalis.  
L. " atrorubens.  
L. cinnabarina.  
L. Dayana.  
L. " marginata.  
L. elegans.  
L. " Prasiata.  
L. flav.  
L. harpophyllum.  
L. majalis.  
L. Perrini.  
L. carminata.  
L. purpurata.  
L. superbiens.  
L. crispa.  
L. xanthina.  

Lycaste. Useful, with a desirable free-blooming habit; do well in intermediate temperature.  
L. aromatica.  
L. cruenta.  
L. Dieppi.  
L. gigantea.  
L. Harrisiana.  
L. " alba.  
L. Skinneri.  
L. plana.  

Masdevallia. Neat, dwarf-growing orchids, with brilliant flowers; do best in cool temperature.  
M. Lindeni.  
M. hieroglyphica.  
M. tovarensis.  

Maxillaria. Pretty evergreen plants, bearing fragrant blossoms; suitable for cool or intermediate temperature.  
M. grandiflora.  
M. picta.  
M. venusta.
Mormodes luxatum. Flowers showy and very peculiar.

Odontoglossum. A magnificent genus, containing many most popular species. They are easy to handle, and produce exquisite flowers in a cool temperature.

O. Alexandræ crispum.
O. Bictoniense.
O. Bluntii, var. crispum.
O. Cervantesi
O. cirrhosum.
O. citrosum roseum.
O. " album.
O. " punctatum.
O. " maximum.
O. constrictum.
O. cordatum.
O. delicata.
O. gloriosum.
O. grande.
O. Halli.
O. hastilabium.
O. Insleayi.
O. leopardinum.
O. " roseum.

Odontoglossum luteo-purpureum.
O. maculatum.
O. " splendens.
O. " superbum.
O. nebulosum.
O. odoratum.
O. Oerstedii.
O. Pescatorei.
O. Phalhenopsis.
O. pulchellum.
O. " majus.
O. Reichenheinii.
O. Roezli.
O. " alba.
O. splendens.
O. Rossi.
O. " majus.
O. " rubescens.
O. Sanderianum.
O. Schleiperianum.
O. triumphans.
O. vexillarium.
O. " giganteum.
O. " roseum.
O. " grandiflorum.
O. " pictum.
Oncidium. An evergreen genus, containing many forms of marked beauty. They are of easy growth, either in a cool or intermediate temperature.

O. ampliatum.
O. " majus.
O. Barkeri.
O. tigrinum.
O. " grandiflora.
O. Cavendishianum.
O. Cæbelatta.
O. cheirophorum.

Oncidium concolor.
O. crispum.
O. " grandiflora.
O. cuculatum.
O. Curtum.
O. dasystile.
O. flexuosum.
O. Forbesi.
O. hastatum.
O. incurvum.
O. Lanceanum.
O. " superbum.
ONCIDIUM, Continued.
O. leucochilum.
O. " splendens.
O. macranthum.
O. Marshallianum.
O. nubigenum.
O. obrysaturn.
O. ornithorhynchum.
O. " album.
O. " majus.
O. Papilio.
O. " majus.
O. Phalenopsis.
O. Reichenbachii.
O. splendidum.
O. spacularum.
O. sarcodes.
O. stelligerum.
O. varicosum.
O. " Rogersii.
O. Weltoni.

Paphinia cristata. Fragrant and oddly shaped flowers; do best in a warm house.

Peristeria elata. The well known "Dove" Orchid, or "Holy Ghost flower," a beautiful and remarkable plant.
P. Humboldti.

Phajus. Terrestrial plants, bearing racemes of large and showy flowers.
P. maculatus.
P. grandiflora.
P. Wallichii.
P. bletia Hyacinthiflora.

Phalenopsis. Superb East Indian Orchids, most distinct in appearance and beautiful in flower.
P. amabilis.
P. grandiflora.
P. Sanderiana.
P. Stuartiana.

Pilumnia fragrans. Dwarf, evergreen; flowers very fragrant.

Pleione. Deciduous in habit and requiring intermediate temperature; pretty flowers.
P. maculata.
P. " Bermanica.
P. lagenaria.

Renanthera coccinea. Stove species with splendid blood-red flowers.

Rodriguezia secunda. For stove culture; fine.

Saccolabium. Of fine habit, and very interesting; flowers very sweet.
S. ampulaceum.
S. Blumei.
S. curvifolium.
S. giganteum.
S. guttatum.
S. violaceum.
S. giganteum.

Sarcanthus species. Interesting stove epiphytal orchids.

Schomburgkia. Fine plants with showy flowers; do well with Cattleyas.
S. crispa.
S. tibicinis.

Sobralia. Terrestrial plants of rapid growth; flowers handsome.
S. macrantha.
S. magnifica.

Sophronites. Dwarf in habit; flowers very bright in color.
S. cernua.
S. grandiflora.

Stanhopea. Of easy culture, and mostly very sweet-scented; distinct and fine.
S. grandiflora.
S. Devoniana.
S. insignis.
S. oculata.
S. tigrina.
S. " superba.
S. Shuttleworthi.

Trichopilia. Dwarf, evergreen; flowers curious and very pretty.
T. coccinea.
T. fragrans.
T. suavis.

Trichosma suavis. A rare species, with very peculiar and fragrant flowers.
T. alba marginata.

Vanda. A very desirable genus, handsome in foliage and elegant in bloom; many are very sweet scented.
V. Batemannii.
V. Boxallii.
V. Amesianum.
V. coerulescens.
V. Denisoniana.
VANDA, Continued.
V. gigantea.
V. insignis.
V. Kimballianum.
V. Lowii.
V. lamellata.
V. Præmorsum.
V. Roxburghii.
V. suavis.
V. teres.
V. tricolor.
V. " splendens.
V. " suavis.
V. " " Veitchii.
V. Sanderiana.

Vanda coerulea. In many sizes; a fine healthy stock of this charming variety.

Vanilla aromatica. The plant upon which is produced the vanilla bean of commerce.

Zygopetalum. Elegant evergreen orchids of easy culture, flourishing in an intermediate temperature.

Z. crinitum.
Z. intermedia.
Z. Mackayii.
Z. " majus.
Z. " " splendens.