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CUT FLOWERS IN SEASON         BULBS AND SEED
Wholesale and Retail

I. U. FLOWER FIELDS

RALPH H. FIGG, Proprietor
TELEPHONE 2943

GLADIOLI AND DAHLIAS

815 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Member American Gladiolus Society
Member Indiana Gladiolus Society
Member American Dahlia Society
The prices quoted herein are for immediate acceptance and will prevail until further notice or until my stock of 1929 bulbs are all exhausted. They include all express and postal charges for delivery to your P. O. or Express office prepaid.

My stock this year was all grown on new land one mile from where any Gladioli had ever been grown. All planting stock was treated with a solution of Mercuric chloride and my stock is as clean as I have ever seen anywhere.

DELIVERY—We are now prepared to fill orders at any time, weather permitting. Orders will be held for Spring delivery by depositing 25% of the amount of the order balance to be paid at shipping time or the order will be sent C. O. D. for balance if requested.

SIZES—The sizes quoted herein are for standard sizes as recognized by the American Gladiolus Society. All orders will be filled with sizes ordered if possible. Orders for large quantities that can not be filled will be refunded. Small orders that can not be filled as ordered will be filled with the next size larger or the next size smaller, giving extra bulbs to make up the difference unless you request no substitution in your order.

5 at 10 rate, 25 at 100 rate, 250 at 1000 rate.

DISCOUNTS

For all Cash Orders received prior to April 1, 1930, I make the following offer:

On cash orders for $10.00 or more deduct 5% or select 5% extra bulbs.

On cash orders for $50.00 or more deduct 10% or add 10% extra bulbs.

On cash orders for $100.00 or more deduct 15% or add 15% extra bulbs in same or other varieties of customer’s choice. It will pay you to get your friends to pool their orders with you—we will all benefit.

Minimum Order from this list is $2.00.

Remittance may be made in Bank Drafts, Express or Postal Money Orders, or good personal checks. Please don’t send postage stamps.

Guarantee—We guarantee all our stock to be true to name and free from disease. We cannot, however, assume any responsibility for crops other than to replace any bulbs not true to name or refund amount paid for same.

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ORDER BLANK
I. U. FLOWER FIELDS
RALPH H. FIGG, Prop.
815 North Washington Street
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Date

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Please Write Plainly

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GLADIOLUS LEOTA

Just a word about the Glad Leota. During January, 1926, I mailed inquiries to three or four hundred growers asking for prices on this variety of Glads and was able to secure a few from some of the growers. You may be one to whom this inquiry was sent and you may be one of the growers who made some of the answers knocking the variety. Several made reply that the stems were crooked and thus had discarded into their mixtures.

I have grown this Glad since 1922 and the first year thought the same about the stems in regard to the crookedness of them. I find that after seven years growing them that less than Five (5%) Percent are not marketable, due to crooked spikes. One of the replies to my inquiry was thus—"Variety too slow to produce bulblets." I have counted bulblets on some of the bulbs and sometimes there are more than 100 to a bulb that was Size 6 when planted. The bulblets are not extra large but seem to germinate well for me when stored and treated properly at planting time.

Enough has been said in regard to the demerits of the Glad. I am out to talk this one particular variety and the best way to do it is to tell the good points. If any other growers have anything to say I would like to hear it.

In seven years time there has accumulated about fifteen hundred Flat bulbs which I have kept and for a purpose. This fifteen hundred was originally only thirty or forty Size One and through multiplication by splitting into two or three bulbs the number of bulbs have increased forty times. I intend to try some of these for forcing to see what they will make in the way of bloom.

I have two good Sports from the variety, both of which have been in the supposedly Flat or old bulbs. One of them is a pure Cream with only a very slight marking in the throat, the other has one-half of each petal cream and the other half the Pure Pink of Leota. Both these have bloomed the same for two years and some of the planting stock from them should bloom next year. The foliage, marking, placement on the spike and type have not changed, except that the cream one has a longer spike, possibly due only to growing conditions. All these Old bulbs are allowed to produce seed and I have a number of new varieties from accidental crossing, some of which are good. One of them seems to turn into a Paeony type, since it has had Eight petals per Floret both years it has bloomed. Each and every seed pod is filled with seed and they will germinate well. On some of them this year where the bloom had dried, the seed pod had formed and was yet green when clipped and piled at one end of the field. At digging time many of the seed had sprouted in the pile of pods and old spikes, although they did not seem to be near ripe when cut and thrown away.

March 1926 Flower Grower gives a description and rating of Leota and although Mr. Gersdorff is considered an authority, I think he must have doubled the time to bloom, or planted a Cormlet.

I have planting stock for sale and at prices within reach of anyone. I have grown this variety intensively to place it on the market at a reduced price and it will sell if it is pushed a little. All planting stock is absolutely pure. I have kept it separated from other varieties, even to the extent of digging it and getting it put away before anything else.

I can use some bulbs in exchange, not to exceed 100 of size four of any variety, total amount of bulbs not to exceed ten thousand. I wish to use these bulbs for Pollen chiefly, and for the cut flowers as well.

Growers! Better get your order in early. The surplus is limited and not very great at that. First come, first served.

SEED STORES—RETAIL

Your counters are possibly in shape to place a few bulbs of these varieties mentioned in accompanying price list on sale in your store. No doubt you have read the page above complete and will need some of the Variety "Leota." You surely can talk sale, write a Show Card or start one of these bulbs growing in a pot, which will sell them. If you wish to order 500 or 1000, maybe more of the Variety "LEOTA" and have same shipped immediately for Cash and do not sell all of them by May 20th, you may return all not sold and I will send you a credit memorandum which will apply on future orders.