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GARDENSIDE NURSERIES INC.
SHELBRUNE, VERMONT.

"A SPRIG OF SPRUCE"

Vermonters everywhere are reminded of the Green Mountains of their native State, whenever they see a Spruce tree. Always have we boasted of our wealth of forest beauty. And at this season, as Autumn closes, and Winter looms ahead, with mountain tops already white with snow, it is with more than a feeling of pride, that we look up at our green hillsides. In their green, we see a steadfast purpose to oppose the coming cold, and a promise that some day again, barren branches and brown hillsides will be as green as they.

From these hillside forests, many things can be sent you, to help decorate and cheer your homes during the Holiday season, just ahead. We offer them in the following pages.

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PLEASE BEAR IN MIND that we cannot always obtain the things you order, on short notice. Bad roads, snow, even just cold weather, may hinder. Place your orders as far ahead as possible to avoid disappointment.

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Our prices include a guarantee of delivery, in good condition, all charges paid, unless otherwise noted. WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, add 5% to cover extra mailing cost. Please send cash with order, whenever possible.

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BITTERSWEET SPRAYS.

The orange and scarlet berries of Bittersweet, are an effective addition to any evergreen decoration. They may be thrust into the soil of a porchbox. Tied into wreaths, or ropes. In a dry vase, or over a mantel, they give color, and without shrivelling, or dropping, as do so many other similar things. Best of all, in using them, one is not destroying material that will not be replaced. The vines grow back into bearing in a year, and in many cases, are cut away from other trees which they are choking with their twining growths.

Bunch of 12 good sprays, 8 to 12 inches long; 75c, postpaid.
Extra heavy sprays, 2 feet or more long; $1.00 each, postpaid.
Per case of 8 to 10 pounds, asst. lengths; $5.00, postpaid.

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PORCHBOX EVERGREENS.

Will the outside of your home, be as cheerful as the inside, this Winter? Fill the empty porchboxes with these low cost Evergreens, add some sprays of Bittersweet, and you help to brighten the entire street. These are good, Nursery grown, trees, with excellent roots, which can be easily planted, and will, with moderate luck, survive to be planted in the ground, next Spring. Thick and bushy, we promise you will not be disappointed in any way. Spruces will plant about one to the foot. Cedar slightly closer.

White and Norway Spruce, assorted from 6" to 15", roots in Moss. We ship in lots of 10 only, for $2.50, postpaid.
Colorado Blue Spruce, quite good color, lots of 10; $3.50, postpaid.
White Cedar (Arborvitae). Lots of 10; $1.50 postpaid.

We will send 12 sprays of Bittersweet with any of the above for 50c.
HOLIDAY DECORATIONS.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings, various kinds of cut branches are used, many being available that are not commonly thought of, or even known. For the earlier holiday, Oak sprays are usually available, tho they need to be cut in advance. Barberry and Bittersweet sprays too, are satisfactory at this time. With hard freezing they lose their freshness. May we have your orders for these, quite early, please, remembering that Thanksgiving is the 31st this year.

All Evergreen sprays are fine for Christmas, but those with cones are most favored. Hemlock is the most attractive of these. Spruce are fine. If heavy sprays can be used, Red Cedar with its blue berries, is useful, too. Then there are the stems of Osier, bright red. And the brown catkins of the Alder and the Birch. Pine Cones, Spruce and Hemlock Cones are nice to scatter on a table, or in packages you are mailing. Coarse White Pine cones for the Fireplace, Fern fronds, and Partridgeberry. Tiny ferns for Solariums.

Evergreen boughs without cones, have various uses. Balsam and Yew make the best wreaths. Yew particularly, lasts well, and is useful in vases. Many use short stems of those for Porchbox filling. Spruce, White Cedar, and Hemlock may be used to cover large areas in decorating, at low cost.

Christmas Trees, either cut, or with roots, for tubbing. All Nursery grown, these trees, fine bushy symmetrical plants, at a cost to compare with wild trees.

Combinations of these materials, in boxes, and made up in various forms. Useful, if you want a "different" gift for some friend.

We are sure that if you read these pages over, many combinations or uses will occur to you, that we haven't thought of.

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OAK SPRAYS.

Cut branches, various lengths, brightly colored leaves. Please give a second choice, as these may not be available, late in the season.

Per branch, 25¢. Five or more, for $1.00. 25 or more at 10¢ each. Post paid

BARBERRY SPRAYS.

Long sprays, lined with Coral scarlet berries, gracefully drooping. Not good, if badly frozen. Order early. Bunch of 6 stems, $1.00, postpaid.

RED OSIER STEMS.

Shining bright red twigs, that are fine in baskets, or mixed with Evergreens, in any way. Per bunch of 12 stems, 6-12" long, 50¢ postpaid.

TREE CATKINS.

ALDER catkins droop gracefully, and are mahogany brown. Used in baskets, or vases. Per bunch of 12 stems, 75¢, postpaid.

BLACK BIRCH has hard, light brown catkins, quite erect, which may be used for the same purpose as the alder. This is the Sweet Birch, whose aromatic twigs flavored the "Birch Beer" of the early settler, and we still like to nibble the fragrant wooded twigs and buds. Bunch, 75¢.

PUSSYWILLOW. These catkins are not ready until midwinter. At that time, if the brown covering of the bud is lifted off, with a knife, and the stems placed in water, they will open nicely. Available all winter. One dozen good stems, in a bunch for $1.00, postpaid.

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EVERGREEN SPRAYS, WITH CONES.

Hemlock sprays, cut in about 12-15" lengths, tipped with the small brown, nut-like cones, make a most attractive decoration. Per bunch of 12 sprays, 50¢, postpaid. Per 100 sprays, $3.50, postpaid.

Spruce sprays, are long and heavy, usually from one to two feet long with clusters of cones at the end, 25¢ each; 10 for $2.00, postpaid.

Red Cedar sprays are 10-12' long, with gray or blue berries. Fine to use in baskets or bowls. 12 sprays, 50¢ postpaid. 100 for $3.00.

EVERGREEN SPRAYS, WITHOUT CONES.

These sprays are cut longer than those with cones, and are meant to be used to cover larger areas in decorating, or to furnish material for wreaths, etc. We offer in bundles of 10# at $1.50 postpaid, and bundles of 25# at $3.00 postpaid. We cannot economically send less than ten pounds, but we can mix the material in a bundle, if desired. Any quantity over 100 pounds, at 10¢ per pound, f.o.b.

Taxus, or Yew, and Balsam Fir, with its aromatic needles, are preferred for wreaths, and roping. Yew is dark green and flat, and makes lasting and large wreaths, with small amounts of material. Balsam is silvery blue, and makes thicker wreaths.

Spruce, Hemlock, Red Cedar, and White Cedar, are best for blanketting. The Spruce and the Cedars may be used for wreaths, as well.

CONES.

Fireplace Cones are mostly White Pine, some of them broken. They are fine to start a quick fire, or as fuel as well, making a blazing and aromatic fire. In sacks of slightly more than 1 bushel, $1.50 postpaid.

Hemlock Cones, small and nutlike, may be strung on a table, or dropped in Christmas boxes. Per quart 75¢, postpaid.

Pitch Pine Cones are round, one and a half or two inches in diameter. Usually they have a length of twig with them, making them fine for tying into wreaths. 50¢ per dozen, postpaid. 100 for $4.00, postpaid.

Spruce Cones are light brown, two to three inches long. Same prices as for Pitch pine.

PARTRIDGE BERRIES.

These are used to make bowls of green foliage, sometimes brightened by the red berries. It is not always possible to get vines with good berries, and we offer a cluster of vines, some with berries, for 25¢.

FERN FRONDS.

Cut fronds of the Christmas, or Dagger Fern, and of the more lacy Fancy Fern (Aspl. trichomanes) are offered in bunches of 25 for 50¢, postpaid. Use them for Table Mats, for making sprays, and for filling vases. When received, they are wrapped in paper. Put the stems in a little water and keep in a cool place, until needed.

Ferns for Solariums.

The Maidenhair Spleenwort (Aspl. trichomanes); the Walking Leaf Fern (Camptosaurus); and the Polypody (P. vulgaris), are small enough and are evergreen, so that they can be used to decorate indoor gardens, or used in Solariums, or Berry Bowls. Selected plants, packed to protect the fronds, 50¢ each. Order promptly, as they are dug to order—until cold stops all digging.
CHRISTMAS TREES.

We have some fine Nursery grown Spruce, both White and Norway, in a large range of sizes, all good symmetrical specimens. We offer them, dug with a root ball, but not in soil, for tubbing purposes. These will hold firmly in a tub, and many will survive the winter, and can be used next season. If wanted for Christmas Trees, only, we offer them cut at the roots, wrapped in burlap, and shipped to you in time for Christmas. None of these trees are offered postpaid, except a few small sizes which can be mailed, and are so noted. Careful packing at these prices.

12-16" with roots, 35¢ each. Without roots, 25¢ each postpaid.
18-24", with roots, 65¢ each. Without roots, 50¢ each, postpaid.
2-3", with roots, 1.00 each. Without roots, 75¢ each, postpaid.
3-4", with roots, 2.00 each. Without roots, 1.25 each, not postpaid.
4-5", with roots, 3.50 each. Without roots, 1.50 each, not postpaid.
5-6", with roots, 3.50 each. Without roots, 2.00 each.
6-8", without roots only, 2.00 each.

WREATHS.

Carefully made wreaths, of Balsam, Yew, Cedar, or Pine, decorated with Cones and Bittersweet. Please specify material desired. Early orders are a great help. Carefully packed, and delivered at these prices.

6", small, for cars, 35¢ each; 8", regular, 50¢; 10", regular, 75¢; 12"-$1.00.

CEMETARY SPRAYS.

Carefully made Sprays, of Balsam or Yew, 2-3' long, with Berries and Cones. Ideal to cover a grave. Each, 4.00 postpaid. Will last all winter.

BASKETS.

Small twig Baskets, attractively filled with Evergreen sprays, Berries, and Cones. Carefully packed in separate box. $2.00 each, postpaid. These are in damp moss, and if kept moistened, will last a long time. Ideal for an unusual gift.

GIFT BOX ASSORTMENTS.

We pack a generous assortment of the various Evergreen sprays, Cones, Bittersweet, Osier twigs, and Catkins, in two sizes of boxes, and mail them postpaid, to you, or to your friends, with your cards enclosed, in time for Christmas, for $2.75 and $5.00. Plenty of material in each box, for Wreaths, Table Decorations, and the like. An ideal gift.

GIFT ORDERS OF BULBS.

For a friend who has a garden, there is no more pleasing gift, than a new or unusual plant. Our new Hybrid Regal Lily, blossoming later than Regal, and taller and stronger in every way, is a decidedly new and very desirable gift. We have beautiful strong bulbs, 4-6" in circumference. For $2.00, we will acknowledge your order, to you; send an attractive card, or your card, to your friend, telling of the gift; and send the bulb at the proper planting time, in the Spring, with directions for culture.

As another suggestion, we offer 100 fine strong bulbs of the Coral Lily (L. tenuifolium) for $5.00, acknowledging to you, and sending card and directions, to your friend. The bulbs in Spring, at proper time.