

Showy Vine, Delicious Fruit

I offer a rare and handsome ornamental vine from Asia, grown largely in China for ornament and fruit. It is thrifty and vigorous, climbing over the ground or upon a strong trellis- The foliage, 8 or 10 inches across is attractive, the rich golden flowers 4in across, showy and freely produced, the large watermelon-shaped fruits, 12 to 16 inches in length, are pure white when ripe, being covered with a vegetable wax that is peculiar and interesting. The vines elicit much admiration and praise when properly trained, being something entirely new- The fruits are edible and used for pies, sauces, and are much prized for these uses. Plant the seeds edgewise in a deep rich sunny bed and water in time of drought- Treat about as you would watermelon- Packet 5cts- See page 51- Mrs. Jones of Illinois writes:

Dear Mr. Park: My Benincasa Cerifera, or wax gourd, had many admirers for its flowers, foliage, and fruit. I made preserves from the fruit and they were delicious. My tree tomato, Cyphomandra, plants also had many admirers. Your seeds have aided many I know, and here is a prayer that you will long continue actual supervision. Mrs. H. Jones, Lake Co., Ill., Feb. 1934.



Beautiful Flowers AND Delicious Fruits

Why not grow both on the same vine? You can do so by sowing seeds of

the illustration. The large, egg-shaped purple fruits are delicious as a dessert- The foliage is also charming, and no vine will excite more admiration or praise, as well as curiosity or interest. Add it to your order- Seeds are large and plants of easy culture. 15 seeds. 5 c

It is hard to give a reason for the neglect of this vine for its fruit, as it bears enormous crops of the most luscious fruits, a valuable addition to the dessert. It's culture is of the simplest, requires but little care, thrives and bears three crops a year. E. G

THE GOLDEN THISTLE — A NEW VEGETABLE

Scolymus Hispanica is the Golden Thistle, popular in Spain as a vegetable. The plants grow 2 ft. high, branch freely, the foliage variegated and spiny, the firs are thistle-like in form and golden yellow; the fleshy roots, lin. in diameter, are used like Salsify or Cardoon and can be dug and stored for Winter use, when so desired. They like a rich deep soil and sunny situation, and are of the easiest culture. The plant is rare in America, but might become popular as a vegetable when better known. Try it. 100 seeds 5 cts.

Nierembergia Frutescens.— One of the most enduring and handsome of perennials is *Nierembergia Frutescens*, a shrubby species from Chili- Easily propagated from seeds, the little plants soon begin to bloom, and keep blooming and increasing all season- They grow two feet high, become a mass of slender, flax-like branches and foliage and produce lovely cup-like blue flowers an inch across, which at a distance appear as a fluttering swarm of pretty butterflies- In Winter the plants retain their handsome green color, and quite early they don their fresh foliage, and swing their exquisite chalice to the breeze- My friends, if you want a charming everblooming perennial for either house or garden, here it is. I am sure if you knew of its beauty and usefulness you would not be without it. It thrives in heat or cold, rain or drouth, sand or clay, cultivated or neglected, has no enemies, increases from self-sown seeds, and is always profusely in bloom- It never tires nor sulks, but greets you with a nodding, loving smile every time you come into it's presence- Requires protection at the North.

