



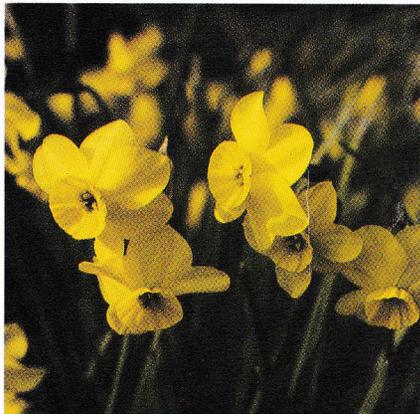
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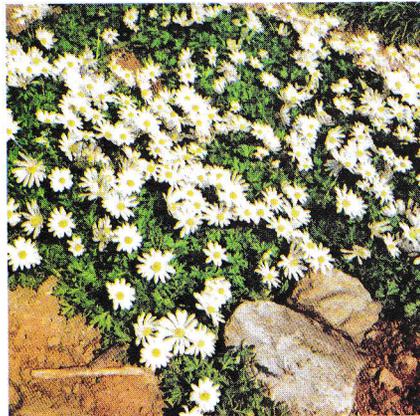




Nar. pseudonarcissus with Dutch Crocus



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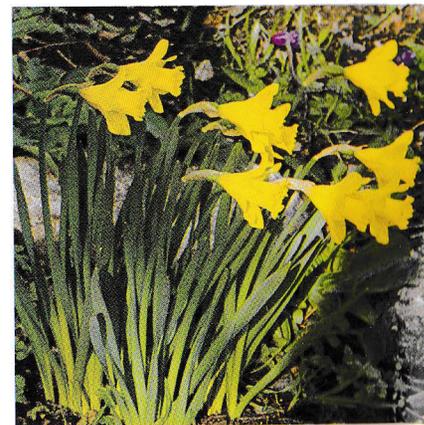
Anemone blanda White Splendour



Colchicum Water Lily



Anemone fulgens grandiflora with Scilla nutans



Narcissus Little Gem



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'... hopelessly in love with spring.'

G. Santayana (1863-1952)

1989 looks like being an exciting year, both personally, with the publication of my first forthcoming book and within Broadleigh Gardens as we go from strength to strength.

We all complain about inflation but this year we have been able to maintain our prices with only a few inevitable rises where stocks have failed to keep up with demand. As most stocks recover from the losses of the hard winters and revel in the last two mild ones, so good crops are echoed in lower prices of some items and in the reappearance of some old favourites such as Crocus laevigatus fontenayi (p. 3), Freesias (p. 4) and the fabulous Tecophilaea (p. 29).

Indeed I recently had occasion to consult our 1979 catalogue and noticed that chrysanthus Crocus were only a little more expensive this year than ten years ago and are still excellent value for the front of borders, rock garden or naturalising in grass.

Ten years ago the front cover showed Naricissus Tete-a-tete (p. 27), which has since become deservedly popular both as a pot plant and for general garden use. It was bred by Alec Gray, the founder of our company, and its sister seedlings (there were only three seeds in that pod) Jumble and Quince are also excellent miniatures. Among our many new introductions are three other dwarf daffodils, the descriptive Jetfire (p. 24) with its striking orange-red trumpet and swept back yellow petals, the distinctive Pipit (p. 26) where the cup fades to white leaving a deeper lemon perianth and Bantam (p. 22) a cheeky little red-cupped jonquil.

I must apologise for my opening quotation for, although it is an apt description of myself and many other gardeners, it is in fact taken out of context. The full quotation reads: 'To be interested in the changing seasons is ... a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring'. However, I think there is nothing wrong with either sentiment and trust that this catalogue will provide much to tempt all gardeners.

Christine Skelmersdale.

MAY 1989

LADY SKELMERSDALE

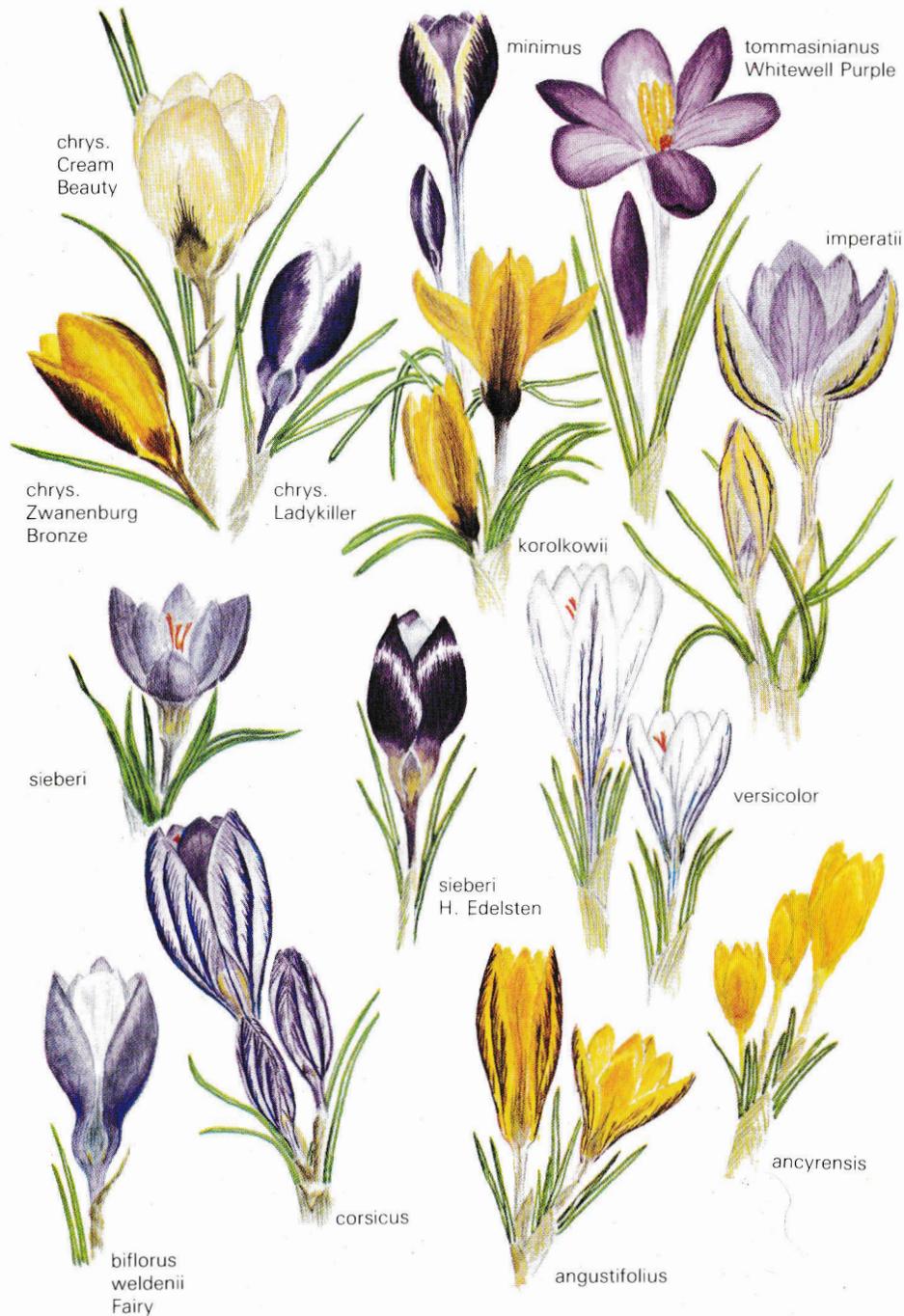
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Front cover picture: Tulipa fosteriana White Emperor with Hyacinthus Carnegie taken from Lady Skelmersdale's book.

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Spring flowering Crocus

NARCISSI (DAFFODILS)

A daffodil is probably one of the easiest and least demanding of plants to grow. Normally when a bulb is planted it will come up and flower, provided that an unbalanced fertilizer is not put on. Fertilizers containing an excess of nitrogen should be avoided, as should manure. However, the species do need more understanding and care and must be treated with the respect accorded to most plants in the garden. If they are happy they will become established and multiply.

The varieties we offer vary from 3" to 18" in height. Only a few are species and are clearly marked as such. The remainder are hybrids, being crosses between small species and larger-flowered varieties and, as normally happens, the hybrids have more vigour and adaptability. The hybrid daffodils which we list will grow almost anywhere, but this only applies to a very few of the species, many of which are alpine and need treatment, especially drainage, suitable for these subjects. Species daffodils may be seen all over the high ground in Spain and Portugal, where *N. asturiensis*, *bulbocodium*, *rupicola* and *triandrus* are found growing through the melting snow like crocus in the Alps.

The *jonquils*, however, seem to like places where the soil is often heavy and where they get a thorough baking in summer. Few of the *tazetta* group are hardy in this country and then only in unusually warm spots—in other words their growth is restricted to south of a line from the Severn to the Wash. However, together with the North African species, they will grow well if brought in to a cold house by the middle of November but *not forced*.

The *bulbocodiums* grow almost all over the Iberian peninsula in varying conditions from marshland to dry road verges. When grown in this country it is found that those which increase by seed flower well but those whose bulbs split are likely to be flowerless after a few years. These trends can only be found out by experience as they seem to vary from garden to garden. Many of the *triandrus* family, all of which need good drainage, flower in partial shade, often on northern slopes.

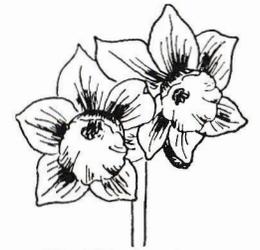
Many people like to grow *daffodils* in the grass. However, it should be remembered for this form of naturalising that the bulbs should be planted 6" deep—in other words rather deeper than usual—and the grass should not be mown until after the leaves have died down. Many of the hybrids we list are suitable for this purpose, especially *February Silver*, *Peeping Tom*, *February Gold*, *Beryl* and the *poeticus* varieties. Also of course the wild daffodil of northern Europe, now called *pseudo narcissus*. Many of the smaller hybrids are better grown in the border and rock garden where their daintiness can be appreciated to the full.



BULBOCODIUM SPECIES



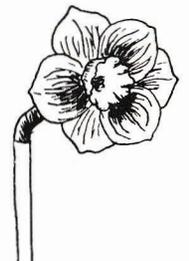
CYCLAMINEUS HYBRID



TRIANDRUS HYBRID



TAZETTA HYBRID



JONQUIL HYBRID

For many years Daffodils have been separated artificially into numbered groups or divisions, each one with more or less the same floral characteristics. These are:

Division 1	Trumpet hybrids	Division 6	Cyclamineus hybrids
2	Large cupped hybrids	7	Jonquilla hybrids
3	Small cupped hybrids	8	Tazetta hybrids
4	Double hybrids	9	Poeticus hybrids
5	Triandrus hybrids	10	Species and wild hybrids
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ANGEL'S TEARS (see triandrus albus).

APRICOT. Div. 1. A very attractive and unusual flower with a white perianth and yellow trumpet fading to pale apricot with age.

APRIL TEARS. Div. 5. Very graceful hanging blooms, several to each stem. Golden-yellow with a slightly paler cup. Like most triandrus needs a well-drained, sunny position.

ASTURIENSIS (minimus). Div. 10. The smallest species daffodil. Needs protection from slugs and very good drainage in full sun. Golden-yellow.

BAMBI. Div. 1. One of the earliest narcissi to flower, having milk-white petals and a golden trumpet. Excellent for naturalising in grass. Will take a season to settle. Like a sturdier Lent Lily.

★ **BANTAM. Div. 5.** A delightful dwarf daffodil with small neat flowers of bright yellow with a red cup.

★ **BEBOP. Div. 7.** A perfect miniature jonquil with pure butter-yellow perianth and cup. Well-shaped flowers.

BERYL. Div. 6. A very prolific cyclamineus hybrid with primrose petals and an orange cup. Most attractive.

BINKIE. Div. 2. A very unusual and extremely attractive reverse bicolor. The almost white cup is paler than the clear primrose-yellow perianth.

BOBBYSOXER. Div. 7. A really good miniature jonquil hybrid which does well in the garden and increases rapidly. A lovely flower with yellow petals and a deeper cup.

S **BULBOCODIUM NYLON. Div. 10.** Milk-white and sweetly scented. A cross between romieuxii and foliosus. Early flowering.

BULBOCODIUM TENUIFOLIUS. Div. 10. A dwarf golden hoop petticoat with prostrate foliage.

Height	Flowers	£	p
12"	Early Mar.	5	90
		30	5.15
7"	April	3	1.15
		15	5.30
3"	Feb.	3	95
		15	4.50
6"	Feb./ Mar.	5	1.20
		20	4.60
10"	Mar./ April	3	1.00
		15	4.75
7"	April	ea.	90
		5	4.30
8"	Late Mar.	3	1.30
		10	4.20
12"	April	3	1.10
		15	5.15
8"	April	3	1.10
		15	5.15
5"	Dec./ Jan.	ea.	1.50
		3	4.30
3"	Feb.	5	1.25
		20	4.75

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BULBOCODIUM VULGARIS CONSPICUUS. Div. 10. A rather more robust variety with deep yellow flowers. Increases rapidly.	5"	Late Mar.	5	1.40
BULBOCODIUM (Hort). Div. 10. Unlike many bulbocodiums which are shy to flower unless really happy, this cultivated form produces its deep yellow flowers freely.	6"	April	3	1.20
			15	5.65
S CANALICULATUS (Lacticolor). Div. 10. A sweetly scented miniature tazetta species. White petals and lemon-yellow cup. Needs a well-drained position and a good summer baking.	5"	Late Mar.	5	1.15
			20	4.40
S CANARY BIRD. Div. 8. A nice, very prolific multi-headed poetaz with canary-yellow petals and an orange cup.	12"	Late Mar.	3	1.05
			15	5.00
CHARITY MAY. Div. 6. An exceptionally beautiful cyclamineus hybrid of soft clear yellow with delicate swept back petals.	12"	Late Mar.	3	1.05
			15	5.00
CHINITA. Div. 8. This multi-headed variety is one of the prettiest of the poetaz, having primrose petals with a red-edged cup.	18"	Late Mar.	3	90
			15	4.30
CORA ANN. Div. 7. Flat white petals provide the perfect backing for a neat yellow cup.	10"	Early Mar.	3	95
			15	4.50
CYCLAMINEUS. Div. 10. A very beautiful species of deep yellow with a long trumpet and completely swept back petals. Excellent for naturalising in a damp place. Stock grown from seed.	5"	Early Mar.	ea.	1.50
			3	4.30

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3 Little Gem	3 Sweetness

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★ DINKIE. Div. 3. A small-cupped daffodil of beautiful form and much substance. Butter-yellow petals and red-edged cup.	15"	Mar./ April	3	1.05
			15	5.00
DOVE WINGS. Div. 6. A really outstanding cyclamineus hybrid with ivory-white petals and pale yellow trumpet.	13"	Late Mar.	3	1.45
			10	4.60
S ELVIRA. Div. 8. A fine multi-headed variety with white petals and yellow cups. Good for cutting.	15"	Late Mar.	3	95
			15	4.50
EYSTETTENSIS (Capax plenus) (Queen Anne's double). A perfectly formed lemon double.	8"	April	ea.	2.00
FEBRUARY GOLD. Div. 6. The well known and loved early cyclamineus hybrid with golden-yellow petals and a slightly darker cup. Very long lasting and good for naturalising. <i>Picture page 18.</i>	12"	Feb./ Mar.	3	95
			15	4.50
FEBRUARY SILVER. Div. 6. A most amazingly lasting cyclamineus hybrid with milk-white petals and lemon cup. Large and of good substance.	12"	Feb./ Mar.	ea.	65
			5	3.10
★ GADITANUS. Closely allied to <i>N. juncifolius</i> , this species is extremely rare in cultivation. The tiny sturdy flower is brilliant buttercup-yellow, the petals being no longer than the cup. Sweetly scented and needs good summer baking. Stock limited.	6"	Mar.	ea.	3.00
GARDEN PRINCESS. Div. 6. Unequaled cyclamineus hybrid, free-flowering, long lasting deep yellow flowers. Excellent for naturalising.	15"	Mar.	3	95
			15	4.50

		Height	Flowers	£	p
	Narcissi (Daffodils)— <i>continued</i>				
S	PENCREBAR. Div. 4. A very sweet little yellow double jonquil looking like a tiny rose. Often twin-flowered.	6"	April 3	1.30	
			15	4.20	
	PEPPER. Div. 2. Bright orange-red cup with deep yellow petals. Does extremely well in all gardens and lasts well as a cut flower.	12"	Early 5	95	
			Mar. 30	5.40	
★	PIPIT. Div. 7. Another fine American miniature. Two or three heads of clear lemon. The cup fades to almost white. Outstanding.	10"	April 3	1.50	
			10	4.75	
S	POETICUS FLORE PLENO. Div. 10. The well-known double Pheasant Eye. Pure white and strongly scented and very late flowering. Excellent for naturalising.	17"	May 5	1.20	
			30	4.60	
★ S	POETICUS PRAECOX. Div. 10. The earliest of the poeticus to flower. The flower is a smaller version of recurvus.	15"	Late 3	1.05	
			April 15	5.00	
S	POETICUS RECURVUS. Div. 10. The old-fashioned late Pheasant Eye loved by everyone. Snow-white petals swept back from a tiny yellow cup edged with red.	17"	May 5	1.50	
			20	5.65	
S	POLNESK. Div. 7. Has up to two large delicately scented flowers of a soft lemon with a deeper frilled cup.	18"	April 5	95	
			30	5.40	
S	PRIDE OF CORNWALL. Div. 8. An unusual multi-headed variety with white petals and cups with yellow centres shading to red on the outside. Good for cutting.	15"	Mar./ 5	95	
			April 30	5.40	
	PSEUDONARCISSUS. Div. 10. The Lent Lily of English woodlands. Pale yellow petals with a citron cup. Excellent for naturalising, but will take a season to settle. <i>Picture inside front cover.</i>	8"	Early 3	90	
			Mar. 15	4.30	
	PSEUDONARCISSUS GAYI. Div. 10. A larger form of the above with more substance. White petals and clear yellow trumpet. Equally good for naturalising, but will take a season to settle down and flower.	12"	Early 3	80	
			Mar. 20	5.05	
	PSEUDONARCISSUS OBVALLARIS (Tenby Daffodil). Div. 10. Neat bright yellow flowers on very stiff stem. Long lasting and excellent for naturalising.	12"	Feb./ 3	1.30	
			Mar. 10	4.20	
	PSEUDONARCISSUS VAN SION. Div. 4. The original double yellow daffodil. Useful for naturalising because of its iron constitution.	15"	Early 3	1.20	
			Mar. 15	5.65	
	QUINCE. Div. 6. A neat cyclamineus hybrid of soft primrose with deeper cup; a sister seedling to Jumble and Tete-a-tete.	7"	Mar. 3	1.50	
			10	4.75	
	RIPLING WATERS. Div. 5. By far the most attractive and best triandrus that we sell, with three creamy-white short-cupped flowers to a stem. A strong grower.	14"	Early 3	1.50	
			April 10	4.75	
	RIP VAN WINKLE (minor pumilus plenus). Div. 4. A quaint miniature double of unknown origin with masses of flat yellow petals tinged with green.	6"	Early ea.	60	
			Mar. 5	2.90	
	ROGER. Div. 6. Like a later, larger Beryl. The well-formed flowers have clear yellow petals and a deep orange cup.	12"	Mar. 3	85	
			15	4.10	
★	ROSEDOWN. Div. 5. Twin-headed golden-yellow flowers with globular light orange cups.	14"	Late ea.	50	
			Mar. 10	4.75	
★	ROSY TRUMPET. Div. 1. One of the first pink trumpet daffodils. This unusual small flower has off-white petals and a pronounced rosy flared trumpet.	15"	Late ea.	75	
			Mar. 5	3.65	
★ S	RUPICOLA X GADITANUS. Div. 12. A fine miniature hybrid with sweetly scented pale golden-yellow flowers. Increases well.	3"	Mar. ea.	3.00	
★ S	SAMARIA. Div. 3. A really lovely small-cupped daffodil of ivory-white throughout. Of perfect form and strongly recommended as a garden plant particularly good for cutting.	15"	April ea.	90	
			5	4.30	
S	SCABERULUS. Div. 10. A good miniature jonquil species with one to three very small yellow flowers to a stem. Semi-prostrate foliage. Needs well drained position in full sun or alpine house.	5"	Mar./ 3	80	
			April 15	3.85	
	SEGOVIA. Div. 3. A very beautiful miniature jonquil. Superbly contrasting white petals and small flat yellow cup.	6"	April ea.	3.00	
S	SILVER CHIMES. Div. 8. An extremely lovely and charming tazetta hybrid with up to ten perfect flowers on each stem. Pure white with a cup of palest primrose. Does best in a dry position.	12"	Early 3	1.50	
			April 10	4.75	

		Height	Flowers	£	p
★ S	SNOW BUNTING. Div. 7. A perfect jonquil hybrid which is deep primrose in the bud and opens with a creamy cup and beautifully formed white petals. Sweetly scented.	14"	Mar. 3	1.05	
			15	5.00	
S	STOCKEN. Div. 10. An unidentified jonquil species possibly allied to gaditanus. Collected many years ago by C. M. Stocken. Tiny golden-yellow, strongly scented flowers. Needs complete summer baking to flower. Best in alpine house or frame.	4"	April ea.	1.50	
	SUGAR BUSH. Div. 7. An excellent hybrid. Creamy-yellow with a white 'frosted' cup. Good doer.	12"	Late 3	1.10	
			Mar. 15	5.15	
	SUNDIAL. Div. 7. An exquisite miniature jonquil of a most unusual dark lemon with a hint of green in the frilled cup. <i>Picture back cover.</i>	6"	Late 5	1.20	
			Mar. 20	4.60	
	SUN DISC. Div. 7. A fine Alec Gray hybrid with perfect rounded flowers and tiny cup. Golden.	6"	April 3	1.05	
			15	5.00	
S	SUZY. Div. 7. A beautiful jonquil with deep primrose-yellow petals and an orange crown. Very free flowering.	15"	Late 3	1.20	
			Mar. 15	5.65	
S	SWEETNESS. Div. 7. A charming self-yellow jonquil, the most sweetly scented as the name implies. An outstanding garden plant with an unusually long vase life.	14"	Early 3	1.05	
			Mar. 15	5.00	
S	SWEET PEPPER. Div. 7. A very strongly scented jonquil hybrid with yellow petals and a well contrasted brick-red cup.	15"	Early 3	1.20	
			Mar. 15	5.65	
	TETE-A-TETE. Div. 6. A quite outstanding cyclamineus. Probably the best of all dwarf hybrids. Very early and tremendously long lasting. Golden petals very slightly reflexed from the neat cups. Cannot be too strongly recommended and a very prolific flowerer. <i>Picture page 19.</i>	6"	Feb./ 5	1.00	
			Mar. 30	5.65	
	THALIA. Div. 5. One of the best triandrus hybrids with one to three well formed white flowers on each stem.	12"	Late 3	1.30	
			Mar. 10	4.20	
	TOPOLINO. Div. 1. A sturdy dwarf bicolor with good-sized flowers above neat grey foliage.	6"	Early 3	1.20	
			Mar. 15	5.65	
	TRESAMBLE. Div. 5. A very vigorous triandrus which gives a mass of pure white flowers with a creamy cup. Highly recommended.	16"	Late 3	1.30	
			Mar. 10	4.20	
	TREVITHIAN. Div. 7. An excellent short-cupped jonquil with two or three pale yellow flowers to the stem. Very vigorous and good for naturalising.	20"	Late 3	1.05	
			Mar. 15	5.00	
★	TREWIRGIE. Div. 6. A very vigorous plant with snowy long-cupped golden flowers. One of the last cyclamineus hybrids to flower.	12"	April 3	95	
			15	4.50	
	TRIANDRUS ALBUS (Angel's Tears). Div. 10. A dainty miniature species with several milk-white nodding flowers to the stem with globular cups and reflexed petals. So beautiful that it is universally popular.	4"	Mar. 5	1.20	
			20	4.60	
	TRIANDRUS CONCOLOR. Div. 10. Identical to the above in shape but varying in colour from cream to golden-yellow.	4"	Mar. 5	1.30	
			20	4.95	
	WHITE MARVEL. Div. 5. We first came across this by mistake and so liked it that we had to include it. Two or three cream flowers with fully double cups. Strong and sturdy.	16"	Late 3	1.50	
			Mar. 10	4.75	
	W. P. MILNER. Div. 1. A delightful nodding trumpet variety with creamy-white drooping flowers. Free-flowering and very good for pots.	10"	Late 3	1.50	
			Mar. 10	4.75	

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