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THE SEED BUSINESS IN PHILADELPHIA. | these honorable dealers may well be proud for of the business, determined to concen-I can recollect when all the intelligence of trate the whole of the process in one shot. Philadelphia resorted there to improve their A most fortunate location in every respect

This good old city of horticultural re-ta-te and increase their coffections. The presented, and Bloomsdale, a magnificent nown has long been the seat of a thriving whole town went out for many seasons to form of about 250 acres, was purchased, and hierative business in seeds. The yen-see the blooming of the first Multiflora Rose, twenty miles above Philadelph-a, and near erable and excellent Bartram, and his neight the collection of Azeleas, and other valued the town of Bristol, having from on bour, Marshall, in the infancy of our colo-movelties. The Maclura for a hedge plant the Delaware river of more than a mile. nies supplied Europe with our native seeds was first introduced here, from seed brought The ground was every way adapted to the trees, and flo vers. They dabbled, too, as by Lewis and Clark. The original fruit object in view, Of suitable soil, level, and their pleasant correspondence shows, a little bearing tree was till lately a source of mil- in a high state of cultivation, it was immein tontoises and snakes! The letters to lions of seeds; but, having attained the size diately turned to successful account. The their English friends and employers, as col- of a large Apple tree, it is now bowed down fences were removed, the fine old family lected by Darlington, forms one of the very by many a blast, but in green old age. Or mansion greatly enlarged and made everypleasantest books of this or any age, especi-jamental Magnolias, especially the conspicual thing that a country gentleman could desire, ally to those interested in botanical subjects, grafted on the accuminata, commanded exten- with a lawn planted with all the new and old I can not but wish the work accessible to sively from this garden, to which the most valuable trees in vogue, each with space every gardener, for whom Bartram was a heautiful specimens of many other species sufficient to develop its beauties, and the model of industry, perseverance, and suc-of trees and shrubs may be traced. Calm seed business in America took at once a cess. His beautiful old garden has fallen and industrious and truly honest in the position commensurate with its value and into the hands of Colonel Eastwick, long in pursuit of their interesting business, these importance. Orders from the most interior the employment of the Emperor of Russia gentlemen fixed long in the enjoyment of parts of India where the Englishman penein the locomotive and railroad business, and their just reward, and the writer is mistaken trates. from South America, from the West he has carefully preserved the specimens of in their characters, if their career and intel-Indies and our own possessions on the shores rare trees collected by Bartram, taken care ligence was in the least inferior in importance of the Pacific, poured in with a ceterity of the old mansion built by Bartram's own to that of Bartram. In a rather different which gave no cause for regret at the costly hands, and now a picturesque object overrun line, and with a better bome market, they step taken. The huge barns and granaries with try corval with the botanist himself took up the ball were Bartram dropped it were soon filled and emptied; the iron No stranger who travels to our borders kept it in motion, and p pularized the pursuit, warehouse at Philadelphia, with its nine should omit to visit these now superb grounds, reaping a just recompense. floors stored with this novel merchandise, where be will find the finest specimen trees More fortunate than Bartram, a descen- more valuable to our growing country than and shrubs in America. The arden, by the dant, the son of David, carried on their ever-tall the silks and haberdashery imported at liberality of Colonel Eastwick, still supplies increasing business, till-competition in green-the cost of millions of dollars for the coornseeds from the trees of Bartram's collecting house and tree culture had so reduced the ment of our extravagant helies, grouned from Canada to Florida. Mechan & Saun profits as to give less return than formerly with the products of the farm, and with ders, of Germantown, who advertise in the The old gentleman had, however, not agricultural implements made under Mr. L's. June number of the Horticulturist, are neglected to supply a growing demand for lown supervision, to sait all climates, all liberally permitted to collect from this gar-vegetable seeds, to the cultivation of which loncies, and all pockets. Agents multiplied den whatever will be valuable to horticul-they appropriated some ten, and then twenty, everywhere, till no town in America but twists. It is something to have one's seeds and afterwards the enormous amount of was able to procure in its own borders the thirty-five acres! "Landreth's seeds" ac-invaluable blessings of seeds true to name, from "Bartram's garden."

Succeeding Bartram and Marshall, our quired a great and growing reputation; the and warranted sound. The little beginning neighborhood was fortunate in possessing two demand soon exceeded the supply, and with ten acres was crowned with success; intelligent and most worthy gardeners from gradually the tree and the green-house esta-the produce of two hundred and lifty acres England. David Landreth, who had been blishment had to give place at the approach met a welcome and healthy demand; but educated as nurseryman, settled at Philadel- of the city. The mansion house has been this too has become insufficient, and one phia in 1784; he was shortly joined by his converted to the uses of a public school. hundred and twenty-five more adjoining acres The two, with such called after the owners. The great stock have been added this season; and these are brother Cuthbert. stender means as they could command, ultis of ornamental trees and shrubbery was distant once to be converted to a similar purmately established themselves in business, persed by auction, giving a supply eagerly pose. The little seed has grown to three uniting for a time to their own fond pursuit embraced by purchasers, which has done hundred and seventy-live acres—the acorn (as a resource to meet present wants) the much to embellish our neighbourhood. Lau-has produced a great oak, overshadowing culture of rare culinary vegetables; and to rel Hill Cemetery, now quite an arboricul- the country, beneath whose boughs thoutheir early efforts in that way may be traced turn wonder for its variety and beauty of sands find shelter, health, and mutriment. the reputation which the Philadelphia mar-planting as well as hundreds of other beau-You may now order this most important ket now sustains—unrivalled by any city in tiful places, owes much of its ornamentation portion of your farm and garden supplies the Union. Gradually following the bent of to this source. We must not omit the with a certainty of obtaining what you detheir excellent taste and cultivated minds orign, at these great nurseries of the Camel-sire. You, Mr. Editor, must take the train they added commercial green-houses, which lia Landrethii, an exceedingly valuable from New York very soon which passes were the delight of the writer's youthful variety, which is destined to carry down to through Trenton, and you may ride on the days. Bare plants—then how rare !--found posterity the name so much respected among rail through this paradise for more than a their way, by their enterprise, to our borders, us. The nursery and garden grounds soon mile, and see nothing-not a fence-but and a business in these articles was common-grew too small for the ever-increasing seed vegetation going profitably to seed. No ced which has grown to be one of nation-business; other land was procured in the thistles are gathered on this princely domain. at importance, and is so especially here. I neighborhood, till the vexation and difficulty We would rather be the useful proprietor of allude to the commerce in Camellias, Roses, became too great of collecting from distant it, than of any "gable-ended" country villa The Landreth Nurseries have had an envia-land abroad, and Mr. David Landreth, the preferred in these countries to any produced in Eng-

ble celebrity, of which the descendants of younger, who now became the sole proprie-land.