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NOTICE TO PURCHASERS.

I herewith hand you my price list for spring of 1893, trusting that I will not only be favored with the liberal patronage of my former customers, but that I will get at least a trial order from others in need of nursery stock. My nurseries are located one mile west and four miles south of Ovid.

Shipping facilities: Unless otherwise ordered, I will ship all stock by D. G. H. & Milwaukee railroad, from Ovid. If ordered, can ship by M. C. railroad, or Am. Express from Laingsburg, or by National Express from Ovid. Packing is done with moss, and moist straw, free of charge, in boxes and bales.

TERMS: Orders from unknown parties must be accompanied with the money or satisfactory references to insure attention. Order early, that stock may be reserved. First come, first served. Do not wait later than April 1. Catalogue furnished free on application. For further information, address me at Ovid.

PLANTING THE TREES.

If the soil has been prepared as above directed, a hole dug large enough to admit the roots in their natural position is sufficient. If persons are obliged to plant on sod land, holes four feet in diameter and not less than twenty inches deep, should be dug, then partly fill the hole with good mellow earth; then one person should hold the tree in an upright position, while another person shovels in the finest and best earth at the roots, endeavoring to bring every root in contact with the soil, and not allowing any sod or manure next to them. When the earth is nearly filled in, pour in a pail of water, allowing it to settle away, and then fill in the remainder and tread gently with the foot. Trees should not be planted any deeper than they stood in the nursery.

DISTANCES FOR PLANTING.

Apples 30 feet each way. Standard pears and cherries 20 feet each way. Plums, peaches and apricots 15 feet each way. Grapes 8 feet each way. Raspberries and blackberries: rows 5 feet apart and plants 3 feet apart in rows. Currants and gooseberries 4 feet apart each way. Strawberries: rows 3 feet apart and plants 15 inches apart in the rows. Dwarf pears and quinces 10 feet apart each way.
DIRECTIONS FOR TRANSPLANTING, ETC.

As the life and well-being of a tree depends very much upon the care and treatment it receives after it leaves the hands of the nurseryman, and as a large portion of the trees are lost for want of proper treatment, I desire to offer a few hints upon the subject of transplanting, pruning, etc.

PREPARING THE SOIL.

The first important requisite to the successful raising of an orchard is the proper preparation of the soil. This should be made dry and rich, underdrained if necessary, as trees will not thrive in soil constantly saturated with moisture. It should be as well plowed and as well manured as for a crop of corn or wheat.

PREPARING THE TREES FOR PLANTING.

Prune carefully the bruised or broken parts of the roots with a sharp knife, sloping them off in such a way that the face of the cut will be down when the tree is in an upright position. This pruning of the roots must be followed by a pruning of the top, so as to keep the balance that formerly existed between the roots and branches. Prune the top by cutting back the branches of the previous year's growth to about one-half, exactly at a bud. This will be no loss eventually to the tree, on the contrary, the remaining buds will push out with extraordinary vigor.

FRUIT DEPARTMENT.

APPLES.

My stock of apples is very fine of the varieties herein named, 5 to 7 feet high, 3 years old, at 15c each, $1.50 per hundred on board cars; 50 at 100 rates, or 15c each at the nurseries.

SUMMER APPLES.

Early Harvest, Primate, Red Astrachan, Sweet Bow.

AUTUMN APPLES.

Chenango Strawberry, Fall Pippin, Lowell, Duchess of Oldenburg, Maiden Blush.
WINTER APPLES.

Baldwin, Ben Davis, Northern Spy, Fallowater, Fameuse, Hubbardston’s Nonesuch, King, Mann, McIntosh Red, Peck’s Pleasant, Rambo, Roxbury Russet, Stark, Wagner, Tallman’s Sweets, Wealthy; R I, Greening, Hendrick’s sweet, Jonathan, Red Canada, Salome.

Primate, (victuals and drink), medium size, pale yellow, with a crimson blush on the exposed side, flesh white, very tender, refreshing, ripens gradually, a favorite dessert apple. July and August.

Sweet Bow (Yellow Bow,) large, pale yellow, sweet, tender and juicy, abundant bearer, and one of the best. August.

Chenango Strawberry, (Sherwood’s favorite), medium size whitish, splashed and mottled with white and dark crimson, flesh white, tender, juicy, mild sub-acid; tree vigorous and productive. Sept.

Duchess of Oldenburg—a beautiful very Russian apple, medium to large size, roundish, streaked with red and yellow with faint bloom; tree a good grower, early bearer and extremely hardy, valuable market sort. September.

Lowell (Greasy Pippin,)—large, skin oily, pale yellow, quality excellent, September.

Ben Davis,—medium to large, handsome striped apple, of good quality, hardy and productive. This is the most popular and profitable well known apple; its great beauty and fine appearance sells it. It is becoming more popular than Baldwin, in eastern states, and can be grown west where Baldwin fails for lack in hardiness. December to April.

Fameuse (Snow Apple)— medium size, deep crimson, flesh snow white, delicious, tree vigorous. November to January.

Hubbardston’s Nonesuch—A native of Massachusetts, flesh tender, juicy, and fine; a strong grower and great bearer. November to January.

Mann—Originated in northern New York; tree a fine grower, very hardy and productive, fruit large and much prized for market; flesh yellowish, fine, tender, mild, sub-acid. January to April.

McIntosh Red—A native of Canada, tree very hardy, vigorous, and long lived, the original tree, being now seventy-five years old, and still bearing; fruit very tender, sub-acid and of first quality, valuable for market. November to April.
HENDRICK'S SWEET—The best winter Sweet Apple; fruit medium to large, dull red, flesh white, crisp, juicy, very sweet and firm; free from all knots or blemishes. Tree a very erect and upright grower, perfectly hardy, an annual bearer and very productive, being a red apple with flesh as white as that of the Snow apple, makes it one of the best for home or market. December to May.

Salome,—from Illinois, and especially valuable for its hardiness, prolific bearing, and long keeping. The tree comes into bearing early, is round headed, making short annual growths after coming into bearing; has tough wood, large, thick, leathery leaf, and is a hardy as wild crabs. No matter how heavily loaded, the fruit is always good size and clings to the tree remarkably well, and withstands the winds when other varieties are scattered on the ground, fruit medium, roundish, yellow slightly shaded with pale red, splashed and striped with dark red, flesh tender, juicy, mild, sub-acid. January to June.

Fallowater, (Tulpehocken)—a very large and handsome apple, well marked, of good quality; tree very vigorous, and a young and abundant bearer. November to March.

Wagner—medium to large, deep red in the sun, flesh firm, sub-acid and excellent; tree a vigorous, upright grower, and very productive, an excellent variety, introduced from Penn Yann, Yates county New York. December to May.

Red Canada, (Old Nonesuch of Massachusetts,) medium size, red with dots, flesh rich, sub-acid and delicious; tree a moderate and slender grower, a superior fruit for table or market. November to May.

Jonathan—very celebrated and beautiful, medium size, skin brilliant or dark red; flesh very tender, juicy, with a mild agreeable flavor; tree moderate grower, very productive. November to March.

Roxbury Russet,—medium to large, surface rough, greenish covered with russet, tree a free grower, spreading, and a great bearer, keeps till June; its great popularity is owing to its productiveness and long keeping.

GRAPES.

My stock of grape vines is very large, No. 1, two years old, well
rooted. Descriptions of the newer sorts only given. Price 25 cents each unless otherwise noted; lower rates on large quantities.


Empire State,—one of Rickett’s seedlings; flesh, yellowish white, bunch large, rich and juicy, 20 cents.

Concord—black, bunch large and compact, the most popular sort for this climate. No family should be without it. 20 cents.

Lady,—small white grape, of excellent quality; vine a good grower. Price 25 cents.

Lady Washington,—about the size and quality of Lady. 25c.

Niagara,—this white grape has attracted more attention than any new fruit recently introduced; vine, a strong grower and prolific; bunches large and compact, berry large, greenish white, fine, quality, and ripens with Concord, last of September. 30 cents.

Wilder, (Roger’s No. 4.)—black; bunches large, berry large, sweet juicy and a good variety; ripens with Concord. 25 cents.

Worden,—a very large, black grape of great promise; a good grower and bearer. 25 cents.

APPLES.

(Omitted by error from list of apples on page 6.)

Stark,—Large, greenish, striped with dark red, resembles the Spy in shape and color; juicy, mild sub-acid, a long keeper and a good market fruit. January to May.

Wealthy—A native of Minnesota, where it has proved hardy, healthy, vigorous, and productive; a whitish yellow, with deep red in the sun, sometimes covered with light stripes in the shade, flesh white, fine, tender, juicy, vinous, lively, sub-acid. December to March.

CRAB APPLES.

Transcendent—The largest and finest of this class of apples; tree a strong grower and good bearer, very hardy, skin yellow, striped with red, flesh, yellow, crisp and juicy. September and October, 25 cts each.
PEARS.

The soil most congenial to this fruit is a clay loam, but will do well on any good soil. 50 cts each; $6 per doz, 6 at doz rates.

Bartlett—Large, buttery and melting, with a rich, musky flavor, good grower, erect. August.

Clapp’s Favorite—Too well known to need any comment; productive and large, sweet and rich, last of August.

Flemish Beauty—A large, beautiful, melting, sweet pear, hardy and productive, valuable for market. September and October.

Frederick Clapp—Size, above medium, skin smooth, clear lemon yellow, flesh fine, juicy and rich, good quality; tree a vigorous grower; last of October.

President Dionard—Large, skin smooth, yellowish green, flesh melting, juicy and aromatic, a very fine French winter variety. February to March.

Dwarf Pears will be furnished of the above varieties at 40 cts each, $4 per doz; 6 at doz rates.

PEACHES.

Peaches of the following varieties will be furnished at 15 cts each: $14 per 100 unless otherwise noted: Crawford late, Foster, Globe, Hills Chili, Crawford early, Schumaker, Wager, Wheatland, Wonderful, Barden, Etta Maria, Smock’s Free.

Foster—A very large peach, originated in Medford, Mass., resembles Early Crawford in appearance, but is much larger and somewhat earlier; hardy and productive, flesh yellow.

Globe—A Pennsylvania seedling; tree vigorous and productive fruit very large, golden yellow with a red blush, very fine flavor, Last of September.

Hill’s Chili—The peach that is most raised in Michigan peach belt; large, flesh yellow and well flavored; last of September.

Schumaker—An early sort that originated in Erie, Pa., where it has given satisfaction and proven itself hardy and productive; flesh white, but fine. July.

Smock’s Free—Large, orange red or yellow, flesh red at the stone, juicy and rich: October.
Wonderful—Large to very large, rich golden yellow, flesh yellow, rich, high flavored and delicious; very firm; first of October.

Barden—A comparatively new sort of medium size. Originated with Joseph Barden, in Ovid, Mich. One of the earliest, if not the earliest peach in cultivation; tree a good grower and productive, flesh yellow, tender, juicy, well flavored. This is a variety that all who desire early peaches should possess.

Etta Maria—Something new. A large peach that is now for the first time offered to the public. It originated with Wm. Swarthout, within 1 ¼ miles of the nurseries. The original tree being six years old, came up in Mr. Swarthout's back yard. It has proven to be very hardy and productive; it is the most vigorous grower of any peach I have ever seen. The fruit large, of a deep golden yellow, with a deep red cheek, resembling the Crawford in shape except it is much larger, and ripens with Crawford; flesh yellow, juicy, melting, sweet, high flavored and delicious. My stock of this variety is small, therefore I will only sell one tree to each purchaser. If stock should exhaust before orders are all filled, order will be withheld and filled the coming season. Price 25 cts.

CHERRIES.

Gov. Wood—Large, heart shaped, light yellow shaded with red, tender and rich, one of the best sweet cherries. 40 cts.

Early Richmond—Medium size, dark red, tender, rich and juicy, somewhat acid, tree vigorous, profuse bearer, small pit. June, 40 cents.

Montmorency—Large, red, rich, acid, very hardy and productive, ten days later than E. Richmond, 40 cts.

May Duke—An old, well known, excellent variety, large, dark red, sub-acid, rich; last of June. 40 cts.

PLUMS.

The soil best suited to plums is a rich clay loam, but will adapt itself to a variety of soils, price 40 cts each; $4.25 per doz, 6 at doz. rates.

Coe's Golden Drop—Large and handsome, light yellow, flesh firm and sweet. September.

Lombard—The most popular and profitable plum under general
cultivation, does well on light soil. Light red, flesh yellow; September.

Shipper's Pride — Large, dark purple, handsome, showy, firm and excellent, tree hardy and productive; first of September.

Smith's Orleans -Large and excellent, redish purple. August and September.

Purple Egg — Very large, dark purple, flesh firm, rich and juicy; last of August.

APRICOT.

Alexander — A Russian variety, large, oblong, yellow, freckled with red, flavor sweet and delicious; said to be the hardiest of all apricots; very productive, one of the very best. First of July. 50 cents.

Orange — Large, roundish, bright golden yellow, very productive, and most desirable. the best variety; October. 25 cents.

Rea's Mammoth — Seedling of Orange, large, yellow. 25 cents.

QUINCE.

Orange — a new variety produced in crossing Cherry and Victoria, and is a valuable acquisition: large, red, bunch long, productive. 20 cents.

White Grape — a very large variety, a great bearer, fruit white, bunch large, the best currant in cultivation. Price of 2 yr old plant, 10c.

CURRANTS.

Fay's Prolific — the most valuable red berry in cultivation for home or market use; fruit large, firm, rich and juicy, 25c per doz; $2 per 100.

Cuthbert — this is the very largest and most desirable of all the black caps; it is a hardy strong grower, and very productive; fruit firm, sweet and rich. 25 cents per doz., $2 per 100. Price on larger quantities given on application.

BLACKBERRIES.

Snyder — highly esteemed, very hardy and productive; excellent quality, 40 cents per doz, $3 per 100.
GOOSEBERRIES.

Downing,—fruit large, light green, skin smooth, vigorous and productive. 15 cents.

Houghton—fruit medium very productive, free from mildew, smooth, of a pale red color, sweet, and of a delicate flavor. 15 cents.

STRAWBERRIES.

Plants of the following varieties furnished at 50 per 100; 50 at 100 rates: "Bubach, Sharpless, Perry, Wilson, Jessie."

Bubach—strong, rampant grower, healthy, and free from rust; very large and productive, ripens early, succeeds well on light or heavy soil.

Perry—large, bright glossy scarlet, firm and of best quality; plant rank and vigorous grower; very productive.

Sharpless—an excellent berry of enormous size, bright scarlet, flesh firm, moderately juicy, sweet, rich, and very good; plant hardy, vigorous.

Jessie—a seedling of the Sharpless, berry of very large size, continuing large to the last picking; bright handsome color, flesh firm and of a delicious Pine apple flavor; plant a luxuriant grower, healthy, hardy and productive.

ORNAMENTAL DEPARTMENT.

DECIDUOUS TREES.

Cut Leaf Birch—a very beautiful tree with deeply cut leaves and fine foliage, and white bark. 60 cents.

Catalpa—very hardy; originated in the west, large clusters of white flowers, rapid grower, leaves often one foot across, light green, 50 cts.

Chestnut, American Sweet a fine forest tree. 40 cts.

Chestnut, Horse—a fine shade tree, with white and yellow flowers. 50 cents.

Ash Leaved Maple—(Box Elder,) a very rapid grower, with leaves and young branches of light green. 25 cents.

Wier's Cut Leaved Maple—one of the most desirable trees of dissected or cut leaves, rapid growth; drooping and graceful. 50 cents.
Mountain Ash, European—a fine hardy tree, head dense and regular, white blossom, covered from July till winter with clusters of bright scarlet berries. 50 cents.

Poplar, Lombardy—a very distinct, well known variety of rapid growth, and tall spiral form. 25 cents.

SHRUBS.

Deutzia—(Crenate,) a fine strong growing shrub and profuse bloomer, flowers double white, tinged with rose. 25 cents.

Hydrangea—hardy, an interesting plant, flowers pure white, large and showy; the most desirable shrub; blooms through August and September. 30 cents.

Syringa (Mock Orange)—a well known shrub of pure white flowers resembling the Orange blossom. 25 cents.

CLIMBING SHRUBS.

Boston Ivy, (Virginia Creeper)—a fine climber of great merit, rapid grower clinging to anything it touches; good for walls or verandas. 25 cents.

Clematis, Jackmanne—the most beautiful and desirable of clematis, flowers large, rich, violet purple, hardy, profuse bloomer. 75 cts.

Evergreen Honeysuckle—should be in everyone's yard; hardy, rapid grower, the leaves remaining green all winter. 30 cents.

Wisteria, (Chinese)—a splendid climber, rapid grower, great bloomer, pale blue. 30 cents.

ROSES.

La France—a very elegant rose, beautiful silvery blush, extra large and full, exquisite; a constant bloomer. 35 cents.

Glory of Moses—pale rose, very large, full and beautiful, very mossy and fragrant; one of the best. 35 cents.

EVERGREEN TREES

I have a large stock of varieties herein named: Arbor Vital, Pyramidalis—the most beautiful of all Evergreens, very erect and regular in form, dark green, compact foliage, very hardy, should be in every collection. 3 feet, 75 cents.
Balsam Fir—leaves dark green above and silvery beneath; grows rapid, hardy. 2 feet 50 cents.

Irish Juniper—very erect and tapering in its growth, forming a column of deep green foliage, a pretty tree, and for beauty and hardihood, is a great favorite. 3 feet 50 cents.

Norway Spruce—an elegant, lofty and graceful tree, bright green foliage, the most hardy and interesting of the Evergreen tribe. 3 feet 50 cents each, 2 feet 40 cents.

Austrian Pine—a very rapid grower and conspicuous tree, leaves long, stiff and dark green, hardy and robust; a valuable sort. 3 feet 50c.

For hedge, by all means, plant Norway Spruce. It is the most valuable Evergreen for screens and shelter; of a rapid, compact growth; it bears the shears well, can be kept low a great many years by annual trimming. Plant 2 feet apart; 10 to 12 inch, 10 cents each; 18 to 24 inch, 20 cents each. Special prices on large quantities.
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Do not overlook the Etta Maria Peach. See description.