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PERIODICAL
CATALOGUE
OF
FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES,
HEDGE PLANTS,
SHRUBS, VINES, STRAWBERRIES, &c.,
CULTIVATED AND FOR SALE AT THE
MOUND NURSERY,
FIVE MILES NORTHWEST OF
CANTON, FULTON COUNTY, ILL.,
BY
C. R. & N. OVERMAN.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

It is the proper business of the Nurseryman to collect from all sources, every variety of reputed excellence, and to test thoroughly and critically every fruit and tree; to determine as nearly as possible the precise value of each in his own locality, and to promote or reject, according to the true merits of each; to "prove all things, and hold fast to that which is good." This is a duty which involves great responsibility, and the exercise of minute discrimination and judgment. It is easy, from the countless number of varieties of fruits in cultivation, to collect together enough to swell a catalogue, but to prune and clip, and cull from the mass such only as are worthy—to cater for the multitude only those that will please all, is quite a different task. It is our greatest endeavor to form a small but very select list, which shall combine all the most desirable qualities, and suit all palates at all seasons; in attaining which we are greatly assisted in our efforts by the Northwestern Fruit Growers' Society, whose duty it is to rectify the pomology of our country, and to determine as near as may be, the precise value of each and every fruit recommended for cultivation. It will, however, require a series of years to purge thoroughly the fruit lists of our country. We are aware that ours is yet much too large, but we are abridging it as fast as circumstances will permit. It may be well here to say, that though we labor hard to avoid mistakes and mixtures, yet we are not infallible, and if any such escape us, we ask the forbearance of our customers till we can rectify it.

Particular attention is paid to proportion, in cultivation, and our aim is strictly to give to each customer the most profitable assortment, according to the number of his trees. The increasing demand for late keeping fruits for market and commercial orchards, has induced us to increase largely the proportion of such fruits. Our stock of the best late keepers is very heavy, and of such as the Newtown Pippin, White Pearmain, Janetan, Limbertwig, Winesap, Bellflower, &c., we can supply almost any amount; also, several thousand fine trees, of that new, splendid and popular apple, the "Fulton." Many farmers are beginning to shape their orchards with a view to stock feeding, and to meet the wants of such, we are cultivating a succession of the richest sweet apples. In a word, it will be seen that our interest prompts us to make every exertion to meet the wants of all.

We once more return our warmest thanks for the kind and liberal patronage awarded to us, and we mean to spare no pains in our endeavors to merit a continuance of the same.

Visitors to the Nursery welcomed at all times, except on the Sabbath.

All information on Orcharding, Hedging, &c., will be cheerfully given, on application, and all business letters answered as promptly as may be.

MOUND NURSERY, Canton, Ill., September, 1852.

Remarks on the Management, Transplanting and After Culture of Trees, &c.

During the last few years' experience with trees in this country, several important improvements in the management of them at the time of removal, have suggested themselves to us; since we have put them into practice, both we and our customers have been eminently successful in transplanting. It is a very rare occurrence that a customer who has followed our directions, complains of having lost a tree. When trees are taken up, we are careful to preserve as much of the roots as is necessary. Then with a sharp knife, we smooth off the ends of mangled roots, and shorten long, straggling ones, with a sloping cut, from the under side; next, the roots are dipped in a thick puddle, and securely packed in damp straw to exclude the air, and prevent freezing, if the weather be cold. Trees thus handled, and packed in an open wagon, may be carried hundreds of miles without injury on the passage.

After arriving at their destination, the roots of the trees should be securely trenched, till the time of planting arrives. If in the fall, and you do not wish to set them at that season, bury them down horizontally, on dry ground, fill the space amongst the roots with fine soil, then shovel dirt on the roots two feet deep, and cover the balance of the trees a few inches. Trees buried in this manner always come out as perfect in the spring as when laid down, and grow more readily than those which stand in the nursery all winter.

Prepare the holes or borders by digging, and at least three feet wide, and two feet deep. Throw aside the under soil, or clay. In filling up the holes, and setting, use nothing but the richest top soil.

Dip the roots in a puddle before planting; spread the roots out as they grew; set no deeper than they stood before in the nursery; press the mellow soil around EVERY ROOT, which is better done with the hands; fill up to the surface and tread it firm. Finish the planting by making with the clay, or subsoil, a mound round the tree, three or four inches high, and grade it to the edge of the border. If the weather be quite dry after setting, water thoroughly ONCE, and cover with litter three inches deep. If trees are set in the fall, the roots should be protected by a mound of long manure, a foot high and three feet wide. Early in the spring, this should be removed from around the tree. When we set trees in spring, we prefer to wait till the leaves begin to appear; but for fall planting, the last of October is considered the best time.

Trees set in autumn, for the last two years, have done very well.

Perhaps the best crop amongst small trees, for the first few years, is corn, or some low, hoed crop; but do not, on any account, put small grain or grass amongst them; such a course of culture is positively MURDEROUS to them. Keep the ground about them clean and loose; bank up around them before winter. Keep off "ground suckers," but trim very little for the first few years. Wash frequently with soap-suds during the growing season, and, finally, keen a sharp "look-out" for depredators in the shape of whipple trees, rabbits and insects, at all times.

PRICES OF TREES—Extra large trees, of fine, new varieties, 16 to 20 cents each. Trees from six to eight feet high, with fine heads, 12 1-2 cents each.

☞ A liberal reduction by the thousand.

[ABBREVIATIONS—Size: l. large; m. medium; s. small. Color: r. red; y. yellow; g. green; str. striped; d. deep; p. pale.]

SUMMER VARIETIES.

NAME.	Size.	Color.	Quality.	Season	REMARKS.
Bars Apple,	l	y & r	1	Au a Se	New, but highly recommended.
Benoni,	m	d r	1	do	Tender, juicy, subacid and excellent
Carolina June,	m	d r	1	July	Very productive and profitable.
Daniel,	m	str	2	Au a Se	Rich, subacid, variable, successive
Early Harvest,	l	y	1	July	Acid, rich, tender, popular.
Early Red,	m	r	2	do	Not rich, good for cooking.
Early Joe,	s	r	1	Au a Se	New, one of best & most beautiful
Golden Sweet,	m	p y	1	August	Productive, valuable for stock.
Glass Apple,	m	r	2	July	Handsome, productive.
Harvest Redstreak,	m	str	2	do	Pleasant, but not rich.
Hoosier June,	l	r	2	do	Musky, rather dry, bears early.
Hocking,	l	r	2	August	Much admired, bears well.
Maiden's Blush,	l	r & y	2	Au a Se	Beautiful and good, bears regularly
Red Astrachan,	l	g r	1	Jy a Au	Very tender, pleasant, subacid.
Summer Pearmain,	m	r & g	1	August	Best of its season, tree grows slow.
Sweet Bough,	l	p y	1	July	Rich and tender, juicy, and very fine
Sweet June,	m	y	1	do	Pleasant, tender and productive.
Summer Queen,	l	str	1	August	High flavored, sparse bearer.
Sine Qua Non,	m	g y	1	do	Sprightly subacid, a good bearer.
Sops of Wine,	s	d r	2	do	Beautiful, but not excellent.
Spice Sweet,	l	y	1	Au a Se	Very tender, sweet and rich.
Trenton Early,	l	p y	1	do	Valuable kind for cook'g and dry'g
Williams' Favorite,	l	d r	1	August	New, fine, mild, pleasant, excellent
Yellow June,	s	p y	2	July	Ripens earliest.

AUTUMN VARIETIES.

Autumnal Suar,	l	y	1	August	One of the finest fall apples.
Downing's Paragon,	l	y	1	Oct	New variety of superior quality.
Drap D'or,	l	y	2	Nv De	Flavor subacid, mild, agreeable.
Fameuse, or Sno. ap.	m	r	1	Sept	Exquisitely fine.
Fall Pippin,	m	y	1	O a Nv	Very large, fine grained, superior.
Fulton Strawberry,	l	r	2	Oct	Beautiful, very tender fruit.
Fall Orange,	l	g y	1	Sept	Subacid, tender and fine,
Gabriel,	l	r & y	1	do	Very superior fruit.

Gravenstein,	l	g & y	1	Oct	Always fine.
Green Sweeting,	m	g	1	do	Best sweet apple of autumn.
Haskell Sweet,	l	g	1	Se a Oc	Very sweet, rich sassafras flavor.
Hubbards'n Nons'ch	l	y & r	1	O a Nv	Mild, aromatic, excellent.
Hawley,	l	p y	1	do	One of the best, a constant bearer.
Jersey Sweeting,	s	p r	1	do	Fine for table and for cooking.
Late Strawberry,	m	l & d r	1	do	Very productive, one of the best.
Lindley's Nonpareil	m	y	1	do	High, rich flavor, sometimes imperf
Lowell,	l	p y	1	do	Tender, nearly first rate, gr bearer
Porter,	l	y	1	do	Oblong fruit, good grower, gr bear
Rambo,	m	p r str	1	do	Rich, most popular of its season.
Roseau,	s	r	2	Sept	Moderate fruit, tree handsome.
W. Seek-no-further	m	r	1	Nov	Popular fruit.
Wine Apple,	m	r	1	Sept	Tender, juicy and very rich.
Yellow Ingestrie,	s	y	2	do	Lively acid, good and productive.

WINTER VARIETIES.

American Pippin,	m	r & g	2	Ja to Jy	Productive, longest keeper.
Baily Sweet,	l	r	1	Dec	Very tender, mild, rich and fine.
Belmont,	l	p y	1	do	Excellent, but variable.
Baldwin,	l	d r	1	Feb	Fine grained, rich, keeps late.
Canada Reinette,	l	g y	2	Dec	Lively, subacid flavor.
Cumberland Spice,	l	y	2	do	Fair, good second rate.
Domini,	m	y & r	1	D t Mh	Pleasant, a great bearer.
Esopus Spitzenberg.	m	d r	1	D to F	Unequaled in flavor.
Eng. Golden Pippin,	s	g y	1	Nv Fe	Tender, rich, productive.
Fort Miami,	l		1	Ja t My	New, of high repute.
Fulton,	m	r & y	1	D t Mh	Magnificent new apple.
Golden Russet,	s	y	1	N to Ja	Very rich small fruit.
Hartford Sweet,	l	str	2	Ja t My	Valuable, productive, keeps long.
Ladies' Sweeting,	l	str	1	Ja to A	"Finest sweet apple."
Limbirtwig,	m	r & g	2	Ja Ju	Very productive, fine for baking.
Monstrous Pippin,	l	y	2	Dec	Largest of all apples.
Mich. Hen. Pippin,	m	g y	2	Jan	Fair, rich, sweet apple.
Mountain Pippin,	l	y	1	D to F	Largest good apple.
Murphy,	l	r str	2	Dec	Splendid large fruit.
McLellan,	m	str	1	do	Tender, agreeable, very productive
Newtown Pippin,	l	d g	1	D to My	Superior, requires high culture.
Northern Spy,	l	r & g	1	do	Of high reputation.
Overman's Sweeti'g	m	do	2	D t Mh	Very juicy and sweet, cider fruit.
Ohio Favorite,	l	str	3	De Fe	Coarse, acid, good for cooking.
Peck's Pleasant,	l	p g	1	do	Very tender and rich, always fair.
Pryor's Red,	l	d r	1	N t Mh	One of the best of its season.
Rawles Janet,	m	r & g	1	D to My	Very popular, always bears.
Red Romanite,	s	r	2	do	Not rich, a late keeper.
R. Island Greening,	l	g	1	D to F	Popular, but variable.
Roman Stem,	m	p y	2	do	Mild, tender and agreeable.
Roxbury Russet,	l	g	1	Jan Ju	Valuable, long keeper.
Red Canada,	m	r	1	D t Mh	Fine grained, flavor excellent.

Sunday Sweet,	m	y	1	Nv	Fe	Fine dessert fruit.
Talmon's Sweeting,	m	y	1	D t	Mh	Rich, excellent for baking.
Vandervere,	l	r & g	1	N	to F	Popular, one of the best.
Vandervere Pippin,	l	do	2	D	to F	Coarse and acid, good for cooking
Wagener,	m	d r	1	do		New fruit, of great notoriety.
Winter Swaar,	m	g y	1	D	to A	Rich, aromatic, highly esteemed.
Winter Russet,	m	y	2	D	to F	Fruit moderate, tree beautiful.
W. Winter Pearmain	m	g y	1	D	to A	Rich, tender and superior.
White Bellflower,	l	do	1	N	to Ja	Melting, juicy and very good.
White Pippin,	l	p y	2	do		Good, but does not keep well.
Winesap.	m	r	2	D	to A	Pleasant, juicy and tender.
Willow Twig,	m	r & g	2	Jan	Ju	Profitable, bears well, keeps long.
Yellow Bellflower,	l	d y	1	D	to F	Fine old variety.

ORNAMENTAL VARIETIES—Cherry Crab, Red Siberian Crab, and Dwarf Paradise.

We have also a considerable number of new varieties on trial, the character of which is not yet sufficiently established here to warrant us in offering them to the public.

We also keep a small supply for those who desire them, of the following rejected varieties, to wit: Early Red Margaret, Carolina Sweet, Big Sweet, Pumpkin Sweeting, Fulton Pippin, Virginia Blush, Alexander, Surprise, Pennock, Smith's Cider, Black Apple, Carolina King, Carolina Queen Harigan, Ragan Apple, &c.

PEARS.

REMARKS.—In consequence of the epidemic "leaf blight" among our young Pear stocks, we almost despair of raising another good crop of Pear Trees, yet we have a small assortment of fine healthy trees. Price, 25 to 50 cents each.

SUMMER VARIETIES.

NAME.	Size.	Quality.	Season	NAME.	Size.	Quality.	Season
Bell, large growth,	l	2	August	Madeleine, superb,	m	1	July
Balderson's Early,	m	2	July	Julienne, pleasant,	m	2	August
Bartlett, magnificent,	l	1	August	Moyamensing,	m	1	do
Bloodgood, best, early,	m	1	do	Rostiezer, excellent,	m	1	do
Early Katharine,	s	2	July	Sweet August, hardy,	l	1	do
Early Butter,	m	2	August	Skinless, very delicate,	s	1	do
Tyson, new and superior,				s,	1,	August.	

AUTUMN VARIETIES.

Buerre Knox,	1	2	Oct	Louise Bonne D. Jersey	1	1	Oct
Buerre Diel, "ex."	1	1	Nov	Napoleon, fine,	m	1	Nov
Bleeker's Meadow,	m	2	Oct	Orange Bergamot,	1	1	Sept
Capiaumont.	m	1	do	Paradise d'automne,	m	1	Oct
Crassanne Bergamot,	m	1	Sept	Que'n of Low Countries	1	2	do
Dix, a splendid fruit,	1	1	Oct	Seckel, unrivalled,	s	1	Sept
Duchess D'Angouleme,	1	2	do	Urbaniste,	1	1	Nov
Fall Butter, excellent,	1	1	do	Van M. Leon Le Clerc,	1	1	Oct
Flemish Beauty,	1	1	Sept	Vicar of Winkfield,	1	1	Nov
Fondante, d'Automne,	1	1	Oct	Wurtemberg, productiv	1	1	Sept
Gold. Beurre, of Bilboa	1	1	Sept	Wolf Pear, of Pa.,	1	1	do

WINTER VARIETIES.

Beurre D'Aromberg,	1	1	Dec	Passe Colmar,	m	1	Dec
Bl'k Pear, of Worcest'r	1	2	Jan	Prince's St. Germain,	n	1	Feb
Easter Beurre,	1	1	Feb	Winter Nelis, best,	n	1	Dec
Pound Pear,	1	2	March				

ORNAMENTAL PEARS.

Chinese Sands,

Silver Stripe.

STRAWBERRIES—40 cents per 100.

Keene's Seedling, prolif	Hovey's Seedling, large,	Early Scarlet, small,
Early Virginia, fair,	Hudson, popular,	Grovesend Seedling.

EVERGREEN TREES.

Who does not admire them? and where on earth do they appear to better advantage than on our beautiful prairies? Anticipating the "rage" for Evergreens which begins to be manifested, we have spared neither pains nor expense in our endeavors to propagate them: after much ill success, we have at length the pleasure of offering a choice lot. Our stock of Cedars and Pines is particularly thrifty and fine.

Price, from 40 cents to \$1 00, according to size and rarity.

Balsam Fir,	Trailing Juniper,	White Pine,
Black, or Doubl Spruce,	White Cedar,	Yellow Pine.
Hemlock Spruce,	Red Cedar,	

DECIDUOUS ORNAMENTAL TREES.

Prices regulated by the size and real value of the trees.

Tulip Poplar, or White wood,	Larch, a beautiful tree,
Catalpa,	Persimmon, &c.

A large stock of Deciduous Cypress and Althea, American and European Mountain Ash, &c.; and a small assortment of flowering Shrubs, Roses, Honey Suckles, Dahlias, Phloxes, Carnations, Pinks, &c., &c.

HEDGE PLANTS.

Osage Orange, | Va. Thorn, | Althea, | Red Cedar.

As live fencing is our favorite theme, and we consider ourselves pioneers in the Hedging business, we will not therefore be outdone in either the quality, quantity or price of plants, of which we have myriads of the best quality on hand at all times. Pamphlets on Hedge Culture and catalogues supplied gratis, on application.

CHERRIES.

A limited supply of the following choice varieties. Price, from 25 to 50 cents each :

Black Tartarean, magnificent,	Early May, productive, good,
Black Eagle, superior,	Oxhart, large,
Black Morello, late,	Plumstone Morello, large.

PEACHES.

Comprising a succession of about three months. Price, from 12 1-2 to 20 cents each.

Early Freestone,	July	George the Fourth,	Sept'r
White, or Willow Peach,	August	Honest John,	do
Barnad's Monstrous, free,	do	Snow Peach,	do
Red Roman Nectarine,	do	China Flat,	do
Early Sweetwater,	do	Green Katharine,	do
Early Crawford,	do	Vanderveres Optimum,	Octb'r
Davis' Freestone,	do	Late Heath,	do
Noblesse Cling,	do	White Rareripe,	do
Blood Cling,	Sept'r	Poplar Peach, ornamental,	
Oldmixon Free,	do	Weeping Peach,	do.

PLUMS, APRICOTS, ALMONDS, &c.

Being somewhat skeptical as to the success and profitableness of the above fruits in this country, we therefore cultivate them sparingly, a few of the best varieties only. Price, 25 to 40 cents each.

QUINCES.

Price, 15 to 25 cents each, according to size.
Orange Quince, very large, | Elmwood Seedling, hardy, productive

GRAPES.

Well rooted vines, or layers. Price, 10 to 12 1-2 cents each.
Isabella, | Catawba, | Phelps' Fox, | Lisbon.