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Supplement to Fitzgerald's Nursery Catalog

Stephenville, Texas

This is sent out as a suppliment to our regular catalogue. Owing to the drouth that has prevailed over many parts of the state we have decided to keep our old catalogue and issue this suppliment. While everything else has advanced in price we intend to sell at the same old price we sold last season. Owing to the high price of all farm produce we expect fruit to go higher than ever before at the same time there is sure to be less raised. So the man who plants a berry patch or apple orchard or any other kind of fruit is sure to reap a reward such as he never reaped before. Last spring we sold blackberries at fifty to sixty cents per gallon and thought we were doing pretty well. Next spring we expect to sell them at seventy-five cents or better. Considering that most any good berry will yield from five hundred to one thousand gallons per acre we know of nothing that will pay better. It takes a berry patch one year to bear. Thus if you set a patch in the spring of 1918 you will have a crop in 1919 and a bumper crop in 1920. Does pretty well do it? We now have several late berries to prolong the season. Thus you can have berries from May until August. Below we list a few of the new berries we have. If you do not already have our regular catalogue a postal card will bring it. The Blower's Berry, very late, canes stand up straight. On deep sand this is a wonderful bearer. Price of plants \$1 per dozen, \$3 per hundred by mail. Maxwell Berry. Here is a medium late berry that out bears all late berries. The berries are extremely large, juicy and fine. At the same time the plants never get over two feet high. These small plants just simply get to be a mound of berries. A delight to the pickers and fill boxes faster than any other berry. Price of plants \$1 per dozen, \$3 per hundred by mail. Snyder Berry. This berry does well over Oklahoma and farther north. Plants grow high and vigorous. Fifty cents per dozen, \$2 per hundred by mail. This is all the new berries we will have to offer this year. For prices on McDonald, Early Wonder and other early berries write for our regular catalogue.

The Compass Cherry. Here is a cherry that has them all skinned for the South. Little trees no higher than three feet were literary loaded last spring with cherries as large as those shipped in from Oregon. We southern people can raise our own cherries now. The cherries are dark brown in color and bear right along under the limbs as thick as they can stick. Price of small trees by mail thirty-five cents each. By express thirty cents each. \$3 per dozen. Any family needs a dozen.

Texas Damson Plum. A great many people from the North have tried all kinds of Damsons here in Texas. I tried at least a dozen kinds and had about decided that they could not be raised this far south. At last a friend sent me a few trees from Brown county. He stated that he found some Germans out there growing them. I do not know whether they grow this kind of a Damson in Germany or not, but I do know that you can grow them in Texas if you plant this tree. The trees grow up rather straight. The plums are blue as indigo. They stick tighter than wax to the trees so that they never blow off. The trees bears as full as they can stick.

The plums make a wine colored jelly and the best of jam. My customers say that a bucket of these plums will make a bucket of jelly and a bucket of jam. Plant a few of the trees. They can hardly be beat. Price of trees thirty-five cents each or \$3 per dozen.

Omaha Plum. I want to again mention this grand plum. It seems to be a cross between a Japanese plum and the common wild plum that grows in the woods. The trees are very vigorous. They will live for years. The plums are dark blue and get ripe in August. The trees bear full every year. This and the Texas Damson are almost frost proof for I have never yet seen a frost kill either crop. These two plums are the ones to plant where frosts are late. If you want to be sure of a plum crop every year plant these two. Price of trees fifty cents each.

Old Fashioned Speckle Butter Beans. A great many people remember the old fashioned butter beans our parents use to grow in the gardens. I remember them and have been hunting for years for the kind. They make almost every year. They are of the bunch variety. There is no better bean than these fresh and as a dry bean they are hard to beat. Price of seed: Pint, twenty-five cents; quart, forty cents by mail.

This is about all the new things I have to offer. Now turn over and read what a few of my customers say. Then if you want a pretty good bill of trees and vines write for my regular catalogue. It will come in a jiffy.

November 16, 1915. Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald, Stephenville. Texas. Dear Sir: Please send your catalog or paper to W. H. Maxwell, also to Thmoas G. Knight. I was showing Mr. Knight the persimmon I got from you, the Eureka. It had two on this year, and they were beauties. Please send me two or three more papers so I can give to my friends and get them interested in small fruit. Yours truly,—A. W. Lee, Brevard county, Florida.

March 25, 1914. J. E. Fitzgerald, Fitzgerald Nurseries, Stephenville, Texas. Dear Sir: Enclosed herewith find P. O. order for \$3, for which send to my address Early Wonder Blackberry plants. I will scatter more of my McDonald, planting alternate rows with McD and Early Wonder. The Early Wonder plants you sent last year proved to be great drouth resisters, hardly losing any I set in the spring when native berries in neighborhood died badly that had good roots. The Rogers you sent did not stand at all. No fault of yours, however, as they took root and grew at first, but when the hot and extremely dry weather set in they could not stand, where the Early Wonder came through in fine condition. My health is very poor and I was of the opinion I would not be able to do anything, but I must get some more Early Wonder and other plants to fertilize my McDonalds. Yours truly,—A. P. Kell, Crawford county, Arkansas.

November 17, 1914. Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald, Stephenville, Texas. Dear Sir: Your favor of Nov. 5, came to hand in due time, and also the sample of Eureka persimmon. It arrived in fine condition, and is a beautiful fruit. It looks like a piece of waxwork. I have shown it to a number of persons and all admired it very much. I will want one hundred trees of your Eureka persimmon at the price you have named—four dollars a dozen. I presume that the month of February would be a good time to plant them in Virginia. If you will want me to put up a forfeit to hold

the trees until that time let me know what amount you will want and I will send it to you. Yours very truly,—L. J. Hill, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

December 13, 1913. J. E. Fitzgerald, Stephenville, Texas. Dear Sir: The berry plants received and were the best I ever saw. Just what I wanted as to size, roots, etc. There were more roots on one of these than there were on the whole hundred that I got from the Austin People last year. I am sending you list of the names of parties whom I think would likely need something in your line. Yours respectfully,—W. M. Sechrist, Hamilton county, Texas.

February 15, 1915. The Fitzgerald Nurseries, Stephenville, Texas. Black-berry plants received all right. Fine plants and more than I expected for the money. I planted them alternating and 15 inches apart. Will advise you how they turn out. Yours very truly,—Hugh Ralston, Mobile county, Alabama.

February 9, 1915. Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald, Stephenville, Texas. Dear Sir: I have just read your very interesting communication of the 5th instant and will say that I am very anxious for a few of your Tamopan persimmons to try out here on my grounds, and will gladly pay you any charges on them; more than that, I would be glad to get them and pay you a fancy price for them. From the description you give of them and from what I get from the 1910 year book I think the Tamopan must be a grand fruit and I am anxious for some of them. I guess I am just about as big a crank about new fruits of merit as an inventor is about his patents, and I guess you know how they are. Now about the Compass Cherries. From your letters, I have an idea that you think, as I did before trying them, they are only a bush fruit and it would require quite a few of them to produce much fruit; but that is all a mistake. My trees grew slow for the first two or three years, but have made a splendid growth during the last two years. They are now about seven feet high. I only have three trees of them of that size, but I wouldn't take money for them. Have some that I put out last year, and will put out more or them as soon as I can get more ground ready for them. In regards to me sending you scions from my Compass trees. I thought from your first letter that you wanted enough of them to use in fitting up a stock for your nursery business; but it seems that you want enough of them to start you a few of them for your own use, and perhaps I could give you enough so that you could afford to try them out. I kept them trimmed last year for fruit this coming season, and they haven't much scion wood on them now; but if you will let me know that you want what I can get from them, I will gladly send it to you. I realize that a nursery man is a very busy man and if you don't care to give your time to the small amount of scion wood that I could send you this season and will let me know that you will want it. I will try to save you quite a bit of scion wood next season. If you want me to send them please explain to me just what size and the lengths you would prefer, and just how to cut and pack them so they will reach you in the best condition also just when you would rather have them sent, and I will do the best I can with them. I will also say that I am very anxious to get at least one or two of your Eureka persimmons to try out here in the west and will order them early next season in order to get in before you sell them out. If you send the Tamopans by express please notify me by mail just when you send them so I can get them from

the express office as soon as they come, as I live about a mile from town. Very respectfully, Will J. Montgomery, Lynn county, Texas.

December 2, 1915. Fitzgerald Nurseries, Stephenville, Texas. Dear Sir: My trees reached me O. K. I want to thank you for the splendid manner in which they were packed for shipment. On account of rain we couldn't put them out for a week or more after receiving them and did not unpack them until ready to plant them. Upon unpacking them we found them still moist and in fine condition. Let me thank you, too, for the nice premiums you sent. I did not expect any premiums with such a small order. Yours very truly,—Mrs. J. E. Newman, White county, Arkansas.

January 17, 1914. J. E. Fitzgerald, Stephenville, Texas. Dear Sir: Last winter I ordered some blackberry plants and a few persimmon trees from you. In fact I ordered some persimmon trees from you the year before but all of them died. So last year I sent for a few more and among them you sent me two Eureka trees, they both lived while the rest, about ten in number, all died. I think your claim that they stand drouth perfectly is well founded. Will you please send me prices on one-half dozen Eureka, would like more but money is too scarce. My blackberries done fine, they bore some the first year they were planted. With best wishes, I am yours truly,—H. S. Arnold, Wilbarger county, Texas.

February 2, 1916. Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald, Stephenville, Texas. Dear Sir: The trees and vines arrived in good shape. Thank you kindly for the Eureka persimmon tree you sent me as a premium. I appreciate it very much, and should I need anything further in your line I will remember you. Yours truly,—R. L. Scott, Carter county, Oklahoma.

April 10, 1916. Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald, Stephenville, Texas. Dear Sir: A few years ago you may recollect I got some McDonald plants from you. In fact I have several times ordered from you, but about 3 years ago I ordered some Dallas blackberry plants from you to fertilize the McDonald where I had planted some root cuttings for a fertilizer and they had failed to come up to a stand. Well now I have come to what I wanted to ask you. In that 2000 plants there was a few plants of another variety, not more than 25 or 30, they must have all been in one bundle as the plants were all together in the patch. I did not notice the difference until they bore the first crop. You may have put them in as a "baker's dozen" for all I know—no difference, no way. From the description in your catalogues of your Early Wonder, the plants I have must be that variety. They bloom with the Dallas, but are very robust and very prolific—berry is rather longer than Dallas with smaller droops than Dallas. While I don't think the quality is equal to the Dallas, yet I like the berry on account of its prolific qualities and robust growth. It ripens when the McDonald begins to give way, but blooms with the Dallas and McDonald. Don't you think it is a stray bundle of the Early Wonder? I am anxious to place it or rather to know what to call it. If it is not Early Wonder, what is it? Well I am still planting the McD by the acre and like it fine. I have about ten acres in bearing this spring with several acres to hear from next spring. I am getting along in years and I may not be here next year. I wish you lived near so I could come over and borrow meal and talk berries. Well, success to you,—William T. Simpson, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.