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SUPPLEMENT EDITION FOR 1887

TO

J. Van. Lindley's Descriptive Catalogue

Pomona Hill Nurseries,

POMONA, N. C.

NEW FRUITS AND NOVELTIES FOR 1887:

The Yellow Transparent Apple and Lady Ingold Peach
STILL THE LEADERS.

THE THREE COMING PEARS.

COMET, LUCY DUKE, AND BEAUFORT.

THE THREE GREAT GRAPES.

LUTIE, NIAGARA, & WOFFORD'S WINTER.

THE RUSSIAN APRICOTS,

(See description), and last but not least, the three great

SOUTHERN PLUMS, MARIANNA.

PRUNUS SIMONI, AND KELSEY'S JAPAN.

In presenting this supplement edition of my now large descriptive Catalogue to my many friends and patrons, allow me to thank you for past favors and increased patronage.

It seemed, a year ago, in offering the many fine fruits, in supplement for 1886, that we had gotten about all that was worthy of our notice on this continent, but to my great surprise many new fruits of superior excellence, (see contents of this supplement), are still coming up, which seem to excel anything yet brought forward. The horticultural world seems now only beginning to bring forth the many hidden treasures from the nooks and corners, from the hillsides, from the mountains, from the far-off plains, from all parts of the world they come, and the day is fast coming when there will be no section on this continent where some fine or rare fruit will not succeed, so that every one owning land can, if he will, sit under his own vine and fruit tree.

GUARANTEE.

I guarantee stock to live *only* upon the following conditions, and will replace all Trees, &c., that die by August 15th, if the conditions are fully complied with:

Patrons must call at the place of delivery on the day notified to meet my agent and receive their Trees, &c., pay for the same according to contract, and plant and care for them as per printed instructions given on the notice. A report giving the number and kinds of Trees, &c., that have died must be made to my authorized agent or sent to me by mail by August 15th. By this time you can determine what number have died. Reports coming in after the above date will not be noticed. The Trees, &c., will be shipped with the Fall delivery at your place, or near you, if any; if not, they will be sent by Express with ample Trees extra to pay Express charges, thereby insuring you full value for your outlay.

The above guarantee refers only to retail orders, and will be strictly adhered to that class. No guarantee on stock bought in large quantities at greatly reduced or wholesale prices.

Blanks, to be filled out and returned, will be sent to persons who apply direct to me.

No agent or salesman has authority to make other than the above guarantee.

J. VAN. LINDLEY, *Proprietor*.

APPLES.

Yellow Transparent—The earliest apple. This fine early Russian apple comes to me with the highest recommendation of any early variety yet introduced. It has been fully proven in this country, ripening ten days before Early Harvest. An early bearer. Fine for market, as it will keep two weeks after picking. Flesh sub-acid, fine grained and juicy; size medium to large. Price, 75 cents each.

Hames—Originated at West Point, Ga. Large, roundish or roundish oblate, color whitish, striped, splashed and mottled with light and dark red, and moderately sprinkled with yellowish and brown dots. Flesh white, half fine, rather firm, juicy, brisk sub-acid; quality good; ripens with Red Astrachan. 1 year old, 3 to 4 ft. trees, 50 cents each.

Avera's Favorite—New. Large size, roundish oblate; covered with dull red, sprinkled over with white specks, flesh yellow, juicy and fair quality. The introducer, Mr. W. H. Avera, says "it is one of the finest, large late summer apples. The tree very vigorous and healthy, bears quite young and annually, has not missed a crop in fifteen years, one of the best apples for eating, drying or cider, and ripens from 1st of August to last of September." Price, 1 year old, 3 to 3½ feet, 50 cents.

Kimnard's Choice—From Tennessee. Size large, color dark red on yellow ground, beautiful, large, showy apple; bears quite young. Quality one of the best. A good keeper in Northern Georgia. Specimens sent me from Walker county, Ga., were in fine condition in January. Price, 50 cts. each.

Rue's Reliance—This new apple was received from Dr. Geo. N. Ennett, of Cedar Point, N. C.; originated with the Rue family of Carteret county, N. C., and is very popular in that section. Price, 25 cents each.

Van Hoy's No Core—Originated in Forsyth county, N. C. One of the best large Winter Apples. Striped with red on yellow ground; flesh yellow, sub-acid, rich and fine, with scarcely any core, whence its name. Price, 50 cents each.

Green Cheese—An old variety, too well-known for description. Early winter. 25 cents each.

Black Twig—Of Tennessee origin. A new variety, claimed to be similar to Wine Sap but larger and better keeper. Price, 50 cents each.

PEACHES.

Troth's Early—A fine early July variety. 25 cents each.

Large Early York—Large, roundish, nearly white in the shade, with red dots and with a deep red cheek next to the sun, fine grained, very juicy and with an excellent flavor. Ripe about 10th of July. 25 cents each.

Boyd's Early—New. From Texas. Claimed to be larger than the Hale's Early. Clear free-stone Ripe in June, about with Early Rivers. Price 50 cents each.

Cole's Early Red—Medium, roundish, mostly covered with light and dark red; juicy, rich, with a pleasant flavor. Valuable for its great productiveness and earliness. Ripe early in July. 25 cents each.

Thurber—Originated by Dr. L. E. Berkman, Rome, Ga. Fruit large roundish oblate; skin downy creamy white, shaded and mottled with pale red. A free stone, fine grained, juicy and melting. Ripe middle of July. Price 25 cents each.

Wheatland—New. Originated in New York. Fruit large to very large, roundish, skin deep golden yellow, shaded with a dark red on sunny side; flesh yellow, rather firm, juicy, sweet and fine quality; flesh is light red around the stone, which is small, and from which it separates easily. Ripens between Early and Late Crawford. Flowers large. A promising variety. Price 50 cents each.

Chair's Choice—New. Originated in Maryland. Large, yellow with red cheek next to the sun; a clear yellow free stone of fine quality. Ripe late in August in middle North Carolina. 50 cents each.

Globe Peach—This new variety has been grown by O. R. Shearer & Co., on the Tuckerton Fruit Farm in Berks county, Pa., with the old popular standards and many of the new sorts, and has proved superior to them all. Its size, beauty and flavor, have commended it so highly that it has brought for the past twelve years from 50 to 100 per cent. more than the best of other varieties. It is a freestone, golden yellow, with a red blush covering half the surface of the peach; globular in form; flesh yellow, flavor luscious, and in quality best. It has produced specimens nearly fifteen inches in circumference. The tree is a good bearer, and an upright, compact, vigorous, healthy grower, lasting longer than any other kind in cultivation. The fruit ripens with Crawford's Late, lasts a week longer, and on account of its firmness is admirably adapted for distant markets. Price, 75 cents each.

Reeves' Favorite—Originated at Salem, New Jersey. Fruit large, inclined to oval, with a swollen point; skin yellow, with fine red cheek. Flesh deep yellow, red at stone, juicy, melting with a good vinous flavor. Very hardy and productive. Ripe late in August. Price, 25 cents each.

Beer's Smock—This fine, large yellow freestone is an improved seedling of the old Smock, and is highly prized as a canning, drying and market variety. Ripening about same time as its parent. Price, 25 cents.

Butler's Late—Originated at Richmond, Va. Fruit of the largest size; skin greenish white with red cheek; flesh white firm and fine flavor. Tree vigorous and very productive. This promises a very valuable Peach owing to its combination of many valuable qualities, viz: very large in size, great productiveness, late ripening, coming in after Smock. Ripe from first to middle of September. Price 75 cents each.

PEARS.

Lawson—or Comet—This fine large early Pear originated in Ulster County, New York. The original tree is still standing in good bearing condition, is estimated to be over 100 years old, but until late years was never known outside of the Lawson family, who propagated it and kept it in their immediate family up to about eight years ago. They have trees of all ages

and so far no light has been known among them. The young trees are very productive. Fruit large for an early pear, specimens often measuring nine inches around, some larger. It is a beautiful crimson color on yellow ground, and they seem to absorb and reflect the rays of the morning sun and become more brilliant in clear dry weather. Flesh crisp, juicy, and pleasant. Should be used before getting over ripe. Ripens early in June with the little Doyenne De Ette, but is about as large as Louise Bon de Jersey. Being so early and so beautifully colored its value to the South is apparent. I procured my stock at heavy expense from A. J. Caywood of N. Y., and Wm. Parry of New Jersey, both leading pomologists, who procured their stock direct from the original tree. The demand for them is so great that they will be very scarce for some time.

Price, standard 3 to 4 ft., 1 year, \$2.00.

" dwarfs 2 to 3 ft., 1 year, \$1.50.

Lucy Duke and Beaufort Pears—Mrs. Lucy Duke, of Beaufort County, North Carolina, (near the coast), some eight years ago received a fine Pear from California, the seed of which she planted and raised two trees from the same. They began to bear at four years old. The fruit was so fine that it created quite an interest in that section. I hearing of it through one of my salesmen wrote to the lady for specimens, and when they were received in 1884 I saw at once that half their merits had not been told. I at once sent a man to see the trees and procure the right to cultivate. He procured the stock and bought both the original trees.

I named one of the varieties "Lucy Duke" after the originator, the other "Beaufort" for the county where it originated. From the appearance of the fruit of both pears, though two very distinct varieties, and from the growth of the trees in the Nursery, I am of the opinion that they are seedlings of the Winter Nellis crossed with the Bartlett, the growth being a little wiry like Winter Nellis, though upright like the Bartlett. The trees show the cross as much as the fruit, and as the Winter Nellis was never known to blight, we hope to find the same nature in these two valuable varieties.

THE LUCY DUKE—Size large, color golden russet, acute pyraform shape, quality one of the very best. Ripens in October.

Price, trees $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft., \$3.00 each.

" " 2 to 3 ft., \$2.00 each.

" " dwarfs, \$2.00 each.

BEAUFORT—Size medium to large; resembles the Winter Nellis in shape and color; flesh firm and sweet; can be classed among the best Winter Pears.

Season Nov. to January. Price, 3 to 4 ft. trees, \$2.00 each.

The following six points of superiority will recommend these Pears:

1. They are native Southern seedlings.
2. They ripen at a time when good Pears are always scarce.
3. They are seedlings of the Winter Nellis, and are most certain to be among the blight-proof list.
4. They have tough skins, which insures them to be good market Pears.
5. The quality is the very best, which is rarely found in a late Pear.
6. They are very young and prolific bearers.

When these Pears are tried the above facts will be verified.

In Oct. 1884, and again in Oct. 1886, I sent out a few specimens of Lucy Duke Pears to a few of the most eminent of our American Pomologists. Below I give their answers:

NEWBURG, N. Y., Nov. 3, 1884.

J. VAN LINDLEY, ESQ.,

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of the 25th Oct. to hand, together with the cigar box containing three large golden russet pears of an acute pyraform shape (Lucy Duke). I ate one of them yesterday and was much pleased with it. Quality

very fine, but had the appearance of being gathered too soon. If all is well another season, I want to see it again. Please give me the origin, history, &c.
Very respectfully,
CHARLES DOWNING.

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, Oct. 29, 1884.

J. VAN LINDLEY, ESQ.,

DEAR SIR:—I have had a great surprise to-day in testing your new seedling golden russet pear, Lucy Duke, of which we are making a colored picture. The pear was in good eating order, just ripe. I find it in some respects like the Bartlett, buttery, juicy and rich, flavor resembling in some respects also the Duchesse De Angouleme, but of flavor more like the Bartlett. It must be a cross between Bartlette and Duchesse De Angouleme. I think it one of the finest pears I ever tasted—nothing better that I know of. The size is about the average of the largest sized Bartlette. The rich russet color and tough skin are desirable in a market pear for transportation, and as it is a late pear it is invaluable.

You ought to make a fortune out of so valuable a pear. No such new pear of as good quality has been offered for many years past.

Yours respectfully,

D. M. DEWEY.

[From *Gardener's Monthly*, Dec., 1886, Thomas Meehan, Editor.]

PEAR, LUCY DUKE—In an essay read before a Western Pomological Society complaint was made that Eastern horticultural papers gave so little encouragement to the introducers of new fruits to write up their novelties, that new magazines were necessary to open up a new field for them. So far as the *Gardeners' Monthly* is concerned this remark has some show of truth, for we are continually under the unpleasant duty of declining cuts and descriptions of new fruits, not because we do not regard them good, but because we think that many branches of pomology have so advanced that mere goodness is no great recommendation. We want to be sure that a novelty is better in some one point at least, or for some special purpose, than others existing, before we think it worth an extended notice in our columns. Hence such things as apples, pears, peaches, strawberries and raspberries, where the varieties are very numerous, or new ones easily raised, it is not easy to produce a variety that will seem to us worthy of much space in the *Gardeners' Monthly*.

We illustrate to-day a pear we believe to be well worthy of the space the notice occupies—the Lucy Duke, raised by Mrs. Lucy Duke, of Beaufort, North Carolina, from seed of a California pear. It is a large brown pear, and reminds us very much of those excellent varieties raised by the late Bernard Fox, of San Jose, and which were figured by us at the time, one of which, the Barry, is working its way to high favor. The quality of this is fully equal to those excellent varieties. The fruit from which our drawing is made reached us in the middle of October. We would hardly like to say that the flavor is equal to a first-class Seckel, but one may safely aver that it is very little behind it. It has the same rich aroma that is so pleasing to all lovers of fine pears. The specimens came from Mr. J. Van Lindley, of Pomona, North Carolina.

DORCHESTER, MASS., Oct. 18, 1886.

Thanks for your favors and the Pears. The Large Pear (Lucy Duke,) is of fine quality, very melting, juicy and sweet, and may be classed as *very good*. The Golden Russet color will give it a ready sale in the markets, and from its lateness with you, I should think it a valuable variety for the South especially.

As ever yours,

MARSHALL P. WILDER.

(Marshall P. Wilder is President of American Pomological Congress.)

MOUNT HOPE NURSERIES, ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 22d, 1886.

MR. J. VAN LINDLEY, POMONA, N. C.,

Dear Sir: The samples of Lucy Duke Pear, which you so kindly forwarded have arrived. It is large, handsome and of fine quality.

Yours truly,

W. C. BARRY.

HAMMOND NURSERIES, GENEVA, N. Y., Nov. 11th, 1886.

J. VAN LINDLEY, POMONA, N. C.,

Dear Sir: The fruit received of you of Lucy Duke Pear in Oct. I regard as one of the best, all things considered of anything we have ripening at this season. Of course, if ripened at the North, it would be much later and as I can see, would possess a value to us that it would not have ripening at the South. I predict for this Pear a feature that will make it sought after by all wanting a superior late pear.

Yours truly,

S. D. WILLARD.

WAYNESVILLE, N. C., Oct. 29th, 1886.

J. VAN LINDLEY, ESQ.,

DEAR SIR:—I am greatly pleased with the "Lucy Duke" Pear. It is melting and juicy with a sweet, rich flavor. Its fine size and beautiful, golden russet color add to its attractiveness, making it, in my opinion, a first rate pear for table or market.

Yours sincerely,

GEO. E. BOGGS.

THE RURAL EXPERIMENTAL GROUNDS,

RIVER EDGE, BERGEN CO., N. J., Oct. 26, 1886.

My Dear Sir:—The specimen of Lucy Duke proved excellent in quality. It reminds me of Beurre Bosc at its best, though even then the Lucy Duke is rather sweeter, more tender and, in short, higher flavored.

Respectfully,

E. S. CARMAN.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 26th, 1886.

MR. J. VAN LINDLEY, Pomona, N. C.,

My Dear Sir:—Yours of 20th, also the Lucy Duke Pear, came duly to hand. I find it according to my taste very excellent quality, the very best I know of, coming in at this season, Oct. 25 to 30. Thanks for the favor.

Most truly yours,

P. B. WILLIAMSON.

PLUMS.

Marianna Plum—This wonderful new plum is an accidental seedling of Texas origin—introduced by Charles N. Eley. Tree a rapid and uniform grower. Fruit round and a little larger than Wild Goose; a deep cardinal red when fully ripe. Stone small and fruit of fine quality, persistent and not liable to be blown off by winds. Ripens before Wild Goose, the originator says from 2 to 3 weeks earlier. Messrs. Stark & Co., of Mo., who are leading Nurserymen and Horticulturists, claim the same, and I say if only one week earlier we have the most valuable market plum in the Marianna for the South ever introduced. It is entirely free from the ravages of the curculio and other insects and bears uniformly heavy crops all seasons. Price, 1 year, 3 to 4½ ft. trees, \$1.00 each.

The Marianna Plum has been held by the originator and sold under a trade mark up to 1886. It is now offered without restrictions. My stock was procured from T. V. Munson of Texas, and is warranted to be true to name.

Quackenboss—or *Large Early Blue Plum*—This is an old variety; good sized, very prolific and hardy. Valuable for market. I shipped to Philadelphia market and sold readily at 8 cents per pound. As a market plum it sells as well as the Wild Goose. Ripe last half of June. Price, 50 cents each.

✓ ***Prunus Simoni***—(*Apricot Plum*)—Tree very vigorous and thrifty, bears very young and profusely; the fruit hanging on trees when ripening shine like apples of gold, becoming a rich vermilion when fully ripe; quality among the best. Will bear shipping any distance. Has fruited in many sections of the United States and so far has proven to be clear of rot and insect blight. Ripens early, just after the Wild Goose. Price \$1.00 each.

✓ ***Shipper's Pride***—Size large; color dark purple; flesh firm and excellent quality. A fine shipping, drying and canning variety. Ripe last week in July. Price 50 cents.

✓ ***Kelsey's Japan Plum***—This is another great treasure of recent introduction from Japan; has fruited in California and several places in the South with the most satisfactory results. Fruit large and has every other desirable property according to the testimony of some of our leading national horticulturists. Ripens from 1st to middle of Oct. Does well in the South where the large blue plum does no good. Price, 1 year trees, 4ft. \$1.00 each.

RUSSIAN APRICOT.

Much has been said and written about Russian Apricots, a fruit that was introduced from Russia by a class of people called Mennonites, who settled in Nebraska and Dakota. Many seedlings were sent out which proved worthless. Messrs. Carpenter & Gage, leading horticulturists of Nebraska, spent much of their time during the Apricot season among the class of people referred to above, finding out the best varieties, and succeeded in finding six varieties commencing to ripen with the strawberry, and continuing for six weeks later in the season. They are sought after on account of their hardiness and great bearing qualities. Messrs. Carpenter and Gage owned and controlled the stock in 1885. I purchased a share and procured a portion of the stock, and no trees of the true varieties were offered for sale until last season, (1886.) Price, one year old 3 to 4 ft., \$1.50 each.

Below is a description of the six varieties as described by Carpenter & Gage:

✓ ***Gibb***—Tree hardy and symmetrical, a good bearer, fruit medium size, color yellow, flavor sub-acid, juicy. The best early variety. Ripening with the strawberry, it cannot help proving a great acquisition to the list of fruits.

✓ ***Alexander***—Tree hardy, an immense bearer, fruit large, color yellow flecked with red, both skin and flesh; flavor sweet, delicious; shape oblong; season last of May. One of the best.

✓ ***Nicholas***—Tree hardy, a splendid bearer, fruit medium to large, color white, flavor sweet, melting; season, early in June. A handsome and valuable variety.

✓ ***Alexis***—Tree hardy, an abundant bearer, fruit yellow with red cheek, size large to very large, flavor slightly acid, rich and luscious. Ripe June 10th. A good sort.

✓ ***Catharine***—Tree hardy, vigorous and productive, fruit medium size, color yellow, flavor mild, sub-acid, good. Season, middle of June.

✓ ***J. L. Budd***—Tree a hardy, strong grower and profuse bearer, fruit large size; color white with red cheek; flavor sweet, juicy, extra fine with a sweet kernel, as fine flavored as the Almond and used for the same purpose. The best late variety and a decided acquisition. Season last of June.

STRAWBERRIES.

✓ **May King**—A new seedling of the Crescent, but has a perfect blossom, and is considered more valuable on account of its earliness, and being very prolific like its parent the Crescent. Price, \$3.00 per 100.

✓ **Early Canada**—So far this has proven to be the finest very early berry grown in this section. Quality very fine, more uniform, about as large and considered more valuable than Sharpess. Price, \$3.00 per 100

✓ **Parry**—This new strawberry comes from New Jersey. has taken premiums at all the leading strawberry shows in that State, and is put down as one of the largest, best and hardiest new strawberries. Price, \$3.00 per 100.

Howe's Late Prolific—This late variety originated at Nashville, Tenn. It steps in and continues the strawberry season some three weeks. As fine as the Monarch and equally as large, often getting specimens through the entire summer. Price, \$1.00 per dozen, \$5.00 per hundred.

NEW GRAPES OF SPECIAL NOTE.

IN THE FRONT RANK,

✓ The Lutie Grape--First of All.

PRICE:—For One-year-old well rooted Vines, \$1.50 each.

In presenting to the public another new Grape, we shall not be surprised if opposition should be aroused. It may possibly provoke the wrath of prejudiced and interested parties, whose favorite fruit may be jeopardized by comparison and test side by side with the Lutie. Nevertheless feeling very sure of the justice of our cause and the superior merits of our new Grape, we venture to introduce the Lutie. "We want new varieties, hardy, healthy, and free from rot." Such is the Lutie. We only ask a fair trial at the hands of the public. We are disseminating the Lutie for the public good.

THE LUTIE GRAPE COMPANY,
NASHVILLE, TENN.

Its History.

The Lutie Grape was originated by Dr L. C. Chisholm, near Nashville, Tenn., as a seedling, after long and patient experiments through a series of years. The merits of one seedling were so conspicuous that he concluded to save it and give it a place in his vineyard, and to name it the Lutie. He compared it year after year with the newest and latest varieties as fast as introduced. He called in other parties to take notes and compare likewise. He allowed it to pass through seven seasons of fruiting. He gave the most highly vaunted of other grapes a fair trial side by side every season, and each additional new Grape grown by its side, only proved more plainly the superior merits of the Lutie. It proved the earliest of all.

It was introduced to the public through the "Davidson County Fruit Growers' Association" and won the universal commendation of every member. Its fruit was eagerly sought after by dealers, who paid three times as much for the Lutie as for other early grapes. It was more showy. It was sweeter and riper than grapes shipped to us from Southern points.

During the terrible winter of 1883-'84 when the mercury fell to 15° below zero young vines of the Lutie, unprotected in any manner, passed through uninjured to the very tip, and bore abundant crops the following season. It proved itself as hardy as the Concord.

The summer ensuing was a rainy season at the most critical fruiting period. Farmers remember how badly oats and wheat and hay were injured by frequent rains. These rains, with scalding sunshine, proved very trying to grapes everywhere, but the Lutie came out triumphantly. It was never known to rot or mildew.

During the fall of 1883, Dr. Chisholm felt so sure that the Lutie would not disappoint him that he gave notice through the Nashville papers that whether the season was favorable or unfavorable he would show this grape in bearing at his vineyard, and show it ripe on the 25th of July, 1884. And that he would prove his claim, that more good qualities were combined in the Lutie alone than in fifty other varieties, grown in the same soil and like cultivation.

This challenge was to the world and was widely noticed. A considerable number of gentlemen met at the vineyard of Dr. Chisholm and compared the Lutie as suggested. The warm friends of other grapes were present, and while maintaining their own favorite, were compelled to acknowledge the many virtues of the Lutie, and that Dr. Chisholm had just grounds for all he claimed.

In view of this wonderful exhibit a number of gentlemen became interested, and during the summer of 1885, after another season's exhibit, they organized a stock company, purchasing the right to control the stock of vines and its future propagation.

From the foregoing, then, we sum up the merits of

THE LUTIE GRAPE.

- 1st. It is the earliest.
- 2nd. Never known to rot or mildew.
- 3rd. An abundant bearer every season.
- 4th. Perfectly hardy. Enduring the severest winters. Standing the hottest summers without dropping its leaves.
- 5th. Flavor unequalled by any outdoor grape. Its fruit about the color of the Delaware, but four times as large. In fact it is the grape for the home, for market, for pleasure, or for profit.

TESTIMONIALS.

The following from a conscientious, conservative fruit grower and nurseryman, well-known in Tennessee: "I cheerfully give my opinion of the Lutie Grape. I have seen it ripe on the vines where it originated for three consecutive seasons. I am fully convinced that it combines more valuable qualities as a vigorous, healthy, fine flavored, early and productive grape, than any thing of the kind known to me.

WM. HY. SMITH,

Proprietor Williamson Nursery, Leipers Fork, Tenn.

Jan'y 30, 1885.

We present opinions of a few of those to whom we sent samples of the fruit :

Alabama Christian Advocate, Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 19th, 1885 :

"The flavor is perfectly delicious, and as sweet as any grape we ever tasted."

Rural and Workman, Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 19th, 1885 :

"The specimen sent us is more elegant than pen or word can intelligently portray. We most sincerely congratulate our Nashville friends upon their 'streak of luck' in this instance."

Cumberland Presbyterian, Nashville, Tenn., August 13th, 1885 :

"One day last week the writer, in company with other members of the Nashville newspaper fraternity, had the pleasure of visiting Dr. L. C. Chisholm's vineyard, for the purpose of being introduced to the Doctor's new grape, the Lutie, which is an original Tennessee grape. Knowing but little about grape culture, the writer felt very doubtful about being able to see any difference in grapes, and had rather taken it for granted that a grape was a grape, and that the difference in the variety, flavors, etc., only existed in the eye of the grape-grower; but on reaching the vineyard, and being invited in with the privilege of helping ourselves to such as we liked from a hundred varieties, every one of the party turned instinctively to the 'Lutie,' and pronounced it beyond question the best grape of the lot. Its sweet, delicious flavor; its thin, tender skin; its large, plump body, crowded together in such fat bunches, and the noticeable absence of specked or rotten grapes, makes it one of the most desirable grapes the writer has ever seen."

Spirit of the Farm, August 12th, 1885 :

"We took occasion last year, when this new variety of grape first claimed the attention of horticulturists, to give a description of the fruit and so much of its history as we were then familiar with. But the extraordinary qualities, especially as an early, prolific and hardy bearer, claimed for it by Dr. Chisholm, the originator of the Lutie, and one of the most successful vine growers in the State, so impressed us with its value, that we determined to watch it through the vicissitudes of another year—the rains of fall and spring, the drouth of summer, and the freezing winter months, before consenting to the Doctor's eulogy that it was 'the best grape in the world.'"

"The past year was a good one for testing all the qualities, in which it is claimed the Lutie excels. The condition of these grapes a few days ago—when we paid the vineyard a visit of inspection and to see the vines in bearing, their loaded condition with luscious ripe and ripening fruit as compared with nearly a hundred different varieties growing on the same ground—fully sustains all the friends of the Lutie have claimed for it, and unquestionably stamps it the best grape in America. This is certainly claiming a great deal for it, but nothing more than it deserves. On the same ground, and oftentimes with the runners intertwined together, we found the Lutie growing with the Concord, Ives' Seedling, Norton's Virginia, Lindley, and fifty other well known and deservedly popular varieties, and in every instance the former was so very much superior in quantity of fruit, and the condition it was in, that there was really no grounds for comparison."

"The Lutie is rather a large grape, much like the Delaware in color, flavor, and denseness of cluster; it has the sweetness of the little Delaware, to which it is evidently akin, but has a subdued acid which robs it of the flat sweet of the Delaware, and gives the Lutie a flavor peculiar to itself alone. The past winter tested the hardness of the vine, the present superior condition and heavy crop of fruit shows its superiority over all other varieties, and its richness of flavor and ripe condition at this time stamps it the earliest variety."

OFFICE OF THE WESTERN RESERVE NURSERIES,
Perry, Lake County, Ohio, Aug. 19, 1885.

We are in receipt of the box of Lutie grapes, for which please accept our thanks. We think they will soon go to the front in the grape world; their fine grain and splendid flavor cannot fail to attract the attention of an enterprising public.

Very truly,

L. GREEN & SON.

Early Victor—Originated in Kansas. Vine very hardy and healthy, vigorous and productive, bunch above medium, compact, often shouldered, berry medium, round, black with a heavy blue bloom; flesh slightly pulpy, juicy, sprightly and vinous, sweet and good; season, one week earlier than Hartford; is one of the very earliest grapes, valuable in the South as an early market variety. Price, 75 cents each.

Jefferson—This handsome red grape was raised by J. H. Ricket, Newburg, New York. It is a cross between Concord and Iona; foliage strong and healthy, vigorous in growth and very hardy; bunches large, shouldered, compact, berry above medium, roundish-oval; skin rather thick, light red with a thin lilac bloom; flesh tender, juicy, sweet, slightly vinous, aromatic. Maintains its freshness long after being gathered; quality fine, clusters large and handsome; is one of the most promising red grapes. Price, \$1.00.

THE NIAGARA WHITE GRAPE.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION.

The Niagara, originated by Hoag & Clark, of Lockport, N. Y., is a cross between Concord and Cassady. Vine remarkably hardy, and an unusually strong grower; bunches very large and compact, sometimes shouldered, uniform; many weigh 15 to 20 ounces. Berries large, or larger than Concord; mostly round, little greenish white semi-transparent, slightly ambered in the sun; skin thin, but tough and does not crack; quality good, has a flavor and aroma peculiarly its own; much liked by most people; very little pulp; melting and sweet to the center; parts freely from the seed, and as it never makes the tongue sore can be freely eaten by those who do not swallow grape seeds. It is very hardy. A Niagara vineyard owned by Thomas Beal, of Lindsay, forty miles north of Lake Ontario, stood 35° below zero without injury, and his vines were loaded with a massive burden of fruit this past season. Ripens with Hartford, but hangs firmly on the vine until frost, without shriveling or withering; enormously productive and a regular bearer. A one-year old vine set in 1878 produced twenty-five fine clusters in 1879, forty-seven in 1880, a large crop in 1881, in 1882 over forty pounds of fruit, making the aggregate weight ninety-five pounds produced the first four years set in vineyard. Another vine the fourth year from planting bore 145 clusters. One four-year-old vine in 1884, in the vineyard of Jonas Martin, Brocton, N. Y., produced 87 clusters which weighed 40 pounds, and all ripened and were picked at one picking, only two days after the first Niagaras in his vineyard were ripe, and when Concord was but one-third of them picked. No grape possesses so many qualities necessary to meet the wants of the amateur, the vineyardist, the connoisseur, the family, the commission men, the propagator and the general trade as the Niagara.

The above I deem sufficient, as this grape has been so well advertised. In 1885 a four-page circular was entirely devoted to this grape, with testimonials, &c. Price, \$1.00 each.

Wofford's Winter Grape—This remarkable grape was found growing in the original forest of northern Georgia. When found, though small, the vine was heavily laden with the most beautiful and delicious grapes. It was taken up and set in a grove of trees near a spring, where it soon spread almost entirely over the whole copse, consisting of several good sized trees and much intervening small growth. Here this grape grew for more than twenty years without pruning in a dense shade, bearing heavy crops each year, and it is most strange of all that in the whole of this period it was never known to rot or fall off.

A few years ago a part of this copse was cleared away, and the giant old vine was mostly torn down and trained to an arbor. The old mother vine is the admiration of all who see it, covering a large arbor, an apple tree, black-gum, holly, and is now reaching far into a large sycamore.

The grape is medium in size, jet black, grows in large, compact bunches, very sweet, with a peculiar, rich flavor, and is destined to become a great favorite as a desert grape. It ripens the 15th of September, and is guaranteed to keep in perfect condition on the vine until a hard freeze in winter. It has often been taken from the vine perfect and sound on Christmas day in northern Georgia.

It is claimed that this grape excels in the following characteristic points:

1st. It is a most vigorous and extensive grower.

2nd. In productiveness it is without a rival.

3rd. It needs but little pruning.

4th. It never rots or falls off; hardiest and best keeper known.

5th. It comes in at a time when all others are just gone.

6th. It can be gathered late in the season and kept well into the winter.

Price, \$1.00 each.

Testimonials of Wofford's Winter Grape.

GAINESVILLE, GA.

We, the undersigned citizens of Gainesville, have seen and eaten of the winter grape propagated by B. F. Wofford, of this place, and do heartily endorse it as a very fine grape, being entirely distinct from any other native grape we have seen. We believe this new grape will fill a place in the vineyard long sought for, and will extend the grape crop at least two months in the season. It is very sweet and palatable.

C. C. SANDERS,

DR. DANIEL FOWLER,

J. E. REDWINE, *Editor Gainesville Eagle*,

BANKS & BRO., *Bankers*,

J. E. ESTES, *Judge Superior Court*,

O. B. THOMPSON, *Largest Fruit Grower in Hall Co., Ga.*

P. F. LAWSHE, *Postmaster and Editor of the Southron*,

JNO. S. GAINES, *Sheriff Hall County*,

WM. B. SMITH, *Clerk Superior Court*.

GAINESVILLE, GA., March 10th, 1884.

I am satisfied that the Wofford Grape is the *best* grape for the late grape season. It is a grape long desired but never realized before. Unlike all other grapes it will hang on the vines long after ripening without rotting. It is as hardy as the wild grapes and as sweet as the Concord. Its general introduction will be a blessing to the people. I have a small vine about ready to bear, and I would not sell it and do without it for ten times its cost. You are at liberty to use my name in recommending it.

Yours truly,

A. A. MARSHALL,

Pastor Baptist Church, Gainesville, Ga.

GAINESVILLE, GA., February 5th, 1884.

This is to certify that I went, in October last, to see the much celebrated grape vine in White County, Ga., on the premises of Abraham Wofford. When I arrived I was satisfied that all I had heard was true, and more too; for I had no idea of finding one vine of 60 to 70 bushels of grapes, but such was the stubborn fact. The old mother vine, extending over 200 feet, was a sight to behold. But this was not the best part—the grapes were not only there in great abundance, but their deliciousness to the palate was what interested me most. The flavor is first rate, perfectly sweet, and with a peculiar go off to it that tempts one to hang on till prudence is ashamed. I am candid in the statement that this is the grape for the million, as it is not only good but lasts longer than any other known variety of domestic grapes.

MILTON A. SMITH, *Editor Piedmont Press.*

GAINESVILLE, GA., February 5th, 1884.

I visited the home of Abraham Wofford, in White County, Ga., in October last, to examine Wofford's Winter Grape. I found the mother vine literally covered with grapes of a most delicious flavor—entirely distinct from and much larger than any other native grape—and having *no resemblance to the wild or winter grape of the forest*. I kept some of the grapes, gathered first of October, till first of January, and found them sound and sweet, without being hermetically sealed. This new grape certainly has more good qualities than any other variety introduced in years past, and will extend the crop of good table grapes for several months—in fact it can be kept fresh and good all winter with proper care.

For vigorous growth, productiveness and keeping qualities, Wofford's Winter is far superior to any other grape I have ever seen.

R. V. COBB, *County Surveyor of Hall county, Ga.*

REDUCTION IN PRICES.

Retail prices in general catalogue on the following fruits reduced as follows for 1887:

PEACHES.

Lady Ingold—Reduced to 50 cents each.

Arkansas Traveler Peach—Reduced to 50 cents each.

Leading western pomologist placed the ripening of this peach ten days ahead of the Alexander and Waterloo, but I find with me it is but a very little earlier and much like them.

Galand's May and Hawkin's Winter—each 25 cents.

LeConte, Standard and Dwarf \$1.00 each.

Keiffer Hybrid—Standard, \$1.00 each.

The Keiffer Dwarf should not be planted as it rarely succeeds on quince stock.

Japanese Persimmon—Reduced to \$2.00 each.

Mulberry —Black and White E. Everbearing	reduced to	35 cents each,
“ Russian	“	“ 50 “

Printice Grape	“	“ 75 “
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Golden Pocklington Grape	“	“ \$1.00 each
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Lady Washington Grape	“	“ 1.00 “
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Deodar Cedar—*Evergreen*—This is the most stately evergreen and very rare: hardy in the south. Does not succeed north of Virginia. Price, 2 ft. \$2.00; 3 ft. \$3.00.

The following are a few testimonials from different sections. They speak for themselves. Hundreds of others can be produced:

BREMEN, FAIRFIELD CO., OHIO.

Dear Sir:—The cions are at hand in good order. Also your letter. Please accept thanks. Your Catalogue is also here. You have a fine list of fruits.
Very truly yours, R. J. BLACK.

INDIAN RUN, MERCER CO., PA.

J. VAN. LINDLEY,

Dear Sir:—Yours dated the 6th received on the 10th. Trees arrived a few days later in splendid condition. They are a very fine lot and very satisfactory. Many thanks for promptness. You shall hear from me again if I ever want anything in your line.
Yours respectfully,

JAMES A. NELSON,
Fruit Grower and Florist.

SMYRNA, CARTERET CO., N. C.

J. VAN. LINDLEY,

Dear Sir:—Four years ago I bought through your agent, Mr. Lloyd, 80 of your trees. They are now in bearing and have come fully up to my expectation, and have done so well I wish to get some more. I enclose a list wanted. Please forward by express at once.
Yours respectfully,

SAM'L W. HANCOCK.

CHESTER, S. C.

MR. J. VAN. LINDLEY,

Dear Sir:—Your favor received. I am so anxious to get some Le Conte Pears from your Nursery, that I will ask you to send me one dozen trees. If you can send 18 or 20 do so. I make this order as you stated that you were out of the variety for this season except for small orders. I desire to get the above number if possible, as it is a fact that trees grown in your Nursery seem to do extra well in this section, and are of more healthy and vigorous growth than other trees grown further North or South of Augusta. I have twelve thousand (12,000) peach and pear trees growing, one half of them over three years old, and one half over five. And the trees from your Nursery appear as I have above described.
Truly, &c., C. C. MACOY.

MEADSVILLE, HALIFAX CO., VA.

MR. J. VAN. LINDLEY,

Dear Sir:—I have in bearing an orchard of fruit trees that I purchased of your agent some years ago. The fruit is good. I want no better. In fact it surpasses what your agent represented it to be. My neighbors will testify to the same.
Yours respectfully, W. S. DODD.

INDIAN BRANCH, PIKE CO., ALA., July 28th, 1883.

MR. J. VAN. LINDLEY,

About two years ago I bought a bill of Fruit Trees, through your agent, and until this year I have been disposed to pronounce the thing a fraud, but now I see the fault was in me. They ripened finely, being fully up to your description and in some cases they even surpassed it. Some peaches ripened from the 1st to the 15th of May. I want more trees this fall.

S. W. SHIRLEY.

CAYUGA, MISS., 12-19, 83.

Dear Sir:—Trees, etc., per express, came safely to hand yesterday. I certainly did not expect you to ship me the extra Peach and Stawberry, as I was only short one tree in my bill, but I thank you for the same; believing and wishing that with such exactness and justness to your patrons, you will build up a large and lasting business over the Union, I am sir,

Yours truly,

CHAS. K. REGAN.

TROY, PIKE CO., ALA., Aug. 26th, 1883.

J. VAN. LINDLEY,

Dear Sir:—Three years ago I bought of your agent, (L. H. Henley,) a small variety of your Fruit Trees, and so far as I have tried them I find them to be a complete success. This year the most of the trees bore a large crop of fine fruit. The fruit was equally as fine as the specimen shown me when I bought the trees. My trees, with one or two exceptions, are *all* in a fine, healthy condition. I think any man who purchases trees of Mr. Lindley and gives them proper attention will not begrudge the investment.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN MILLS.

TROY, ALA., Sept. 6th, 1883.

This is to certify that I purchased of Pomona Hill Nursery an assorted lot of Peach Trees in the fall of 1880, and that they bore good crops this year, and that the fruit was fully up to the representations of the Nursery.

P. S. LAWLIS.

UTICA, HINDS CO., MISS., July 20th, 1884.

MR. J. VAN. LINDLEY,

Dear Sir:—The fruit trees purchased of J. L. Freeman, your agent, in 1880, have given perfect satisfaction. My neighbors think I have some of the finest fruits they ever saw. I am convinced that the Nursery is perfectly reliable.

HENRY COLEMAN.

RICEBORO, LIBERTY CO., GA., July 1885.

MR. J. VAN. LINDLEY,

Sir:—The fruit trees I got from you through your agent two years ago are bearing, and I have the finest fruit ever seen in this section. They are far ahead of what they were recommended to be. I have examined the Savannah market and found none that equalled mine. One of my Japanese Persimmons died, the other had on a nice crop of fruit this year, and it was fine. I want more of your trees. Please send me prices, &c.

Respectfully,

J. S. STEBBINS.

MIDWAY, MISS., May 28th, 1884.

MR. J. VAN. LINDLEY,

Dear Sir:—In 1880 I bought a lot of trees from your agent, Mr. John L. Freeman, mostly peaches, and among them I got one LeConte Pear which I planted in Nov. 1880, and my Le Conte Pear is now bearing. Peach trees bore some in 1883, and have some fruit on them this season; they are ripe now and are just as fine as the sample I saw when I bought them.

J. W. SMITH.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }

MERENGO COUNTY, }

OFFICE OF CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT,
MERENGO COUNTY.

Linden, Ala., December 17th, 1885.

I take pleasure in certifying that I have raised fruit from trees bought from the Nursery of J. Van. Lindley, Pomona, N. C., and know that it comes up to the

recommendation given by Van Lindley's agents, T. F. Coble and R. A. Smith. In a large delivery in this county I have not heard one complaint.

Witness my hand and seal of office of the Circuit Court, this the 17th day of December, 1885.

C. B. CLEVELAND. [SEAL]

MAGNOLIA, MARENGO CO., ALA., July 29th, 1885.

This is to certify that I have been buying fruit trees from J. Van. Lindley since 1880, and that I found all fruit true to name and exactly as represented.

HENRY SLADE, M. D.

DIXON'S MILLS, MARENGO CO., ALA., Dec. 14th, 1885.

This is to certify that I purchased from the Pomona Hill Nursery. (J. Van. Lindley proprietor), in 1881, a large variety of fruit trees, grapes, &c., which did splendidly in this climate, giving such perfect satisfaction that I have again bought from Messrs. Coble & Smith, agents for J. Van. Lindley, a fine variety, and advise every farmer who appreciates living at home to not fail to supply themselves of these gentlemen should they ever call to sell them a bill, as they misrepresent nothing and are perfectly reliable, as well as the Nursery they represent.

GOE. B. WRIGHT.

SALITPA, CLARKE CO., ALA., Dec. 8th, 1886.

MR. J. VAN. LINDLEY,

Dear Sir:—I write this certificate that the public may know how I appreciate your fruit trees. I bought, in the year 1882, a lot of peaches and pears. My peaches bore a fine crop this year and are as good as I ever saw. The crop was large and the fruit all that any man could ask in flavor. My pears have not yet borne, but I would not have them taken up for \$10.00 each. My trees have been badly managed and poorly cared for, but have grown finely and are as large as need be for their age. Some few of my trees bore fruit at two years after setting. I do not think the Southern people can invest in anything better than such fruit trees as yours.

Respectfully,

E. MCCORQUEDALE.

STATE OF ALABAMA, } Office of Probate Court,
CLARKE COUNTY. } JOHN M. WILSON, *Judge*.

GROVE HILL, ALA., JULY 5, 188

This is to certify that I have bought fruit trees from the Pomona Hill Nursery that I found all fruits as they were represented to be, and believe the Nursery to be reliable and trustworthy.

JOHN M. WILSON.

GAINESTOWN, ALA., SEPT. 1886.

This is to certify that I have purchased fruit trees of J. Van. Lindley, and have found the fruit excellent and true to description, and can fully recommend them as being up to their promises in every respect.

HENRY G. DAVIS, M. D.

SARDIS, MISS., DEC. 6, 1886.

J. VAN. LINDLEY, ESQ.,

Dear Sir:—My trees to replace those that died, to hand all "O. K." Many thanks. We have been fooled by the "Mushroom" nurserymen so often until some of my neighbors did not have much confidence in your replacing them. But all have got theirs that died replaced, and enough extra sent to pay the express. You will never experience any trouble in selling your stock in this county.

Very truly yours,

T. F. GAMNON.

EGYPT, MONROE COUNTY, MISS., MARCH 13, 1886.

J. VAN. LINDLEY,

Dear Sir:—The fruit trees and vines forwarded by Express on the 8th arrived in due time. Accept my thanks for promptness in correcting mistake made last fall. The trees are very fine. Would be glad to have a catalogue of your trees, vines, &c., next fall, as I wish to add some trees to my orchard, and prefer dealing with a man who keeps his agreement. I have tried some parties who disappointed me, and don't wish to do it again.

Yours truly,

FRANK WORD.

LYNVILLE, TENN., DEC. 4, 1886.

MR. J. VAN. LINDLEY,

Dear Sir:—Trees, &c., received O. K. They are best fixed up I ever saw. Every one seeing them was pleased with the way you had them protected. I am much pleased with your promptness, and much obliged.

Yours truly,

JNO. W. FRY.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, April 20th, 1886.

This is to certify that I bought a bill of fruit trees from an agent of Pomona Hill Nurseries, and set them out in Dec., 1883, and in 1885, my peach trees bore a good crop of peaches. I had ripe peaches on the 28th day of May, could get ripe peaches any time until the latter part of Oct. I have ordered another lot of trees believing that every man that purchases trees, &c., from Pomona Hill Nurseries, will get value received for his investment.

Very truly,

GEO. H. DAVIS.

GROVE HILL, ALA., Dec. 16th, 1886.

J. VAN. LINDLEY,

Sir:—This is to certify that we have been buying fruit trees from your Nursery since 1882, and have found all fruit trees to name and exactly as represented.

Respectfully,

CALEB J. FLEMING,
C H. DOYIER.