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—OF—

FRUIT * TREES

—AND—

GRAPE VINES,

—FOR SALE BY—

Thomas J. Garden,

Spring Hill Nurseries,

Prospect, Prince Edward County, Va.

ESTABLISHED IN 1845—THE OLDEST NURSERY IN VIRGINIA.

PRINTED AT THE
JEFFERSONIAN JOB OFFICE,
JAMES BLAKEY, PROPRIETOR,
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

SPRING HILL NURSERIES.

APPLES. \$10 PER HUNDRED.

SUMMER.	AUTUMN.
✓ Yellow May,	Porter, August
✓ Striped June,	Cat Head, August
✓ White June,	Maiden's Blush, August
✓ Dick Morton, July	✓ Summer Queen, August
✓ Red Astrachan, July	✓ Gravenstein, August
✓ Amos Sumner, July	✓ Wooten, August
✓ Early Harvest, July	✓ Jersey Sweet, September
✓ Striped July, July	✓ Royal Pearmain, September
✓ Summer Pearmain, July	✓ Rambo, September
✓ Early Lippincot, July	✓ Cuningham's Cheese, September
✓ Sweet Bough, July	✓ Fall Cheese, October
✓ Arnold's Cheese, July	✓ Twenty Ounce, October
✓ Ridge Pippin, July	✓ Bullock's Pippin, October
D. of Oldenburg, October	

WINTER.	WINTER.
✓ Baldwin,	✓ Shockley,
✓ Albemarle Pippin,	✓ Nansyman Beauty,
✓ Barka's Lina,	Ben Davis,
✓ Carthouse,	Willow Twig,
✓ Clarke's Pearmain,	Northern Spy,
✓ Goosepen,	✓ Nero,
✓ Golden Russet,	✓ Stark,
✓ Lady Apple,	✓ Wilfords' Yellow,
✓ Hughes' Virginia Crab,	P. Winter Sweet,
✓ Limbertwig,	Winter Cheese,
✓ Siberian Crab,	Ivanhoe, 50 cents, (see description)
✓ Rawle's Genet,	Maun,
✓ Wine Sap,	✓ Johnson's Fine Winter,
✓ Dominie,	✓ Peck's Pleasant,
✓ Pryor's Red,	✓ Yellow Wine Sap, 20 cents

PEACHES. \$15 PER HUNDRED.

✓ Briggs' Red, May-June	✓ Belle De Vitre, August
✓ Early Alexander, or June	✓ Summer Heath, August
✓ Amsden's June, June	✓ Snow Peach, August

Peaches—Continued.

✓ Early Waterloo,	June	Crawford's Late,	August
✓ Early Beatrice,	June	LeGrange,	September
✓ Early Rivers,	June	Smock Free,	September
✓ Early Louise,	June	Old Newington,	September
✓ Downing,	June	Old Mixon,	September
✓ Saunders,	June	Melacaton,	September
✓ Wilder,	June	White Plum,	September
✓ George IV,	July	Stump the World,	September
✓ Foster,	July	Large Fall Heath,	October
✓ Early Tillotson,	July	Incomparable,	October
✓ Pinkney Seedling,	July	Comet,	October
✓ Red Rarripe,	July	Algiers Winter, (50 cents)	October

CHERRIES. 50 CENTS EACH.

✓ May Duke,	Early	Bell De Choicey,	Medium
✓ Early Richmond,	Early	Kentish,	Late
✓ Wax,	Medium	Morello (or Pie)	Late
✓ Quelling,	Standard		

PEARS. 50 CENTS EACH.

✓ Boykins' June,	June	Le Conte,	September
✓ Blood Good,	July	Buerre Diel,	September
✓ Madeline,	July	Steven's Genesee,	October
✓ Bartlett,	August	Kieffer,	October
✓ Clapp's Favorite,	August	Beurre D'Anjou,	October
✓ Seckel,	August	Duchess D'Angouleme,	October
✓ Flemish Beauty,	August	Winter Nellis,	November
✓ White Doyenne,	August	D'Alencon,	November
✓ Belle Lucrative,	September	Beurre Easter,	January
✓ Louise Bon de Jersey,	September	Holland,	January
✓ Maria Louise,	September	Glout Morceau,	January
✓ Virgalieu,	September	Vicar of Wakefield,	January
✓ Taylor,	September	St. Germain,	January
✓ Gansel's Bergamot,	September	Jefferson,	February

GRAPES.

✓ Noah,	25 cents	Davis,	50 cents
✓ Moore's Early,	50 cents	Clinton,	25 cents
✓ Telegraph,	25 cents	Hartford Prolific,	20 cents
✓ Prentiss,	50 cents	Isabella,	20 cents
✓ Brighton,	30 cents	Salem,	25 cents
✓ Lady,	40 cents	Wilder,	25 cents
✓ Concord,	20 cents	Cunningham,	50 cents
✓ Delaware,	25 cents	Martha,	25 cents
✓ Diana,	20 cents	Catawba,	20 cents
✓ Goethe,	50 cents	Norton Seedling,	50 cents
✓ Weller's Halifax,	25 cents	Ives Seedling,	30 cents

Niagara, \$1 00

STRAWBERRIES.

Albany (Wilson's),	\$1 per 100	James Vick,	\$1 per 100
May Queen,	2 per 100	Manchester,	1 per 100
Charles Downing,	1 per 100	Monarch of the West,	1 per 100
Kentucky Late,	1 per 100	Mt. Vernon,	1 per 100
Sharpless,		\$1 per 100	

RASPBERRIES, QUINCES, PLUMS, &C.

RASPBERRIES. \$1 per doz.		PLUMS. 20c.	
Cuthbert,	Hansell,	Damson,	Green Gage,
Reliance,	Turner,	Blue Plum.	
Souhegan,	Gregg,	GOOSEBERRIES, CURRANTS, ETC. 25c.	
Orange,	Doolittle.	Apricots,	50 cents each
QUINCES. 20c.		Nectarines,	50 cents each
Meeches (50c.),	Champion,		
Orange or Apple.			

ORNAMENTAL TREES, SHRUBS, &C.

North Carolina Poplars, Tulip Trees, White Fringe, Snowball, Chestnut, Arbor Vite, Weeping Willow, Spirea (white and colored), Missouri Currant, Osage Orange, Pomegranate, Rose of Sharon, Myrtle (pink and purple), winter-blooming Jessamine, 100,000 Box (tree and dwarf for hedges), Ivy, Philox, Roses, Tulip, Lilies, Hyacinths, Figs, Asparagus, Rhubarb, Balm of Gilead, Golden Willow, &c.

THE IVANHOE APPLE.

DESCRIPTION.—Medium to large; well proportioned; color, a light golden yellow when mellow; sometimes slightly shaded with red; cavity shallow; basin shallow; shape round, conical; rich sub-acid, pippin flavor. Trees grow to fine size; bear abundantly every year. Fruit hangs on the tree till Christmas—keeps all the year round with no special care. Special premiums awarded the Ivanhoe apple as to its size, eating and keeping qualities, both at the Lynchburg and Richmond fairs in October, 1886, and a complimentary certificate as to the merits of the Ivanhoe awarded by the Virginia State Agricultural Society December 27th, 1886.

Price 50 cents each. Scions, postpaid, \$2 per 100, and \$15 per 1000 by express.

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT THE IVANHOE APPLE.

R. H. Harris, Moorestown, N. J., says: "I have eaten the Ivanhoe apple. In May and June almost everyone has felt a desire for a fresh, juicy apple to eat, which desire this apple will satisfy."

R. W. Brightwell, Prospect, Va.: "I have gathered fruit from the original tree. Excellent eating apple; fine size; good for market; keeps long after other winter apples are gone."

W. O. Hurt, fruit dealer, Lynchburg, Va.: "It is a good apple."

H. L. Lyman, associate editor of *Fruit and Grape-Grower*, Charlottesville, Va.: "Sprightly pippin flavor; evidently of pippin type."

Editor *Farm and Home*, Dover, Del.: "Our Delaware and Maryland fruit-growers should try the Ivanhoe apple."

Dr. T. H. Venable, Prospect, Va.: "The flavor to my taste is all that I could wish. It has kept on my place till gathering time in fall."

Horticulturist, Bridgeton, New Jersey: "We think the Ivanhoe is destined to become one of our best winter apples."

James Fitz, associate editor *Fruit and Grape-Grower*, Charlottesville, Va.: "This new apple doubtless deserves the attention of fruit-growers."

TERMS.

Cash in advance, unless otherwise understood. No charge made for delivery of trees at the depot, 3 miles off, but a small charge will be made for packing, which is done by machinery, and so effectual as to insure safe delivery to the most distant point. I take pride in sending out perfectly reliable stock—true to name and of first quality.

I have no travelling agents. Commissions that agents would get consequently saved by the purchaser.

T. J. GARDEN,

Spring Hill Nursery, Prospect, Va.

Headquarters of Ivanhoe Apple.

REFERENCES.

For fair and honorable dealing I beg leave to refer to the following patrons:

Chase Bros., Rochester, N. Y.; Hoopes Bro. & Thomas, West Chester, Pa.; O. Dickinson, Salem, Oregon; Hood & Winn, Richmond, Va.; West Jersey Nursery Co., Bridgeton, N. J.; D. O. Frantz & Sons, Springfield, Ohio; Wright & Craighill, Lynchburg, Va.; R. V. Shipley, Howard County, Md.; J. T. Lovett, Little Silver, N. J.; A. M. Bowman, Saltville, Va.; J. C. Chastaine, Thomasville, Ga.; Prof. V. Vaiden, Lanexa, New Kent County, Va.; D. O. Munson, Falls Church, Va.; A. C. Tompkins, Owensboro, Ky.; Rev. J. J. Lafferty, Richmond, Va.; Samuel R. Tuggle, Covington, Ky.; E. W. Robertson, Crozet, Albemarle County, Va.; R. H. Royster, Henderson, N. C.; A. R. Blakey, Charlottesville, Va.; A. M. Purdy, Palmyra, N. Y.; G. E. Boggs, Waynesville, N. C.; D. E. Best, Leigh County, Pa.; Ellwagner & Barry, Rochester, N. Y.; Eli Murich, *Farm and Garden*, Philadelphia; C. W. White, Marion, Va.; Dr. E. W. Rogers, Jennings' Ordinary, Va.; R. H. Haines, Moorestown, N. J., &c., &c.

SPRING HILL NURSERIES,
PROSPECT, PRINCE ED. CO., VA.,
December 29th, 1886.

A. R. Blakey, Esq., Editor Fruit and
Grape Grower, Charlottesville:

MY DEAR SIR:—In reply to your letter asking information "as to the history of the 'Ivanhoe' apple, its merits as a long keeper, its eating qualities, its appearance, and its size" I make the following statement:

About seven years ago my attention was called by several hunters to the fact that they had found some time in the winter under what appeared to be a seedling apple tree in this neighborhood among the broom sedge, large yellow apples of fine flavor, and thinking the fruit very worthy of propagation, they sent me some of the cuttings which I grafted in a nursery designing to test fully its merits and if it proved to be a good durable variety, to lay hands on it, but if not, to let it alone. To my surprise these nursery trees at two years of age bloomed and bore fruit. This was proof that it was an early bearer, a fact that has been corroborated every year since. Last spring many of my two year old trees in nursery rows not only bloomed but bore apple of good size, and the specimens exhibited at the Lynchburg and Richmond Fairs in October last were plucked from a two year tree, five feet high, in the nursery row, for which I was awarded at both fairs special premiums, and to-day's mail also brings me a complimentary certificate as to the merits of the "Ivanhoe," awarded by the Virginia State Agricultural Society.

Having satisfied myself that it was an early bearer, I saw also that it was a heavy bearer. Not only has the original tree been weighed down every year for seven years, but my five year trees have annually borne more fruit than they ought to carry; and one two-year-old tree in nursery row, produced this year twelve good sized apples.

I claim for the "Ivanhoe" that it is a constant bearer. There have been no off years since I have known it. As to its eating qualities—not only does the accompanying printed certificates of various gentlemen attest its value in this respect; but the fruit committees, at the Lynchburg and Richmond fairs in October last, who tasted the apples, expressed themselves highly pleased with the flavor. I also recollect that your worthy associate editor, Mr. H. L. Lyman, was present, and after examining the apples carefully, remarked that "*it was evidently of the pippin type, and had a sprightly pippin flavor.*" I noticed likewise that that excellent judge of fruits, and formerly a well-known nursery man in his more active days, Mr. O. Hurt, of Lynchburg, remarked with a significant nod of the head, "*it is a good apple.*" It must be recollected that the same apples would not only have tasted better, but would also have colored up better, in their proper season, which is *late winter* or *spring*. It is crisp and juicy, and no doubt would make good cider, as it has abundance of rich juice though this has not been tested. Its color is a light golden yellow, when mellow.

In its green state it is somewhat like the Albemarle pippin, of which it may be an accidental seedling.

Its size is medium to large—well proportioned, and just the prettiest form an apple can take. Accompanying certificates show that the fruit is larger than the winesap or Baldwin. My largest specimens this year measured equally with the largest winesaps.

As to its keeping qualities, I have tested the "Ivanhoe" by an ordeal that no other apple I know of can stand. In the second year of my test of the "Ivanhoes'" keeping qualities, there was very cold weather in the fall of the year. There was an ice spell in November, and heavy freezes lasting through December. I had gathered all my apples in October, except the "Ivanhoe," and let them hang on the trees until a few days before Christmas. They went through at least a dozen freezings and thawings on the trees before they were gathered, and when I housed them I put them in a room where it was intensely cold, and where there was a fire only occasionally. Here they went through another succession of freezings and thawings. After this rough treatment, I put them in a box side by side with some of the latest keepers, such as the winesap, the Roxbury russet, the Carthouse, limbertwig, and a half dozen other kinds that had been properly housed and taken care of, and in this unequal race for the mastery, the "Ivanhoe" outstripped them all by many months, keeping even till far into July, when they were eaten at the same time with "Ivanhoe" apple pies of the new crop, and with the old apples and pies of the new crop were pronounced, as you will see from the certificate, "all that could be desired to the taste"—thus establishing the fact that the "Ivanhoe" alone will furnish fresh fruit all the year round. Suffice it to say, I have kept "Ivanhoe" apples every year for five years till the next year's summer apples were plentiful everywhere. And this, too, without any special care as to guarding against extremes of heat and cold. Last year the "Ivanhoe" kept till gathering time this year, thus making the circle complete—keeping till the same apples come again—all the year round.

To sum up, I claim for the "Ivanhoe" the following desirable qualities, feeling confident it will not disappoint public expectation:

- 1st. The original tree is not a dwarf, but has grown to fine size.
- 2nd. The "Ivanhoe" bears early, often at two and three years of age.
- 3rd. It bears every year.
- 4th. It bears abundantly.
- 5th. The flavor of the fruit is excellent, crisp and sprightly.
- 6th. The size is medium to large, growing as large as apples ought to grow.
- 7th. The prettiest form an apple can take.
- 8th. A light golden yellow when mellow, occasionally a slight shade of red blush.
- 9th. Fruit hangs on the tree very late, till Christmas.
- 10th. Keeps all the year round.

TESTIMONIALS.

John C. Richardson, Farmville, Va.: "Your fruit trees are all that I could wish, I never saw finer, I do not want them cheaper or better."

April 22, 1884.

E. W. Rogers, M. D., Burkeville, Va.: "The 400 fruit trees I bought from you came to hand well packed and not a missing one. Every body praises your trees."

Dec. 10, 1885.

J. T. Chastaine, Thomasville, Ga.: "The Ivanhoe trees you sent me were nice trees, and came well packed."

Dec. 1, 1884.

Chase Bros., Rochester, N. Y.: "Your Ivanhoe trees came in good condition."

Dec. 7, 1883.

S. H. Boilleau, Farmville, Va.: "Some of the finest strawberries raised from your vines measured 6 inches around."

May 29, 1885.

W. L. Steger, Fluvanna County, Va.: "All who have seen the trees I bought of you are well pleased with them, so you may look for more orders from this section."

April 22, 1886.

J. R. Young, Clerk of Court, Henderson, Vance County, N. C.: "The lot of fruit trees, consisting of peaches, apples and pears, shipped to this place, were select in all respects. Carefully packed and labeled, with excellent bodies and roots. The general condition of your trees deserves special mention."

May 7, 1886.

G. A. Creasy, Mount Airy, Pittsylvania County, Va.: "The trees and vines purchased of you last spring were the best stock for less money than I ever bought of any nurseryman. Your low prices and honorable way of dealing entitle you to a large share of the fruit-growing patronage."

July 5, 1886.

A. M. Bowman, Saltville, Va.: "The 400 apples trees bought of you, for the grounds of the S. W. Lunatic Asylum, at Marion, Va., gave general satisfaction."

May 1, 1887.

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BY THOMAS J. GARDEN.