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DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

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THE - LAKELAND - NURSERIES,

—SEASONS 1894-95.—

Lakeland, Polk County,
FLORIDA.

C. M. MARSH, Proprietor.

REFERENCE:—The Lakeland Bank, Lakeland, Fla.

→: To Our Friends and Patrons. :←

N presenting this our 1894-95 catalogue, we feel that no introduction is necessary, so far as our former patrons are concerned. To our prospective customers, who are strangers to our methods of growing citrus nursery stock and disposing of same, we would say:

That we were among the earliest advocates of superior stock in this vicinity, having grown nursery and grove trees for the past ten years in this county.

We have made a careful study of the best soils, best fertilizers, and the most improved methods of producing a high grade of citrus nursery stock. How far we have succeeded we leave it to our patrons to say, being willing to abide by their verdict.

Certain it is, the class of trees we produce are good growers and good sellers. Where one order goes, others are sure to follow. The stock we send out is our best advertisement.

For several seasons past we have sold out nearly clean, and seldom have any two-year old buds to offer, over one-year old buds being better than many two-year old's, is the secret of our success.

It is a well-known fact that trees grown on high land, when removed to a lower elevation of equal or richer soil, always prove more satisfactory than when removed from low to high land. Our nursery is 225 feet above sea level, the highest point on the Peninsula of Florida.

We assure you it shall always be our highest aim to furnish nothing but a first-class article, and at a reasonable price; and to treat all orders intrusted to us with such liberality, as to size and quality of stock furnished, as to merit a continuance of same. By this means we expect to secure the good will of customers in the future as we have in the past, and thus retain their confidence and patronage.

Let us suggest that you make us a trial order which shall have our careful attention. We are confident of our ability to please you.

Thanking all of our past customers for the liberal orders we have been favored with, and soliciting a continuance of the same, we are

Respectfully yours,

C. M. MARSH.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Read Carefully Before Ordering.

Location.—The Lakeland Nurseries are located at an elevation of 225 feet above sea-level, three blocks north of public square, Lakeland, Polk county Florida. The land upon which our nursery is situated, is conceded to be the best for growing citrus nursery stock; producing a very fine grade of trees, "with a root system of great strength and vigor," rendering transplanting safe and easy.

Quality of Stock.—All of our trees are grown to stakes, and are straight, thrifty and well rooted. Grading and sizing accurately done; trees dug and handled carefully, the fibrous roots never allowed to become injured by sun or wind. All of our trees are budded on grape fruit or sour orange stock, which being a tremendous grower is a great favorite and is becoming more popular every year.

Guaranteeing Trees.—We guarantee all trees shipped from these nurseries to be as represented. We personally attend to the budding of all our stock, and use the utmost care to keep it pure and true to name, and we hold ourself in readiness, upon proper proof, to replace, free of charge, all trees that accidentally prove untrue, or refund the money paid therefor. But it is mutually agreed and understood that our liability shall not exceed the sum originally paid for said trees that prove untrue.

Packing and Charges.—We pack all trees in the best, possible manner, in bales or boxes, according to size of order and distance of shipment. Trees can be sent with safety to any part of the United States or foreign countries. We make no charge for packing.

Transportation Facilities.—We can ship via the main line of the South Florida R. R., High Springs Division of S. F. & W. R. R., or via Steamship from Port Tampa or Punta Gorda. The best facilities for shipping of any point in the State.

Shipping Instructions.—Please furnish explicit directions as to shipping and by what route. In the absence of any instructions we ship according to our best judgment, but in no case do we assume any responsibility for condition or safe delivery of trees after same have been properly packed and delivered to transportation companies.

Prices and Estimates.—Compare our prices with those of any responsible party, and send us a list of your wants, and we will cheerfully furnish estimates on all lists submitted. In applying for estimate, state variety, size and quantity wanted as nearly as possible.

Invitation to Visitors.—We take pleasure in showing the class of stock that we produce to all intending purchasers. We can always sell a man trees if he will come and inspect them, as we have as fine a stock as ever grown in the State.

Early Orders.—Order your trees early and secure the kinds and sizes desired. Varieties are often exhausted before the season is half over.

Remittances.—May be made by Bank Draft, P. O. Money Order, or Registered Letter.

Unknown Correspondents.—Must send cash with the order or furnish satisfactory references.

DESCRIPTION OF VARIETIES.

Marsh Seedless Pomelo—(Grape Fruit). Medium size, (will pack 54 to 62 to box.) Thin rind, with about half the usual bitter. It is a true grape fruit, and not a hybrid, with all the characteristics of the common varieties, with the exception of being almost absolutely seedless. Some times you will find a fruit containing three or four shells of seeds, but as a rule they have none at all. With the absence of the seeds, the amount of juice increases, the flavor improves, and the fruit retains its noted qualities, and the pulp or meat is dark and rich. In serving this

fruit you are not required to remove from 80 to 90 seeds as is necessary with common grape fruit, but is ready for the table when cut in halves.

The fruit is known to be a late keeper. The fact of its not having seed, that would be liable to germinate when left late on trees or in storage, increases its keeping qualities to a great extent, and is another fact greatly in its favor. The old original seedling trees, that we have our propagation from, was a prolific bearer for 30 or 40 years, and a three-year old bud will bear all the fruit that it should hold at that age.

Thompson Pomelo. (Grape Fruit.) Size large; skin smooth; remarkably juicy, but slightly bitter; hangs on the tree without deteriorating until July. Fruit borne in immense clusters. Very prolific. The original tree, a native seedling.

Aurantium. (Grape Fruit.) A chance hybrid between a sweet orange and Pomelo, in size smaller than the common sorts; very sweet, with little or none of the bitter principle in the rind. Late to ripen, good keeper.

Boone's Early. Medium; skin thin; pulp tender, with very little "rag," and few seeds. Quality excellent. A new variety, which is attracting much attention and being extensively planted. Claimed by its introducers to be "the earliest of all."

Parson Brown. Size medium, round or slightly oblong, skin thin and smooth, very solid and juicy; a sweet and delicious orange, good in October but better in November, hangs well and ships well, will retain its juices until March. This is our best early orange. Tree a very strong grower and a heavy cropper.

Hart's Late. Of medium size, round or slightly oval; smooth; very solid and heavy, the flesh being very firm; flavor when ripe, brisk and racy. Peel of a lightish cast; few seeds. The tree is a very strong, spreading and vigorous grower; the foliage is distinct, having few thorns; prolific. The fruit ripens in May, and hangs on tree in good condition until August. It is the latest of the varieties cultivated, and one of the best.

Maltese Blood. Fruit medium in size, round or slightly oblong, skin very smooth, thin and tough, very juicy, sweet and sprightly, good in December, but better in April, good shipper. Tree prolific and vigorous, practically thornless. foliage distinct.

King. (Often miscalled "*King of Siam*" and "*King Tangerine*.") Very large; flattened, and with loosely adhering rind and segments, like all the Mandarin varieties; color orange-red; skin rough, but general appearance fine; juicy, meaty; its high and peculiar aromatic flavor is very agreeable; it has few seeds; flesh deep red-orange, inner lining of rind and membranes bright buff. At its best in March, April and May; keeps in good condition even later. Tree grows to a larger size than most Mandarins, is an exceptionally strong grower, and very productive. In all respects a superior variety.

The King is by many considered the finest of Oranges. It is rich, juicy, and has a high flavor peculiarly its own; certainly unsurpassed in quality. Although the surface of the rind is uneven and sometimes knotty, the fruit is large and handsome, as well as unique and peculiar, and the exquisite, high coloring of the interior, orange-red flesh in delicate buff linings, makes it a very attractive dessert fruit. It ripens late, not reaching maturity before April, and commands a high price. No orange is more profitable. The trees are strong, vigorous grower, and very productive, and is claimed will stand more cold than the Satsuma.

Satsuma. Medium, flattened; the color is not red, like the King and Tangerine, but a deeper yellow than the Mandarin; rind and segments part freely; flesh fine-grained, tender, juicy, sweet and delicious; entirely seedless. September, October and November. Tree thornless, and bears young.

Dancy Tangerine. Fruit medium, much flattened skin, thin and glassy, parting readily from the pulp; very sweet and aromatic; a handsome fruit commanding good prices if well grown. Tree upright grower, vigorous and prolific, does best on grape fruit or sour roots.

Kumquats. Kumquats, which have appeared in our markets to a limited extent during the past few years, have met ready sale at enormously high prices. I have been selling this variety for the last three years at \$1.00 per hundred or \$7.50 per thousand in half crates. At present the supply is entirely inadequate to the demand, and there is every reason to believe the demand will increase more rapidly than the supply. It is a fruit everybody likes upon first acquaintance. Not only is it the most dainty of dessert fruits, but also has the more substantial merit of being highly prized by housewives for cookery and preserving. A number have re-

cently planted Kumquat grovss, and the investment can scarcely fail to prove remunerative. As a window plant at the North, for pot-culture, as well as for gardens and grounds in the orange region, the Kumquat is one of our most valuable ornamentals.

Villa Franca Lemous. Size medium; sweet rind; fine acid, and few seeds; good keeper and shipper. Tree vigorous and prolific; few thorns; a well known and much called for variety.

Belair Premium Lemon. Medium, of standard lemon shape, rind sweet, skin smooth and thin; membrane thin and small in quantity. Strong and fine flavor; never known to overgrow in size, more inclined to be free of scale, rust, mites and knots than any lemon grown.

Tahita Seedless Lime. Fine, thin extra smooth skin, of good size; will pack about 300 to the box; ripens in August; brings in Eastern markets from \$4 to \$6 per box. The most prolific in growth and bearing of any of the citrus family; requires no coloring, good keeper.

MARSH SEEDLESS POMELO.

THE KING OF ALL THE FRUITS.

TESTIMONIALS.

At the January meeting of the Horticultural Society, at Avon Park, Mr. O. R. Thacher, who had previously been sent out to critically examine the leading nurseries of the State in the interest of the Florida Development Co., made his report, which was a most interesting one, and among other things he had this to say about The Lakeiland Nurseries and what he saw there:

"However I called *first* upon Mr. C. M. Marsh, of Lakeland, not to see trees on the rough lemon, because he had not got them, but to see the seedless grape fruit, and learn what its merits really are. I *first* saw the *nursery* trees of this grape fruit, both the one and two year buds, and found them of very fine and thrifty appearance. Mr. Marsh had already exhausted his stock of the fruit of his seedless pomelo but he drove with me to a neighbor's place, where I purchased several specimens of the fruit grown upon a grove of three-year old buds which had unwisely been suffered to bear all they would, and a great many of these young trees were loaded down with fruit. I saw several of the fruits cut, and tested the quality of the same, which I found to be excellent, having sufficient of the bitter principle, but considerable less of it, I think, in the membrane separating the segments of pulp, than in the ordinary grape fruit of Florida. I certainly consider its quality *very good*. It is a true grape fruit and not a hybrid partaking as much of the quality of the orange as of the pomello, and so losing all claim to the distinctive merits of the grape fruit.

Of all I saw cut in the grove and those that I brought away with me, not one was absolutely seedless, but they had from three to six seeds each. But this is a great improvement over the sixty to eighty seeds each of the common grape fruit. When the production of the grape fruit becomes many times greater than it is at present, which I suppose will be within a few years, and its consumers have learned to discriminate, this practically seedless variety possessing all the good qualities of the old grape fruit, will no doubt have a real and acknowledged advantage over the common sort now so justly valued for its healthful and refreshing qualities.

At Mr. Marsh's place I saw a good many fine, large, thrifty trees of the Tahiti lime with some very fine fruit upon them, although the main part of the crop had been gathered and shipped north where it took as well as the lemon, being about the size which is most acceptable to consumers of the lemon. The trees had the appearance of being entirely hardy there, and Mr. Marsh said they were perfectly at home in the climate. If they prove to be entirely adapted to our soil and climate—and I do not see why they should not—they may become a valuable market fruit in this Excelsior Lake Region. The fruit, as most of you know, is entirely seedless.

Mr. Marsh's place appears to be well located to realize exemption from injurious frost. As evidence on this point a Royal Poinciana originally grown in the partial

shelter of a slatted plant house has grown up through the top of its former and is now from fifteen to eighteen feet in height, and six inches in diameter of stock. Its rich growth of lovely fern-like foliage makes it truly a thing of beauty."

A Seedless Pomelo.

From the South Florida Progress.

Mr. C. M. Marsh, the well-known proprietor of the Lakeland nurseries, is just now introducing to fruit growers a new strain of grape fruit or pomelo, which possesses the remarkable characteristic of being seedless. Mr. Marsh is one of those painstaking fruit growers, pursuing his experiment along scientific lines, with unwearying patience and intelligent observation, to whom the State is so deeply indebted for many improvements in the quality, flavor and variety of our home-grown fruits. This newest development promises to make for itself a foremost place amongst our fruits. The grape-fruit, or pomelo, is rapidly growing in popularity in northern, western and foreign markets; and all who know the fruit will concede that it has qualities which fully justify its growing popularity. As at present known it is an abundant seeder. The consumer, finds the seeds somewhat of a nuisance, and will at once recognize the advantage of getting rid of them. When it becomes known that, with the absence of the seed, the interior skin of the fruit becomes thinner, the juiciness increases, the flavor improves, and the fruit retains all its good qualities in an enlarged degree, fruit growers will be acknowledge that Mr. Marsh has got hold of a valuable thing. The matter has now proceeded beyond the range of experiment into that of certainty as Mr. Marsh has now young trees of the new variety in his grove that are bearing abundantly and all true to the strain. The pulp is somewhat darker than the ordinary grape-fruit, the rind has that peculiar, bitter flavor so highly esteemed for medical purposes. The size to which the fruit attain requires it to be packed 54 to 60 to the box. Mr. Marsh has in the last two years, sold a great many of the trees to his Florida, California, and Central American trade, they will be certain of a much larger return on the seedless pomelo, than they are getting of fruit that contains seeds, varying from 30 to 50 to each fruit.

King of The Citrus Family.

LAKE HOLLINGSWORTH, FLA., Oct. 25th, 1894.

Mr. C. M. MARSH, Lakeland, Fla.

My Dear Sir:- I desire to say a few words in favor of your Seedless Pomelo or grape fruit. After careful investigation of this peculiar fruit I am satisfied it is the King of the Citrus Family. When it becomes generally known the great advantages it has over the common kind, the demand will be greater than the supply. I find the fruit just the right size for the market, bringing a much higher price than the larger common fruit. It is almost absolutely seedless, only requiring to be cut in two when it is ready for the table, avoiding the trouble of disposing of the many seeds found in the ordinary fruit. It is superior and has not that pronounced flavor noticed in the common grape fruit. The segments are large, containing much more pulp and juice which is very pleasant to the taste; it has to be eaten to appreciate it. Healthful and refreshing qualities. The young trees I purchased from you two years ago for my home grove, also for our Central American plantation are admired by all who have seen them, for their beautiful dark green, large, waxy leaves, and the wonderful growth of the trees. They are a fast grower and what I have noticed of older trees a very prolific bearer. I am so well satisfied that it is the coming fruit of this country and will be in great demand, that I expect to set out 500 more trees this season. I sincerely hope you will have an ample supply of buds to meet the demand.

Truly yours,

T. SAUNDERS, Vice-President.

The Central American Commercial Co.

Senator Reynolds Considers it a Valuable Fruit.

LAKELAND, FLA., Nov 28th, 1894.

Mr. C. M. MARSH, Lakeland, Fla.

Dear Sir:- I have tried your seedless grape fruit and find it all that it is represented to be. I consider it the most valuable fruit now grown in Florida.

Yours truly,

W. H. REYNOLDS.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 9th, 1894.

Mr. C. M. MARSH, Lakeland, Fla.

Dear Sir:—Your favor of January 5th duly received and also box by express containing sample lot of your Seedless Pomelo and Tahiti Limes, (Seedless). Your letter was laid aside until I could make a test of the fruit and obtain the opinion of such of my friends as I desire to have try them. The letter in some way became misplaced and when I wanted to write you I was unable to find your address. I beg to thank you for your kindness in sending this fruit which is certainly very much better than anything I have ever seen. There was no necessity of your excusing them on the ground that they were "culls." I found the flavor much finer than the ordinary Grape Fruit when in its best condition and believe that many people to whom the ordinary Grape Fruit has too pronounced a flavor will like the fruit. It is useless to comment on the advantage of the fruit being Seedless as that goes without saying. Thanking you again for your kindness, I remain, yours truly,

F. S. LEWIS, General Manager,
Pennsylvania & North Western R. R.

The Choicest Variety Grown.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Sept. 18th, 1894.

Mr. C. M. MARSH, Lakeland, Fla.

Dear Sir:—While at your place last winter I had the pleasure of sampling one of your "Marsh Seedless Pomelo" and admired it exceedingly on account of the absence of seeds, the superior flavor, and the thin rind. In my travels over the State since, I have frequently met parties who were contemplating planting grape fruit trees, and I have sounded the praises of the "Marsh Seedless Pomelo" to them. It is certainly the choicest variety of this popular fruit. Yours truly,

JNO. E. STILLMAN, Sec. and Treas.,
Little Bros. Phosphate Co.,

Found it True to Name.

LAKELAND, FLA., Nov. 30th, 1894.

Mr. C. M. MARSH, Lakeland, Fla.

Dear Friend:—The sample "Seedless Pomelo" you gave me the other day from one of your young buds was opened this morning. We found it practically true to name. The knife went through the center of the fruit across the sections without a jar, striking no seed and only four seed were found in the fruit. The rind was thin and pulp less bitter than the common grapefruit. It was very luscious and excellent in flavor, in short, its eating quality stands the test, and I have no doubt that there will be a great demand for this fruit in the markets. Truly yours,

REV. C. E. JONES.

Best Thing in The Grape Fruit Line

OKAHUMKA, FLA., Oct. 20th. 1894.

Mr. C. M. MARSH, Lakeland, Fla.

Dear Sir:—I consider your "Seedless Pomelo" the best thing I have seen in the grape fruit line. Yours truly,

HARMON W. MARSH.

GENERAL PRICE-LIST.

Varieties and Sizes.

	Each	10	100	1,000
Marsh Seedless Pomelos—(Grape Fruit).....	\$0 75	\$6 50	\$50 00	\$450 00
Aurantium Pomelos, or Sweet Rind Grape Fruit..	50	4 50	40 00	350 00
Thompson Pomelos—(Grape Fruit.).....	50	4 50	35 00	300 00
Boone's Early Orange.....	50	4 50	35 00	300 00
Parson Brown ".....	40	3 50	30 00	250 00
Hart's Late (Tardiff).....	40	3 50	35 00	300 00
Maltese Blood, (2-year old buds).....	40	3 50	35 00	300 00
King.....	60	5 00	40 00	350 00
Satsuma.....	40	3 50	30 00	250 00
Dancy Tangerine.....	40	3 50	30 00	250 00
Kumquat—(oblong).....	60	5 00	40 00	350 00
Villa Francha Lemon—(2-year old buds).....	45	4 00	35 00	300 00
Belair Premium.....	35	3 00	25 00	250 00
Tahiti Seedless Limes.....	45	4 00	35 00	300 00

The above varieties are budded onto extra fine large thrifty grape fruit and sour orange stock, 1 to 1¼ inches in size.

CRAPE FRUIT SEEDLINGS.

1-2 inch per 1,000, \$90.00; ½ to ¾ inch per 1,000, \$125.00; ¾ to 1 inch per 1,000 \$150; 1 to 1¼ inch per 1,000, \$200.00; 1¼ to 1½ inch per 1,000, \$250.00; 1½ to 1¾ per 1,000, \$300.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

✓ Loquats or Japan Medlars. Seedlings, 4-5 feet, 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen. Extra large branched 50 cents or \$4.80 per dozen

✓ Cattley or Strawberry Guava. Seedlings, 20-24 inches, 10 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

Yellow Chinese Guava. Seedlings, 20-24 inches, 10 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

✓ Mangoes. Beach No. 11, 25 to 50 cents each.

Surinam Cherry. Seedling. Small plants 15 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Seppernong Grapes.—(Tender Pulp.)—Strong 3-year old, 25 cents each.

Bamboos.—Mammoth—Attains a height of 80 feet. 50 cents each,

" Varigated—Attains a height of 20 feet. 25 cents each.

China Umbrella Trees. Four years old, extra large, 50 cents each.

Japan Mammoth Chestnuts. Extra large bearing trees, 75 cents each.

Japan Persimmons. Six varieties, 25 cents each.

Kelsey Plums. Wild plum roots, 35 cents each, \$25.00 per hundred.

Grevilla Robusta. One year old, fine, 25 cents each.