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PRICE LIST
OF THE
EASTERN SHORE

FOR FALL OF 1895 AND SPRING OF 1896.

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DENTON, MD.

RAILROAD STATION, RIDGELY. MD.

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PLUMS.

The improved varieties of our Native Species have proven so much more valuable as an orchard crop with me, that little thought is given to further extension of experiment with either the Domesticas (the common garden plums) or Trifloras (Japan). The general condition of American farming of all kinds, at present, does not warrant or encourage experimenting; the margin of profit left to the producer, has dwindled to such diminutive proportions, that the concentration of effort on the most *certain* lines of the prevailing schedule of nominal remuneration, is imperative. The best varieties of our native plums, are more reliable as crop producers,—are better shippers, and will *pay* 100% more per acre, in a series of ten years; than peaches, or any other class of plums here.

This does not seem to be the case in all sections, as the Japan plums are quite popular in a few localities. While in my own orchards, additional experience only tends to diminish the hope for reasonable profit, in their cultivation, and their entire abandonment as a market fruit is fully determined upon.

Believing that success in plum culture has for its ultimate and sure dependence, the improvement of our native species, and that little if any hope centres in foreign introduction, considerable effort has been expended in collecting and testing varieties, the parentage of which is purely American. Operations began on this line nearly twenty years ago, and unremittingly followed, have yielded substantial and gratifying evidences of its accuracy. For example—leaving out the greater certainty of crop production,—the fruit, last year (1894) in Baltimore and Philadelphia markets, sold for three to four times as much as did the fruit of Domesticas, shipped later in the season, to the same markets, from New York. Practical arguments such as the foregoing, loom up with the *annual crop* of native plums here. (“*Annual crop*” is used because it is a fact, that entire failure in a plum crop, has yet to occur with me.) They pay better,—they pay oftener, than any other tree fruit. Hence, more space is given in my Annual Catalogue, to this than to any other fruit.

The following list of varieties, are not sufficiently tested here yet, to warrant published estimates of their merits.

Trees of these, on plum, 2 to 3½ feet, 1 year, 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

AMERICANAS.

August,
Bixby,
Comptine,
Cal. Seedling,
Comfort,
Champion,
Cherokee,
Des Moines,
Dr. Dennis,
Dunlap's No. 1,
Dunlap's No. 2,
Gale's No. 3,
Ger. Prune Seedling,
Galena,
Gold,
Hanson,
Heaton,
Hiawatha,

Hartwick,
Iona,
Irene,
Ida,
Jones,
Jones' Late,
Joe Hooker,
Kieth,
Large Red Sweet,
Lockey,
Le Duc Vermillion,
Marcus,
Meyer,
Miller,
Marion,
Manitoba,
N. C. Seedling,
New Ulm,

Nelly,
Oatey,
Old Gold,
Reche,
Rebecca,
Sloe,
Smith's Red,
Shoenthal,
Smith,
Stoddard,
The Cook's Choice,
Van Deman,
Williams,
Weir's No. 50,
Weir's Large Red,
Wood.

HORTULANAS.

Miner Type.

Crescent City,
Hammer,
Nebraska.

Wildgoose Type.

Clifford,
Choptank,
Col. Wilder,
Freeman's Favorite,
Jewell,

James Vick,
Noyes' Seedling,
1001,
Texas Bell,
Wooten.

CHICKASAWS.

Beaty,
Cluck,
Hughes,
Munson,

Ohio Prolific,
Piram,
Purple Panhandle,
Red Panhandle,

Strawberry,
Yellow Panhandle.

The following list, 2½ to 4 feet, on plum, 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

AMERICANAS.

Apricot,
Cheney,
Cottrell,
Colorado Queen,
Deep Creek,
Gaylord,
Hill Top,
Honey,
Harrison's Peach,
Itaska,
Ill. Ironclad,
Kickapoo,

Kampeska,
Kopp,
Leonard,
Le Duc,
Louisa,
Moon,
Muncy,
Maquoketa,
Minnetonka,
Newton Egg,
Ocheeda,
Peffer's Premium,

Quaker,
Rockford,
Rollingstone,
Rollingstone Late,
Speer,
Van Buren,
Winnebago,
Weaver,
Wazata,
Wildrose,
Wyant,
Yellow Sweet.

HORTULANAS.

Clinton,
Forest Rose,
Idall,
Indiana Red,
Iris,
Miner,
Rachel,
Clark,
Chas. Downing,

Cumberland,
Columbia,
Drouth King,
Esther,
El Paso,
Garfield,
Leptune,
Milton,
Mo. Apricot,

Osage,
Pool's Pride,
Roulette,
Reed,
Smiley,
Sucker State.

CHICKASAWS.

African,
Arkansas Lombard,
Caddo Chief,
Coletta,
Emerson,

Early Red,
Jennie Lucas,
Lone Star,
Ogeechee,
Pottowattamie,

Robinson,
Schley,
Yellow Transparent.

MARIANNA, OR MYROBOLAN GROUP.

De Caradeuce,
Marianna,

Hattie,

Brill.

JAPANESE.

on plum, 2 years, 3½ to 5 feet, 25 cents each, \$15 per 100.

Abundance,
Burbank,
Chabot,
Maru,

Satsuma,
Ogon,
Berckmans,
Bailey,

Kerr,
Willard (on peach root),
Normand.

DOMESTICAS.

3 to 4 feet, on plums, 20 cents each.

Clyman,
Lombard,
Moore's Arctic,
Spaulding,
Shipper's Pride,
Washington,

Prune, Hungarian,
" Silver,
" Tragedy,
Damsen, Freestone,
" Shropshire,
" French,

Park,
Tatge,
Niagara.

The following well tested and popular market kinds at prices as follows—
On plum root, 3 to 5 feet, 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$10 per 100:

Wildgoose, Newman, Moreman, Wayland, Golden Beauty, Forest Garden,
Hawkeye, De Soto, Purple Yosemite, Wolf, Indian Chief, Whitaker,
American Eagle.

✓ **MILTON.**—A very valuable market variety of the Hortulana group and Wildgoose type, a week to ten days earlier than Wildgoose, fully as large and productive. One year trees on plum, 2 to 4 feet, 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen, \$17.50 per hundred.

PRUNUS PUMILA

Improved Dwarf Rocky Mountain Cherry—25 cents each.

A valuable new plum, The Sophie, which originated on my own grounds, and which besides being one of the very best market varieties in my collection, is the best pollenizer for other varieties. Season a little later than Wildgoose. Color red. Size fully equal to Wildgoose, flesh quite firm, very productive, offered for the first time, at prices as follows. One year trees, on plum root, 2 to 4 feet, \$1.00 each, \$10.00 per dozen. Not more than one dozen trees will be sold to one party.

PEACH TREES.

PRICES. { 1st size, 4 to 5 feet, \$6.00 per 100, \$50.00 per 1,000.
 { 2d " 3 to 4 " 5.00 per 100, 40.00 per 1,000.
 { 3rd " 2 to 3 " 4.00 per 100, 30.00 per 1,000.

50 trees at 100 rates, and 500 trees at 1,000 rates.

VARIETIES

NAMED IN ORDER OF RIPENING :

✓ Japan Blood,
 ✓ Champion,
 ✓ Rivers,
 ✓ St. John,
 ✓ Troth,
 ✓ Mountain Rose,
 ✓ Amelia,
 ✓ Crawford's Early,
 ✓ Foster,
 ✓ Elberta,
 ✓ Mary's Choice,
 ✓ Reeve's Favorite,
 ✓ Old Mixon,
 ✓ Crosby,

✓ Stump,
 ✓ Druid Hill,
 ✓ Wheatland,
 ✓ Crawford's Late,
 ✓ Peninsula Yellow,
 ✓ Chairs' Choice,
 ✓ Fox's Seedling,
 ✓ Shipley,
 ✓ Beers' Smock,
 ✓ Hold On,
 ✓ Orange Smock,
 ✓ Mammoth Heath Cling,
 ✓ Salway,
 ✓ Bilyeu's October.

APPLE TREES.

2 years—4 to 6 feet—handsome, clean trees, 15 cents each—
 \$1.50 per dozen, \$10.00 per 100.

Summer Varieties.

✓ Fourth of July,
 ✓ Red Astrachan,
 ✓ Yellow Transparent,
 ✓ Early Ripe,
 ✓ Early Colton,
 ✓ Grand Sultan,
 ✓ Fanny,
 ✓ Gravenstein,
 ✓ Hames.

Fall Varieties.

✓ Excelsior,
 ✓ Fallwater,
 ✓ Wine,
 ✓ Maryland Maiden's
 Blush.

Winter Varieties.

✓ Paragon,
 ✓ Kinnaird,
 ✓ McNash,
 ✓ Lannier,
 ✓ Arkansas Black,
 ✓ Dr. Noyes,
 ✓ Elkhorn.

CRAB APPLES.

20 cents each, \$2.00 per doz.

✓ Montreal Beauty,
 ✓ Paul's Imperial,
 ✓ Hyslop,

✓ Orange,
 ✓ White.

SPECIAL VARIETIES OF APPLES.

STAYMAN'S WINESAP.—Two years, 3 to 4 feet and up, very nice, clean healthy trees. 25 cts. each; \$20 per 100. This is a large, bright red apple of excellent quality. The tree is a strong grower and a heavy bearer. The Old Winesap, so well and favorably known as a profitable winter apple, does not compare with this, in *size, flavor, or keeping* qualities. *There is no better winter apple for this peninsula in existence.*

SUMMER KING.—This fine summer variety was catalogued last year as Kentucky Summer Queen—the name under which I received the scions, eleven years ago. In 1891, specimens of the fruit sent to the U. S. Pomologist, marked Ky. Sum. Queen, aroused more than ordinary interest in his Division. Failing to find it described under that name by any work, or catalogue, and “Summer Queen,” being numerously occupied already, a change of name was suggested and made, by the Division of Pomology. “Bounty” was selected, and under this name specimens were sent to several parties the present season. While this work was progressing Assistant Pomologist Wm. A. Taylor was industriously working up a clue, looking to the identification of the variety. Mr. Taylor writes me under date of Aug. 12, 1895: “The variety is catalogued, with the following description: ‘Summer Queen; tree an upright moderate grower, quite distinct from Sum. Queen or Sharpe’s Early of Downing; fruit large to very large, bright red with some darker colored stripes; an excellent bearer. Ripe Aug. 1st.’ The same apple is described in Downing’s 1st Appendix as Summer King.” And under this name I shall hereafter catalogue this fine variety. Its behavior with me, however, warrants the amending of above description as follows:—1st. It is quite vigorous in growth, instead of *moderate*. 2nd. Instead of the fruit being “large to very large”; above medium to large, more accurately describes it. Its season here is a few days in advance of the Fanny, which is a full week later than Red Astrachan. It possesses every quality to commend it as a valuable market variety, while for home or family use it is without a rival. My supply of trees of this variety is limited, and are offered at prices as follows, viz.:

2 years, 4 to 6 ft., handsome, clean and vigorous; 50 cts. each, \$5 per doz., \$30 per 100.

STANDARD PEAR TREES.

Grown on Le Conte roots. 5 to 7 ft., fine. 30 cts. each, \$25 per 100.

VARIETIES.

✓ Osband’s Summer,	✓ {	Onondaga,
✓ Wilder Early (two year top grafts, 50 cts. each),		Kieffer,
✓ Clapp’s Favorite,		Anjou,
✓ Bartlett,		Idaho (two year top grafts, 40 cts. each),
✓ Howell,		Lawrence.

DWARF PEARS:—25 cts. each, \$20 per 100.

DUCHESS is the only variety offered as dwarf, as it succeeds better as a dwarf than as a standard.

CHERRY.

25 cts. each. \$20 per 100.

VARIETIES.

✓ Black Tartarian,	✓ {	Early Richmond,
✓ May Duke,		Gov. Wood.

APRICOT.

On Plum stocks, 3 to 4 ft., 20 cts. each, \$2 per doz.

VARIETIES.

Shense,
Alexis,
Hubbard,

Gold Dust,
Budd,
Alexander,

Gibb,
Bongoume,
Nicholas.

QUINCE.

2 to 3 ft., 20 cts. each, \$15 per 100.

MEECH.—Most productive and reliable variety.

CHINESE (Hong Kong).—Very large. Specimens weighing two pounds are not uncommon. Equally as fine for preserving as the other kinds. 2 to 3 ft. 40 cts. each.

GRAPES.

(Two years unless noted.)

BLACK.

CONCORD,	10 cts. each,	\$1.00 per dozen,	\$4.00 per 100.
MOORE'S EARLY,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "	\$6.00 per 100.
WORDEN,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "	
EARLY VICTOR,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "	
EARLY DAWN,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "	
HERBERT,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "	
BLACK EAGLE,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "	
HIGHLAND,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "	
NECTAR,	25 cts. "	\$2.50 " "	
CARMAN, (1 yr.)	50 cts. "		

RED.

WYOMING,	15 cts. each,	\$1.50 per dozen.
VERGENNES,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "
BRIGHTON,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "
JEFFERSON,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "
AMBER QUEEN,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "
BERCKMANS,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "
ULSTER,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "
WOODRUFF,	25 cts. "	

WHITE.

MARTHA,	10 cts. each,	\$1.00 per dozen.
LADY,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "
POCKLINGTON,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "
CROTON,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "
NIAGARA,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "
EMPIRE STATE,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "
LADY WASHINGTON,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "
DIAMOND,	20 cts. "	\$2.00 " "
DUTCHESS,	15 cts. "	\$1.50 " "
GENEVA,	50 cts. "	
ROMMELL, (1 yr.)	50 cts. "	

GOOSEBERRIES.

HOUGHTON.—While the berry of this variety is not as large as some other kinds, it is more free from mildew, and will produce more pounds to the acre than any of them, and heads the list of market varieties.

2 yr. plants, strong, well rooted; \$4.00 per 100, \$35.00 per 1,000.

BLACKBERRIES.

EARLY HARVEST.—Early and profitable as a market kind. Requires closer pruning than other sorts. 50 cts. per doz., \$2 per 100, \$8 per 1,000.

RASPBERRIES.

MILLER QUEEN.—A new and valuable red variety, quite early, large, firm, productive; plant, hardy and vigorous; decidedly the best *red* I have ever grown. \$1.50 per doz., \$5.00 per 100, \$35 per 1,000—*good strong plants*.

THOMPSON'S EARLY, (Red).—50 cts. per doz., \$2 per 100, \$8 per 1,000.

SOUHEGAN.—Early black-cap. \$2 per 100, \$8 per 1,000.

STRAWBERRIES.

ORIOLE.—This variety originated here, and after a five years' test along side of all the leading market varieties, the Oriole clearly outranked any of its season, which is quite early. The plant is robust in growth, and notably healthy. As a bearer it has few if any superiors. Berries quite large, fully double the size of Michel on an average. Color deep red, entirely *through* the berries. Seeds yellow, and on the surface. *Very firm*, excelling all others of its season in this respect. Blossoms not wholly imperfect, but enough so to render it necessary to plant it near a variety with perfect flowers. Summarized,—the merits of the Oriole are as follows, viz.: Early, large, firm, very productive, excellent color, with a healthy vigorous plant.

IDEAL.—This is not quite as early in season as the first named, but aside from that fact, in an experience extending over thirty-five years with strawberries I have never seen its equal. Perfect in form, color, firmness and quality, unsurpassed in vigorous healthiness of plant and production of pollen and fruit. It has never produced an irregularly shaped berry in the five seasons it has borne here.

These two varieties were critically examined by Prof. S. B. Heiges, U. S. Pomologist, while in fruit this season, and were named by him. The stock of plants for sale this fall and next spring is in the hands of and controlled by Slaymaker & Son, of Dover, Del., a firm whose reputation for square and correct business conduct is national.

By arrangement with Messrs. Slaymakers I offer a limited supply of plants of the Oriole and Ideal, at prices as follow: Per doz., \$1.50; per 100, \$7.00. No order accepted for less than one dozen.

General List of Strawberries.

MICHEL, (B),	Early,	50 cts.	per 100,	\$2.50	per 1,000.
COLUMBIAN, (B),	"	75 cts.	" "	\$4.00	" "
PHILLIPS, (B),	"	75 cts.	" "	\$3.00	" "
TENN. PROLIFIC, (B),		75 cts.	" "	\$3.00	" "
DAYTON, (B),		75 cts.	" "	\$3.00	" "
LOVETT, (B),		75 cts.	" "	\$3.00	" "
BUBACH, (P),		75 cts.	" "	\$3.00	" "
LEVIATHAN, (B),		75 cts.	" "	\$3.00	" "
GOV. HOARD, (B),		75 cts.	" "	\$3.00	" "
LADY THOMPSON, (B),		75 cts.	" "	\$3.00	" "
BRANDYWINE, (B),		\$1.00	" "	\$5.00	" "
MARSHALL, (B),		\$1.00	" "	\$5.00	" "
H. W. BEECHER,		\$1.00	" "	\$5.00	" "
BEVERLY, (B),		75 cts.	" "	\$4.00	" "
CYCLONE,		75 cts.	" "	\$3.00	" "
PRINCESS, (B),		75 cts.	" "	\$3.00	" "
SPLENDID,		\$1.00	" "	\$5.00	" "

Extra care is given to insure genuineness and purity of varieties. When shipped in 1,000 lots, the plants are carefully straightened out, tied in small bundles of 50 each, carefully marked and packed.

By mail in 100 lots, 25 cts. per 100 is added to above prices, on all varieties except Oriole and Ideal.

RHUBARB.

MYATT'S LINNAEUS.—The best variety for family use, good plants from divided stools, 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen. Seedling plants come much cheaper, but are very unreliable as to size and quality of stalks.

NUT TREES.

CHESTNUT.

PARAGON.—This is a variety of the Spanish or French (?) strain, and with me is much superior to any other of the same type. Earlier than either Numbo or Ridgely, larger and more productive, and the tree is all that could reasonably be asked in point of healthy, vigorous growth. One year grafts of this, 1 to 2 feet, 50 cents each.

Numbo, grafted, 1 year, 1 to 2 feet, 50 cents each.
Ridgely, “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

Japanese Strain.

Dr. Black.—Originated here, and named in honor of Dr. J. J. Black, of Newcastle, Del. Its extreme earliness, size and productiveness render it valuable as a market variety.

Col. Martin.—Originated here, and named in honor of Col. E. L. Martin, of Seaford, Del. Follows immediately after the *Dr. Black* in season; immensely large and very productive.

Kerr.—Named after originator. Ripens nearly at same time as the preceding. Not so large in size, but is notably distinct, having very short spines on its burrs. Nuts very dark in color, nearly always three to the burr, and a very heavy bearer.

Biddle.—Named in honor of George Biddle, Esq., of Cecil county, Md. Season a few days later than the *Kerr*. Very large size and an enormous bearer.

All the foregoing are much earlier than any of the Spanish strain. The nuts are not so sweet to eat out of hand, or in a raw state, but when boiled or roasted are as good as the best. And then in addition to the fixed tendency to early bearing of the trees,—seedlings bearing sometimes in the nursery at two years, or second year from planting of the nuts—they possess a very important commercial advantage over the Spanish type: 1st, in season of ripening; 2d, in size; and 3d, their conspicuously greater freedom from the attacks of the chestnut weevil, which renders so large a per cent. of those of both the Spanish and American types unfit for any use on account of the worms, or larvæ.

From the choicest and finest nuts of these varieties seedlings are grown, which from test we find to closely reproduce the distinctive features of the parents. These are offered at prices as follows:

1 year, 1 ft. to 18 in. high, \$3 per dozen, \$20 per 100.

2 “ 18 in. to 3 ft. “ \$5 “ \$30 “

A limited supply of one year grafts, 1 ft. to 18 in., \$1.00 each.

OTHER VARIETIES.

SHELLBARK.—Seedlings from extra fine nuts, 4 to 5 feet, 50 cents each; 18 inches to 2 feet, 25 cents each.

FILBERTS.—*English*: a very productive and hardy variety; 2 to 3 feet, 25 cents each; 4 to 6 feet, 50 cents each. *Kentish Cob*: nuts large, long; same price.

BUTTERNUT.—(*Long*, or *White Walnut*.) A very rich nut. Trees, 3 feet (transplanted), 25 cents each, \$2 per dozen.

ALMONDS.—*Hardshell*, 4 to 6 feet, 25 cents each.

“ *Softshell*, 3½ “ 6 “ 25 “ “

MISCELLANEOUS.

ELEAGMUS UMBELLATA.—Catalogued heretofore as *Eleagnus Longipes*, for the reason that my start of this was purchased from a reputable firm as the *Longipes*, and the error was not detected until it fruited. It is an enor-

mous bearer, however, of berries about the size of large currants, clustered in bunches along the limbs most bountifully, crimson red in color, the surface completely speckled with minute white dots. Season, October 1st to November 1st. Excellent for either pies or sauce. Every country garden should contain half-a-dozen bushes of this. Good, strong plants, 2 to 3 feet, well branched, 25 cents each, \$2 per dozen, \$12 per 100.

MULBERRY.—Downing's Everbearing and Hicks—both fine sized berries and very productive. The owners of country homes neglect a duty they owe to their own and their neighbors' children by failing to plant a tree or two of this fruit. 4 to 5 feet, 50 cents each.

JUNEBERRY.—(Dwarf.) Very productive, early to ripen. 1st to 15th of June, nice, mild flavor. Plants, 1 to 1½ feet, 10 cents each, \$1 per dozen.

CITRUS TRIFOLIATA.—(Hardy Orange.) Trees of this will stand uninjured by winter weather, blooms generously, very fragrant. Fruit small, too acid to eat, trees, 4 to 5 feet (transplanted), 50 cents each.

HARDY FLOWERING SHRUBS.

WEIGELA.—*Candida*, creamy white, 20 cents each.

“ —*Groenewegenii*, solid bright red, 20 cents each.

“ —*Van Houttei*, red, 15 cents each.

“ —*Multiflora Floribundi*, maroon, 25 cents each.

DEUTZIA.—*Pride of Rochester*, pure white, very double, profuse bloomer, 20 cents each.

DEUTZIA.—*Crenata, flora plena*—20 cents each.

LILAC.—*Cerulea Superba* and *White*, 15 cents.

“ —*Japan*, immense trusses of white flowers, blooms late, 25 cts. each.

SPIREAS, HONEYSUCKLES, FORSYTHIAS, 20 cents each.

HYDRANGEA PANICULATA, 20 cents each.

HYPERICUM AUREUM, 25 cents each.

ALTHEAS (Double), 2 to 3 feet, 25 cents each.

JAPAN QUINCE—Strong, large plants, 15 cents each, \$10 per 100.

PEONY.—Herbaceous, White and Pink, 15 cents each.

EXOCHORDA GRANDIFLORA.—A free-growing, graceful shrub, profuse in the production of showy white flowers in early summer, 25 cents each.

SHADE TREES.

NORWAY MAPLE.—8 to 10 feet, 50 cents each.

“ “ —6 to 7 “ 35 “ “

“ “ —4 to 6 “ 25 “ “

SUGAR “ —8 to 10 “ 50 “ “

SILVER “ —7 to 9 “ 25 “ “

WIKER'S CUT LEAF MAPLE.—8 to 10 feet, 50 cents each.

JUDAS TREE, OR RED BUD.—6 to 8 feet, 50 cents each.

STYRAX (Japan).—A highly ornamental tree of small size, blooms freely, white, Fuchsia like flowers, delightfully fragrant, 4 to 6 feet, 50 cents each; 3 to 4 feet, 25 cents each.

EVERGREENS.

NORWAY SPRUCE.—2 to 6 feet, 25 to 75 cents each.

BALSAM FIR.—4 to 7 feet, 50 cents to \$1 each.

ARBORVITÆ.—(Siberian), 3 to 4 feet, 75 cents each.