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HUNTSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

INTRODUCTION.

Many of the readers are perhaps not yet acquainted with us.

We are the successors of Chas. Black & Bro., having bought Chas. Black's entire interest and good will; he, being forced to retire on account of very poor health. This transfer was made May 1., 1888. Those, who are intending to purchase but wishing to know more about us before doing so, should write to, either, THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Hightstown, N. J., or to CHARLES BLACK, of same place. Upon retiring from business the last named handed us the following:

"I do hereby declare that I have sold my entire BUSINESS interest in the Village Nurseries to JOSEPH H. BLACK & SON, who will continue the same. It also gives me great pleasure to announce to my former friends and patrons that the said firm is cheerfully recommended by me to you."

Signed by,

CHAS. BLACK.

We would also say, that we wish to thank those who helped us in our first year, and we hope that they have not been disappointed in their dealings with us. We therefore in consideration of above facts ask for your further patronage. Our aim is, to be HONEST and truthful and to deal fair with everyone.

OUR SITUATION.

Our *Nurseries* are about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Hightstown, on a direct and much travelled road.

HIGHTSTOWN is on the Camden and Amboy division of the P. R. R. Hightstown is 48 miles from New York via South Amboy, 41 miles from Philadelphia via Camden, and only 14 miles from our capital, Trenton. Being so near these principal points the freight to them must be a very small item.

OUR SOIL.

Owning three (3) farms in different sections, we are able to grow almost any kind of stock. Such stock as require light, heavy, or medium light soil, can have that kind of soil which is best adapted to bring out the best results. We have just bought a new farm which is peculiarly suitable for the growth of Peach trees.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS.

ORDER EARLY.—It pays to order early as then you can get what you want, where you wait until late in the season you run the chance of ordering what is not on hand, having been all sold out on that particular thing some time before. If you do not know exactly what varieties you want, write us, telling us what kind of soil you have and for what you want the fruit, for family or market, leaving the selection to us. You can send your order direct to us, or give it to the following men if you are near them and they will attend to it: JNO. A. CLAIR, *Bordentown, N. J.*; F. L. SMILEY, *Coyners Springs, Va.*; GIDEON H. HOAGLAND, *Plainville, N. J.*; DAN'L M. STONER, *Ringgold, Md.*; A. S. OKESON, *Academia, Pa.* These are not agents but men who are known in their districts and have bought trees from us for some time back; you can get your trees from them at our prices. *We employ no travelling agents, they are too expensive. If any use our name it is without our permission.* Write to us direct.

To STRANGERS.—You must in ordering either send good bank reference or remittance with order, or we can not hold for you.

In remitting, send either N. Y., or Phila. draft, registered letter, or P. O. Order. Amounts of less than three dollars in stamps or bills sent at our risk if carefully sealed.

We do not care for orders for less than \$1 worth of stock.

If you desire car-load lots write for special rates.

Send your list to us for an estimate.

When we quote prices it is only good as long as stock lasts, after giving you ample time to answer; we sell to anyone who wants it. Keep this in mind and order as soon as you get our estimate.

Upon receipt of stock from us, unpack immediately and digging a trench, put the trees or plants, cover the roots well with dirt and leave them until you are ready to set them out. If they have been delayed and are dried pretty badly cover tops and all up with dirt until they swell out as they should be.

We are not responsible for any trees that have been delivered to the shipping agent in good condition, and cannot be held for any damage occurring after such delivery.

VISITORS.

We would be pleased to have as many of our friends call on us as can and see our stock and meet us personally, but as it is about a mile and a half from the station, we do not like to see you walk it; drop us a postal a day or two before you come and we will meet you.

DISTANCES TO SET STOCK.

Apples	..... 30x30ft..	48	trees	per	acre
Pears, Std	..... 25x25ft..	70	"	"	"
Pear, Dwf	..... 12x12ft..	300	"	"	"
Peaches, Plums and Apricots	..... 18x18ft..	135	"	"	"
Strong Growing Cherries	..... 20x20ft..	110	"	"	"
Duke and Morrello	..... 18x18ft..	135	"	"	"
Grapes	..... 10x16ft..	275	vines	"	"
Currants and Gooseberries	..... 2x 4ft	545	bushes	"	"
Raspberries and Blackberries	..... 3x 6ft..	242	plants	"	"
Strawberries	..... 1x 3ft..	1450	"	"	"

It would not be advisable in any of the above cases to shorten the distances; better lengthen them out a little than lessen them.

RULE.—In finding the number of plants or trees that a piece of ground will hold, determine the distances you are to set them apart; pace your piece of ground to find how many rows you will have, then find how many you will have in each row; find the product of the two and you have the number that you want.

Or, if you know the number of acres in your piece, multiply the number of acres by 43,560 (the number of square feet in one acre), divide the product obtained by the number obtained by multiplying the distance the rows are apart (in feet) by the distance they are in the row.

Strawberries.

Our stock includes all the best varieties, both for marketing and home use. Some of the new varieties have never been tested by us and are described only from the testimony of others who have grown them.

Bubach.—New, pistillate, large, midseason, vigorous, good bearer.

Crescent Seedling.—Early, light red, productive, pistillate.

Chas. Downing.—Standard old variety, productive.

Gandy.—New, late, good shipper, strong grower and very hardy.

Jersey Queen.—Late, bright red, excellent late variety.

Jessie.—New, very hardy in droughth, large, high quality.

Jewell.—Medium to late, large, bright red.

Kentucky.—Very late, strong, upright grower, dark red.

Miners Prolific.—Midseason, bright to dark red, good.

Monmouth.—New, early, large, firm, crimson, vigorous.

May King.—Very early, bright scarlet, fairly large.

Manchester.—Midseason to late, bright red, productive.

Prince of Berries.—Midseason, large, requires high culture.

Pearl.—New, large, early to medium, said to be one of the best.

Sharpless.—Extra large, sweet, bright red, one of the best.

Wilson.—Early. This is the old standard variety.

Warren.—Large, dark crimson, excellent for flavor.

We can also supply other varieties at very reasonable rates.

Raspberry.

We send out nothing but good strong plants which will be sure to start.

YELLOW.

Golden Queen.—A yellow cuthbert, large, strong grower.

BLACK CAPS.

Gregg.—Largest and best, strong grower, firm, late.

Souhegan.—Improved Doolittle, early, excellent.

Doolittle.—An early variety, small to medium, prolific.

RED.

Turner.—Early, hardy, productive, rich, fine for family use.

Brandywine.—Midseason, bright red, solid, excellent in some places.

Cuthbert or (Queen.)—Bright crimson, late, largest, good shipper.

Marlboro.—Largest early raspberry, bright scarlet.

Hansel.—Early, hardy, medium quality.

Blackberries.

We have a very fine stock of Sucker plants, also, some very nice root cutting plants of Wilson Early, and Early Harvest.

Agawam.—Sweet, midseason, one of the best.

Dorchester.—Early, extra vigorous, hardy, sweet.

Early Harvest.—Extra early, hardy, very productive, sweet.

Kittatinny.—Midseason, cannot be beat in some sections.

Erie.—Very much like Lawton, claimed by many as the same.

Lawton.—Late hardy, excellent when fully ripe.

Wilson's Early.—Very early, large, best quality, the *best*.

Wilson's Junior.—Similar to its parent and claimed by many of the best judges to be the same.

Dewberry.

Lucretia.—Early, very large, very productive, excellent quality, the best of all Dewberries.

We have plants of these, one-year-olds, tips and root cuttings; are selling them very low.

Currants.

This fruit is becoming quite extensively grown in some parts of the country and is very profitable, as it is not like other fruits, which have to be picked off as soon as they are ripe; the currant can be left on the bush for two weeks and not damage. Powdered White Hellebore is the means by which the worm that sometimes attack it can be destroyed.

White Grape.—The best white currant. Excellent quality.

Cherry.—Large and one of the best, red.

La Versailles.—Excellent, large, red.

Red Dutch.—Berries small, fine quality, red.

Victoria.—Large, late, productive, bright red.

Fay's Prolific.—Large, perfect bunches, best, red.

Gooseberries.

This is closely allied to the currants and need the same treatment. This fruit is considered indispensable by some people and they have them at any cost.

Several improvements have been made to the old varieties.

Industry.—Large, dark cherry color, foreign origin.

Downing.—Excellent, very large, pale green.

Houghton.—Small, pale red, sweet.

Mulberry.

Downing's Ever Bearing.—Vigorous grower, very large fruit, blue black.

White.—Commonly grown for silk, fruit poor.

Russian.—Hardy, valuable wood, fine for jellies.

Cherry.

We have a first class stock of cherry trees thrifty and good shape, also well rooted.

Black Tartarian.—Late, large, purplish black, standard variety.

Yellow Spanish.—Midseason, large, pale yellow, rose cheek, productive.

White Griffin.—Midseason, very large, delicious, tinted red.

Empress Eugenie.—Early, productive, large, dark red.

Late Duke.—Late, large, light red, fine.

Gov. Wood.—Midseason, large, delicious, juicy, rich.

Belle de Orleans.—Early, sweet, vigorous grower, white and pale red.

Montmorency.—Later than E. Richmond, large, acid, bright red.

Napoleon Big.—Late, pale yellow and red, productive, sweet.

Werder's Early Black.—Midseason, deep black, sweet, large.

English Morello.—Latest, dark red, juicy, acid, profitable.

Downer's Late.—Late, large, excellent.

Early Richmond.—Popular variety, red, juicy, acid.

Amber Heart.—Midseason, large, fine, amber color.

May Duke.—Early, old popular kind, deep red, rich acid.

Black Eagle.—Late, large, tender, productive, rich.

Olivet.—Midseason, sub-acid, rich, tender excellent.

Royal Duke.—Early, large, dark red, excellent.

Plums.

We have these budded on either Peach or Plum stock. We have them one-year-olds, two-year-olds or June budded all first-class strong and thrifty trees. We have an especial fine stock on Peach.

STANDARD VARIETIES OF PLUMS.

Those marked (B) we have on both Peach and Plum stock. Those marked (P) on Plum stock only. Those without any mark on Peach only.

(P) **Lombard.**—Productive, Oval, violet red, juicy, good.

(B) **Gen. Hand.**—Very large, yellow, handsome, profitable.

(P) **Reine Claude.**—Very large, very profitable, late, greenish oval.

(P) **Ponds Seedling.**—Extra large, oval, reddish violet, juicy productive.

(B) **Imperial Gage.**—Early, large, oval, juicy, rich, excellent.

(P) **German Prune.**—Midseason, purple, rich, sweet, productive.

(P) **Red Gage.**—Red, medium size, excellent, early.

(P) **Washington.**—Very large, yellowish green, prolific, sweet.

(P) **Quackenboss.**—Large, oblong, deep purple, midseason.

(P) **Yellow Egg.**—Large, yellow, oval, juicy, rich, excellent.

(P) **Genni.**—Very large, deep blueish purple, sweet, very early.

Miner.—Medium size, oblong, soft, mild, juicy.

Riechland.—Greenish purple, firm, sweet, early, productive.

Reed Plum.—Excellent, medium, thrifty, extra productive.

Shropshire Damson.—Late, dark purple, excellent for preserving.

Blackman.—Resembles Wild Goose in size and color, better.

Shippers' Pride.—Annual full crops, large, dark purple.

(B) Mariana.—Strong, rapid grower, larger than Wild Goose, cardinal red.

Robinson.—Small, slightly oblong, red, sweet, rich, excellent.

JAPAN PLUMS.

These Plums are now being extensively cultivated especially in the South, and we have them grown expressly for mailing to long distances, necessitating otherwise a great cost. These trees are branched, well shaped and thrifty trees but small. Or we have larger trees for nearer points.

Botan.—Large, yellow tinted with bright cherry, tapering, rich, hardy.

Kelsey's Japan.—Very large, small pit, yellow, red cheeked, firm, juicy.

Ogon.—Bright yellow, flesh firm, very sweet, rich.

WILD GOOSE PLUMS.

This is a large, rich, crimson Plum is very profitable, does not want high cultivation and does best on poor sandy soil. On rich soil it grows too much and consequently drops its fruit before it ripens. It can be picked when only a little spot of pink appears on it and it will ripen after it is picked. This peculiarity makes it a splendid shipper and on account of its firmness and beauty combined with its other good qualities commands a very good price in the market.

SPECIAL VARIETIES OF PLUMS.

Prunus Simoni.—According to Prof. Budd's description, "Is a botanical curiosity. In color of bark and in all points, except the net veining and color of leaves it resembles the peach. Its fruit comes nearer a flattish smooth brick red tomato, than any of stone fruits; in smell and flavor it approaches the Nectarine. *It will be king of fruits; better than an apricot.*" It ripens in New Jersey during August.

Prunus Pissardi.—This is not only valuable for its fruit, but also for its beautiful foliage which is a purple; the bark of the tree is smooth and of the same color as the leaves. The trees present a very novel and pretty appearance and are worth their cost for their beauty alone.

Abundance, (*As described by introducer*).—"This is a remarkable fruit indeed. Both in tree and fruit it is unlike any other plum. In growth it is so strong and handsome as to render it worthy of being planted as an ornamental tree—equalling in thrift and beauty Kieffer pear which *it even excels* in early and profuse bearing. Its propensity for early bearing is such that it loads in the nursery row, bending the limbs with the weight of fruit until they sometimes break and this is the case *every year*—the curculio having no effect upon it, the egg failing to hatch and produce the destructive grub the same as with

the Spaulding. We have seen even little one-year-old saplings but two feet high, white with bloom and set heavily with large, fine plums. The fruit is very large, showy and beautiful. Amber, turning to a rich bright cherry color with a decided white bloom, and highly perfumed. Flesh light yellow, exceedingly juicy and tender and of a delicious sweetness impossible to describe. Stone small and parts readily from the flesh. For canning it is also of the greatest excellence. Its season is *very early*, ripening in advance of other plums (early in August at Monmouth), adding to its special value. No one need longer be without plums, for all who plant trees of ABUNDANCE will have an abundance of plums."

Nectarines.

We have all the principle varieties in June budded and one-year-old trees.

Apricots.

This is one of the most beautiful of stone fruits and decidedly the most delicious: like the plum it is affected badly by the attacks of Curculio and needs the same treatment as plum, which it resembles much in shape but is like the peach in excellence and flavor.

Breda.—Small, round, orange productive, free.

Early Golden.—Small, pale yellow, juicy, vigorous grower.

Moorpark.—Large, yellow and red, sweet, rich, reliable.

Royal Large.—Yellow and orange, free, firm, a fine variety.

Roman.—Remarkably hardy, medium size, reliable.

Peach.—Very large, yellow, rich, juicy, excellent.

Large Early.—Medium size, early, rich, juicy.

RUSSIAN APRICOTS.

This variety is described as the hardiest of all the varieties, ripens with peaches, is highly ornamental, having dark green foliage and will prove a very valuable fruit in the northern states. Is said to be very free of diseases, worms and insects. Give it a trial.

IMPROVED RUSSIAN APRICOTS OF following varieties *1 to 2 ft., June budded.* ALEXANDER, ALEXIS, GIBB, CATHARINE, J. L. BUDD and NICHOLAS These are all fine selected varieties.

Apples.

We claim that there is not a finer lot of nice, straight, smooth and healthy apple trees in the state than ours. We grow both from bud and graft for those desiring the one or the other especially; we can give them in most varieties whichever they want.

SUMMER VARIETIES.

Early Harvest.—Medium size, pale yellow, early, mild, excellent, sub-acid, a well known variety.

Nyack Pippin. (*Summer Pippin*).—Large, yellow with blush, best quality for table use, valuable, medium.

Red Astrachan.—Large, smooth, nearly covered with crimson overspread by thick bloom, acid, good.

Sweet Bough.—Large, pale yellow, sweet, productive, valuable, early.

Tetofsky.—Medium size, Russian origin, very hardy and productive, sub-acid, early, yellow striped with red.

Yellow Transparent.—Medium size, clear white to yellow, Russian origin, the earliest, quality good, profitable.

Early Williams.—Large, early, prolific, deep red, quality excellent.

Red June.—Medium size, handsomely striped with red, excellent, good bearer.

Hagloe.—Large, whitish yellow, splashed and striped with red, excellent cooking apple.

Primate.—Medium size, pale yellow, tender, juicy, excellent in quality.

***Fanny.**—Large, roundish, dark crimson, profitable, firm, juicy, agreeable, sub-acid.

AUTUMN VARIETIES.

Red Beitheimer.—Very large, beautiful, superior quality, light yellow, shaded with red, purplish crimson when exposed to sun. Trees are vigorous and healthy growers.

Fall Pippin.—Very large, yellow, tender and best quality, shy bearer.

Maidens Blush.—Medium to large, roundish, clear yellow with pink cheek, beautiful, excellent.

Orange Pippin.—Medium, golden yellow, dry, handsome, poor quality, good shipper, productive.

Fall Orange.—Large, nearly round, yellow, rather acid, good for cooking, good bearer.

Alexander.—Large, beautiful red, medium quality, tree a vigorous grower, very hardy.

Dutchesse of Oldenberg.—Medium to large, Russian origin, yellow striped with red, excellent flavor.

Gravenstein.—Large, bright yellow, roundish, splashed with red and orange, high flavor, prolific.

Porter.—Medium, conical, regular and smooth, bright yellow, very fine flavor.

Townsend.—Large, yellow and red, tender, mild and pleasant, late.

WINTER VARIETIES.

Baldwin.—Large, round, red, good bearer, vigorous.

Ben Davis.—Large, red, yellow stripes, extra keeper.

Smith Cider.—Large, oblong yellow to red, pleasant, sub-acid.

Nero.—Large, roundish, deep red, pretty, valuable.

Newtown Pippin.—Medium, greenish, extra quality, good shipper, needs good ground.

Monmouth Pippin. (*Red Check Pippin*).—Large, greenish yellow, with fine red cheek, tender, good.

Roman Stem.—Medium, yellow, spotted with brown dots, tender and juicy, early.

Hubbardson's Non-Such.—Large, round, yellow, rich, tender, good bearer, strong grower.

Mann.—Medium to large, deep yellow skin, pleasant sub-acid, good, very hardy.

Fallowater.—Very large, greenish yellow, flesh fine grained, mild, sub-acid, tree vigorous.

Carthouse.—Medium size, roundish oblong, skin very smooth, deep red and yellow, firm, juicy.

Gibbs.—Medium to large, white, mild sub-acid, one of the best keeping apples, good in July and August.

Roxbury Russet.—The largest russet, sub-acid, extra quality, valuable market variety, productive.

Grimes Golden.—Medium size, yellow, highest quality, rich, tender, tree hardy, vigorous.

Pennocks Red. (*Pelican*).—Large, roundish oblong, deep dull red, good keeper, dry, coarse, profitable.

Ridge Pippin.—Medium to large, yellow with cinnamon dots, crisp, mild, good keeper.

Wagener.—Medium size, deep red in the sun, mild, tender, sub-acid, good bearer, vigorous.

Peck's Pleasant.—Resembles Newtown Pippin, needs to be picked early, an excellent apple.

Smoke House.—Large, yellow and red, fine grained and juicy, crooked grower.

Delaware Red, Winter.—Medium to large, extra good keeper, quality good, bright red, round, sub-acid.

York Imperial. (*Johnson's Winter*).—Large, smooth, irregular, white shaded with crimson, firm, sub-acid productive.

Yellow Belle Flower.—Large, yellow, rich, crisp, juicy, sprightly acid flavor, excellent.

Wealthy.—Medium size, red with white streaks, quality good, tree good grower, hardy, early bearer.

Walbridge.—Medium size, regular pale yellow, juicy, mild sub-acid, hard and productive.

Pewaukee.—Medium, roundish, bright yellow, splashed with red, very hardy.

Shockley.—Medium size, conical, always regular, sweet or sub-acid, good keeper, tree vigorous.

King.—Very large and fine, red striped, sub-acid, trees vigorous and spreading.

Wine Sap.—Medium size, deep red, firm, crisp, quality very fine, good keeper, productive.

Cooper's Redling.—Medium to large, striped red, regular sub-acid, extra good keeper, quality fine.

English Russet.—Medium size, regular, pale greenish yellow, two-thirds russet, sub-acid.

***Langford Seedling.**—Medium to large, yellow, red stripes, good keeper, excellent quality, juicy.

***Stark.**—Large, greenish yellow, splashed with red, mild sub-acid, juicy, good keeper.

Lady's Sweeting.—Large, handsome red, juicy, sweet and good.
Rhode Island Greening.—Large, greenish yellow, roundish, good bearer, tender, juicy, with an extra fine flavor.

All the Apples marked * are top grafted but will be sold at same prices as others.

Pear Trees.

Our trade demands that we should have nothing but nice smooth healthy Pear trees, therefore we must have them and nothing else. We have them and at very low prices.

SUMMER PEARS.

- ***Bartlett.**—Large, buttery, juicy, popular.
Bloodgood.—Medium, yellow, rich, first quality, early.
 ***Clapp's Favorite.**—Large, yellow, red cheek, early, rich.
Doyenne d' Ete.—Small to medium, very early, yellow, excellent.
Lawson or Comet.—Medium, early, vigorous grower, juicy.
LeConte.—Large, bell shaped, yellow, good shipper, southern variety.
Manning's Elizabeth.—Small to medium, productive, rich, early.
Osband's Summer.—Medium, yellow, red cheek, excellent.

AUTUMN PEARS.

- Buffum.**—Medium, yellow, sweet, excellent.
 ***Beurre Clairgeau.**—Large, yellow, buttery, juicy, valuable.
Beurre Bosc.—Large, yellow, white flesh, juicy, productive.
 ***Beurre de Anjou.**—Large, greenish, white flesh, very productive.
 ***Duchesse de Angouleme.**—Very large, greenish yellow, best dwarf variety.
Flemish Beauty.—Large, juicy, fine, good bearer.
 ***Howell.**—Large, light yellow, red cheek, rich, sweet, productive.
 ***Keiffer.**—Very large, when ripe yellow with red cheek, tree very thrifty, very productive and profitable.
 ***Louise Bonne de Jersey.**—Medium, greenish yellow, excellent, productive.
Sheldon.—Medium, yellowish russet, juicy, melting, productive.
Seckel.—Small, yellowish brown, fine flavored, sweet, productive.

WINTER PEARS.

- Dana's Hovey.**—Small, yellowish russet, juicy, rich.
Lawrence.—Medium to large, yellow, quality best, productive.
 ***Vicar.**—Large, long, productive, not first quality.

DWARF PEARS.

Those marked * can be had in first-class Dwarfs 2 years, as well as in Standards.

Grapes.

We have a first-class stock grape vines to offer for the coming season and we send out nothing but well rooted vines. We call your attention to our prices on *Moore's Early*.

If the variety that you want is not given below, write to us regarding it and we will endeavor to get for you and at bottom prices.

Agawam. (*Rogers No. 15*).—Berries very large, globular; bunches medium to large, compact often shouldered; maroon color, pulp soft; skin thick; ripens soon after Concord; sweet, sprightly, peculiar aromatic flavor, productive and of great vigor of growth; is a success in some localities.

Brighton.—Berries medium to large, round; light red to dark crimson in color; skin thin but tough; flesh tender, very slight pulp; ripens before Delaware; flavor sweet, slightly aromatic; productive.

Centennial.—Berries above medium, round; bunches large conical and compact; skin firm, almost white; flesh juicy, very sweet; ripens a few days later than Concord; good keeper.

Champion.—Berry medium, round, bunches large, compact; ripens very early; vine a strong grower; productive.

Concord.—This variety is so popular and well known, it needs no description.

Catawba.—Berries above medium, round, deep red; bunches large shouldered and moderately compact; sweet, juicy but somewhat musky; vine a vigorous grower.

Delaware.—Berries below medium, round; bunches small to medium, compact; skin thin but tenacious; pulp, sweet and tender; flavor, sugary and rich; beautiful light red in color, translucent, early.

Duchesse.—Berries medium, roundish; bunch medium to large, compact; skin thick; color, pale greenish yellow; flesh tender, free from pulp, sweet, juicy, excellent; ripens soon after Concord, keeps a long time after it is gathered.

Empire State.—Berries medium to large, roundish oval, white tinged with yellow; bunches large; flesh tender, juicy; vine hardy; a good shipper; profitable.

Hartford Prolific.—Berries medium, round, black; bunches large, rather compact, shouldered; flesh, juicy, pulpy with a foxy flavor; very early and productive.

Highland. (*Racketts No. 37*).—Berries large, round, black; bunches large, shouldered and moderately compact; flesh soft, slight pulp, sweet, good; ripens after Concord.

Jefferson.—Berries above medium, roundish oval, light red; bunch, large shouldered, compact; skin thick; flesh tender, juicy, sweet, aromatic; productive.

Lady.—Berries larger than Concord, light greenish yellow covered with a white bloom; bunches small, flesh sweet and rich; skin thin; pulp tender; excellent.

Lady Washington.—Berries medium, pale amber; bunches very large, often double shouldered, moderately compact; flesh tender, juicy, sweet, of good quality.

Martha.—Berries medium, round, greenish white, bunches medium, moderately compact, shouldered; skin thin; flesh tender, remarkably sweet; odor foxy.

Moore's Early.—Berries larger than Concord; bunches smaller than Concord; it is nearly like Concord but is about two weeks earlier and is therefore very valuable.

Merrimack. (*Rogers No. 19*).—Berries large, sweet, black; bunch medium; vine vigorous.

Niagara.—Berries large, roundish oval, pale green to pale yellow, whitish bloom; bunches medium to large, compact; skin thin but tough; in quality good.

Perkins.—Berries medium oblong, greenish white to pale lilac; bunch medium to large, very compact, shouldered; flesh pulpy, sweet, juicy; skins thick; ripens just after Hartford.

Pocklington.—Berries large, pale green with yellow tinge, round; bunches large, showy, compact; flesh tender, juicy.

Salem. (*Rogers No. 22*).—Berries large, dark chestnut in color; bunches medium to large, compact, shouldered; skin rather thick; flesh, tolerably tender, sweet, rich aromatic flavor.

Ulster Prolific.—Berries medium to large, dull copper color; skin tough; bunches medium; productive.

Vergennes.—Berries large, round, light amber; bunches large; flavor rich, free from hard pulp, very early and a good keeper; superior quality.

Wilder.—A very popular and profitable variety. Berries large, globular, dark purple, nearly black, slight bloom; bunches large shouldered and weighing a pound or more sometimes; flesh tender, with slight pulp, juicy, rich and sweet, vine vigorous; ripens with Concord.

Worden.—An improved Concord larger in bunch and berry; better quality; earlier.

Wyoming Red.—Berry small to medium, bright red, bunch, small, compact and handsome; skin thin but firm; flesh, sweet a little foxy; very early; profitable.

Asparagus Roots.

Conovers Colossal is the old standard and reliable variety and is very profitable. We have extra strong roots, one, two and three-year-old's, at the lowest prices.

Rhubarb.

Victoria and Linnacus.—

Raffia.

This is far superior to the old Bass bark and there being no waste is much cheaper.

Budders!—It is just the the thing to tie Peach trees with.

Truckers!—It is just what you want to tie bunches of asparagus &c., is *Strong and Pliable*.

Peach Trees.

This is our specialty. Last season there were nearly *one-half of a million* Peach trees sold by the VILLAGE NURSERY firm, in all sizes. They were shipped all over the United States, from California to Florida and Maine, and except in two cases there invariably came the communication, "*Trees arrived in first-class condition and were entirely satisfactory.*" We take great care in packing our stock and having handled so many peach trees, we have learned by experience the best ways to pack them. We bud on nothing but *natural Peach seedlings*, never using mixed nor smock seed, but pay double and even *triple* the price for *natural Tenn. seed*. No tree is as healthy and cannot be as long lived when grown from a pit that came off a diseased tree. Delaware and Maryland now have so much disease in their Peach trees that it is not safe to take pits from their orchards to propagate other trees.

We bud from *Nursery trees*. *Why?* Because we believe it to be a healthier scion and not so apt to be affected by any kind of disease.

We arrange our list of Peach trees as nearly in the order of ripening as possible and we think it very nearly correct. We do not give a very full description, simply for the reason that it cannot be done by any one. Every district has its peculiar climate and soil, under these peculiarities all varieties of Peaches vary more or less, becoming in some cases hardly recognizable. We give you a list seventy-six (76) varieties grown by us; this list embraces many other varieties which differ *only in name* from some varieties on our list. In speaking of color of a Peach we speak of the flesh, not the skin.

VARIETIES.	Color	Free or Cling	REMARKS.
1 Amsden.....	Red	½free	Adapted to South
2 Alexander.....	Red	½free	do
3 Early Beatrice.....	Red	Free	do
4 Early Louisa.....	Red	Free	do
5 Early Rivers.....	White	Free	do
6 Hales Early.....	Red	Free	
7 Troth's Early.....	Red	Free	Very Nice
8 St. John.....	Yellow	Free	Adapted to South
9 Early Tillotson.....	Red	Free	do
10 Lady Ingold.....	Yellow	Free	
11 Mt. Rose.....	Red	Free	Very Hardy and Large
12 Foster.....	Yellow	Free	
13 Amelia.....	Red	Free	Quality Good
14 Barnard's Early.....	Yellow	Free	
15 Reed's Early.....	Yellow	Free	Large Crawford Early
16 Large Early York.....	Red	Free	Old " Honest John "
17 Crawford Early.....	Yellow	Free	Great Bearer
18 Old Mixon.....	Red	Free	
19 Wheatland.....	Yellow	Free	Extra Large
20 Elberta.....	Yellow	Free	Very Sweet and Good

VARIETIES.	Color.	Free or Cling.	REMARKS.
21 Moore's Favorite	Red	Free	
22 Reeve's Favorite	Yellow	Free	Large and Shy
23 Wager	Yellow	Free	
24 Columbia	Blood	Free	Adapted to South
25 Hance's Golden R. Ripe	Yellow	Free	Beautiful
26 Stump the World	Red	Free	Large
27 Thurber	Red	Free	
28 Old Mixon Cling	Red	Cling	
29 Jacques R. Riper	Yellow	Free	or "Orange Clear"
30 Mary's Choice	Yellow	Free	
31 Susquehanna	Yellow	Free	Very Large
32 Crawford Late	Yellow	Free	} Ripen Together
33 Prize	Yellow	Free	
34 Brandywine	Yellow	Free	
35 Lemon Cling	Yellow	Cling	
36 Ward's Late	Red	Free	
37 Pride of Franklin	Yellow	Free	
38 Newark Seedling	Yellow	Free	
39 Christiana	Yellow	Free	
40 Late Admirable	Red	Free	
41 Beer's Late Mel	Yellow	Free	Very Hardy
42 Chair's Choice	Yellow	Free	Large
43 Hill's Chili	Yellow	Free	Very Hardy
44 GLOBE	Yellow	Free	New and Fine
45 Fox's Seedling	Red	Free	Fine Coloring
46 X X Yellow	Yellow	Free	
47 Bradley	Red	Free	
48 Variegated Free	Red	Free	
49 Stephen's R. Ripe	Red	Free	Extra Large, Hardy
50 Ford's Late	White	Free	New, said very Hardy
51 Smock	Yellow	Free	
52 Shipley's Late	Red	Free	
53 Keyport White	White	Free	Very Hardy
54 Piquett's Late	Yellow	Free	
55 Bray's R. Ripe	Red	Free	
56 Ruding's Late Red	Red	Free	A Pretty Peach
57 Temple's White	White	Free	Very Hardy
58 McCollister	Yellow	Free	
59 Geary's Hold-on	Yellow	Free	
60 Lord Palmerston	Red	Free	
61 Gibson's Late	Yellow	Free	Few days later Smock
62 Levy Cling	Yellow	Cling	Adapted to the South
63 Salway	Yellow	Free	
64 Late Heath Cling	White	Cling	Adapted to So. & West
65 Roser	Red	Free	
66 Cook's White R. Ripe	White	Free	
67 Bilyeu's Late Oct	Red	Free	Not ripen N'th of N. J.
68 Steadley	White	Free	Sth'n & West'n variety

SOUTHERN CLINGS AND OTHERS.

VARIETIES.	Color		REMARKS.
69 Nixes Late Cling.....	Red	Cling	Very Late
70 Darby Cling.....	Red	Cling	Very Late
71 Indian Blood Cling....	Blood	Cling	
72 Gen. Jackson.....	White	Cling	
73 Gen. Lee.....	White	Cling	
74 Tuskena Cling.....	Yellow	Cling	Very Late
75 Honey.....	.....	.....	} True Sth'n varieties.
76 Peen To.....	.....	.....

Our *Peach Trees* are graded as follows:—

5/6ft. *Extra, Stocky*, 5/8 inch and up.

4/5 ft. *First-class, nice*, 1/2 inch and up.

3/4 ft. *Medium Planters' size*, 3/8 inch and up.

2/3 ft. *Second class (not whips)* but nice branched trees.

Culls, 2 ft. *high and over* but not fit for seconds.

June Budded, 15 to 24 inches, extra, nice, well rooted, for express and long distances, especially; for growers these beat all others.

June Budded, 9 to 12 inches, *mailing size*; these are light, fibrous rooted, and especially adapted for mailing.

NEW VARIETIES OF PEACHES.

Wonderful.—*Form*, smooth, slightly pointed apex, very regular in form and uniform in size.

Color, yellow overspread with vivid carmine.

Season, late to very late, a good keeper.

Flesh, yellow, rich and delicious, perfect, free stone; bright red around the pit.

Stone, deeply furrowed and medium in size, smaller than most late varieties.

Tree, a vigorous grower, very prolific.

Muir.—A California seedling of C. Early; “an excellent bearer; large to very large; a freestone, a fine shipper, one of the best canning peaches, and the best drying Peach.”

Yellow Mystery.—From Maryland; “large, round, yellow with crimson cheek, handsome; flesh yellow, firm, luscious; tree vigorous and productive; said to be eight days earlier than Troth's Early.”

We have the above varieties in June Buds at greatly reduced rates.

Having a very large stock of Peach seedlings now in growth we are prepared to do contract budding for nurseries and will do it for less than they can grow the trees themselves.

We would like to receive any contracts any year before June 10th, for June Buds to be shipped the next Fall and Spring, or before Aug. 20th for the Fall of the following year and the Spring of that season—i. e., if ordered August 20th, 1890, to be budded, they will be ready for shipment Fall of '91 and Spring of '92. Write for special contract prices and we are sure that they will surprise you.

PEACH SEED.

We can supply you Nat. Va., Accomac Co., Peach seed as well as Tennessee seed at bottom prices. Be sure that you buy of reliable men.

CAUTION.

Those intending buying trees of no matter whom, should in all cases be sure that they have been grown from natural and healthy seed.

There will be in the market this year and also next year immense quantities of the trees that are grown from can-house pits that are already affected by disease. *Beware of all such trash.*

Budding.

In connection with Peach trees we place this article and we wish you to note well what is said, as every word has its truth to convey.

Ten and fifteen years ago, budding was considered to be a very difficult task by those who knew most about it. Many can remember when 1,500 and 2,000 was considered a good day's work and but few could do that number; in some sections, that number is still considered extra good. Gradually they have increased in speed, until a few years since 4,000 was considered as a number not possible to be budded. But now things have changed, and 4,000 is only considered a fair day's work. A new fact has also been found to be true, i. e., that the fast budders made a better average of live buds than the slow budders.

We claim to have *three of the best and fastest budders* in the country, an average of 5,000 each being a very common thing. We have others who are not so fast. Those having trees to bud would do well to correspond with us before getting their men elsewhere. All of our men are experienced in their business and are fully trustworthy. They bud *what varieties you want them to bud*; when they fall short of one variety, they *do not mix another kind* with them, neither do they *put in natural buds* as some have been known to do. Another thing we claim for them and that is, that *you may depend upon their count*. They bud the trees in less time, yet make as large proportion live, as anyone; considering these facts our men at the same prices as others are much cheaper.

We can furnish you with men to tie, but few boys can keep up and so we have men to tie. The month of August is the time to bud, not September.

We also supply buds at very reasonable prices and use every effort to keep them true to name.

Flowering Shrubs.

Spireas, Altheas, Golden Bell, Wegelia, Pyrus Japonica, Dog Wood, Wistaria, Roses, Hydrangeas, &c. We sell the above *at 25c. to 50c. each, or we* will get fancy shrubs for you and sell them to you as cheap as you can get elsewhere.

Quinces.

Orange.—This is the old reliable high flavored and standard variety.

Rea's Mammoth.—A seedling from the orange but is said to be a better grower and to bear larger fruit.

Champion.—A very large showy Quince, vigorous grower, tree bears very young, ripens about two weeks later than Orange; it is without the hard knots so common to Quince.

Meeche's Quince.— This is a new variety but one which proves to be a very fine Quince, being very productive and regular in form.

Nuts.

American Chestnut or *Common Sweet Chestnut.*— Is too well-known to need description.

Spanish Chestnut.—Very large, but not as sweet as American.

Japan Chestnut.—Very large, said to be as sweet as the American.

Black Walnut.—The common well-known variety the wood of which is so valuable.

English Walnut.— The variety most known in commerce with comparatively soft shell.

Sultana Almond.—The almond of commerce.

Soft Shell Almond.—Or as it is known paper shell Almond.

Shade Trees.

☞ We can furnish at bottom and popular prices the following stock:

☞ **Sugar Maple.**—Very fine, medium fast grower, roots not close to top of ground.

Silver Maple.—Large, fast grower, objectionable along the streets on account of large roots growing so near the surface of the ground; light green leaves.

Norway Maple.—The very finest of all maples but a very slow grower; very dark leaves.

Carolina Poplar.—A very fast upright grower and is much planted.

Horse Chestnut.—A slow grower but one of the best of shade trees when fully grown; leaves very large.

SEEDLINGS.

Anyone desiring Apple, Pear, Plum or Cherry seedlings can be furnished with them at low prices.

EVERGREENS.

We have in stock a large assortment of Evergreens for hedging and also for planting single.

American Arbor Vitae and the Hemlock, are the best for hedging, while there are numerous other kinds that make a very fine ornament when planted separate.

REMARKS.

Those that do not see in this catalogue what they want, should write us, and no doubt we could furnish it at as low a figure as anyone. Large quantities may be sold at wholesale prices.

For prices see our price lists, if you have no price list write for one.

We would also ask as a favor that anyone seeing a known mistake in this, our first attempt, will communicate the same to us that we may rectify it.

All questions that we are capable of answering, if sent to us, will be answered by us and without cost; in fact we would be pleased to be of any service to the fruit growers.

Address all communications to

JOS. H. BLACK & SON,

HIGHTSTOWN, N. J.

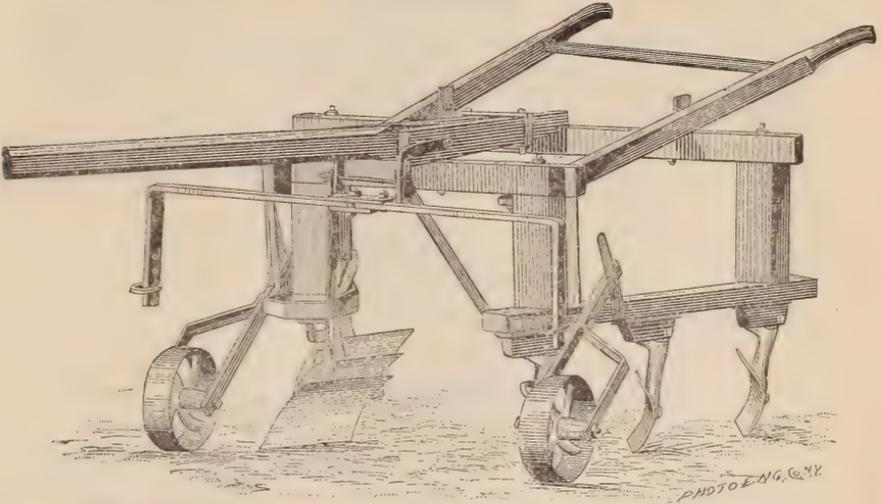
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NOTICE.—We would call the attention of the readers to the card of Thomas Pepler, whom we are pleased to recommend as doing first-class work and as being fully trustworthy.

THE RIGGS PLOW

WITH WHEELS AND CLIMAX HITCH.

(PATENTED.)



The above cut shows the most complete Gang-Plow ever devised. The Wheels together with the Climax Hitch *positively* free the plow of all neck-draft, and provide adequate means for adjusting the depth of cut to suit the operator. The Plow is as portable as a cart. While the Wheels and Climax Hitch bring about all these desirable results, at the same time the Plow loses none of its matchless guiding qualities. For ease of guiding, the Riggs Plow has no equal on earth. The Wheels can be attached to any make of Riggs Plow, and can be successfully worked with any style of draft-rod. I would strongly recommend their use with the Climax Hitch, which insures a loose tongue (no neck draft), both ends of the Plow run level, perfect control, and removes the most serious objection to the old style Riggs Plow, as it allows free, unobstructed passage of corn through the arch, and brings all the draft on the sills, where it should be, preventing any strain on the Plow. The Climax Hitch is the most perfect Hitch ever devised, and the *only* one that will cause the plow to run perfectly level with a LOOSE TONGUE. The Climax Hitch can be attached to any make of Riggs Plow without any changes whatever, not even requiring the boring of a single additional hole. By substituting Cultivator Shanks and Points the Plow is quickly changed to the most convenient and easily-worked Cultivator ever produced. When used with Wheels and Climax Hitch it is positively

The Leader of all Cultivators in the American Market to-day.

The Plows throw the soil from or toward the plant. Eight Polished Shares and Wrench with every Plow. Handles adjustable in height. I manufacture these plows in two sizes, 4 and 4½ feet cut, of the very best seasoned White Oak frame, and all bolts, castings, steels, and irons of very best quality. Every Plow warranted to run square and level. Handsomely painted, finished and varnished.

The Wheels and Climax Hitch are both patented. Infringements are on the market. Beware of them, as both buyer and seller are liable, and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

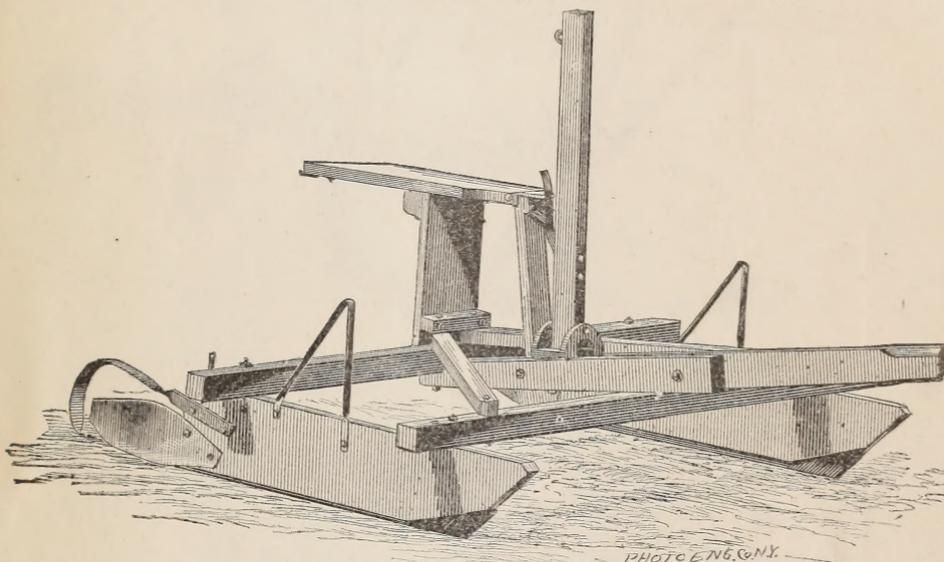
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The Improved Riggs' Furrower.

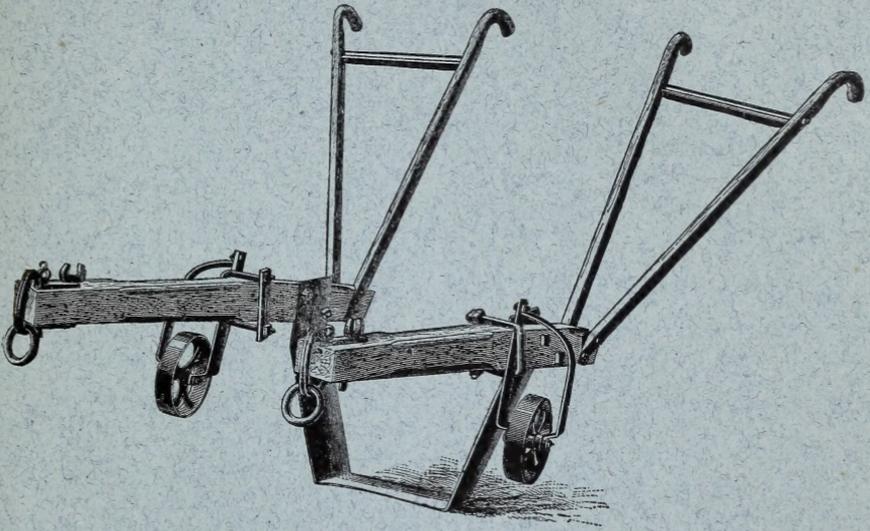
This is the most popular and useful Marker ever invented. It has met with the most unbounded success everywhere. The fact that many hundreds are sold every year attests its immense popularity. Makes two furrows at a time, and a centre guide mark to drive by on return. Will not clog in coarse manure or trash of any kind. *Light yet Strong and Durable.* The polished shares are adjustable to any depth or width of furrow. THE ADJUSTABLE FURROW LOOSENERS, shown at rear of shares, loosens up the packed furrow and leaves a mellow seed-bed, just what has been long wanted but never supplied until now. These spring-teeth can be attached to any make of Riggs' Furrower, and are indispensable to the careful and prudent farmer.

My Furrowers have the very best and latest improved marker. The entire draft is from the centre of furrower and readily conforms to any inequalities of the ground without drafting the furrower side-wise—a very much superior method to that shown in cut and still in use by my competitors. The marker pole is held upright by a spring while turning.

Many manufacturers of furrowers use *Black Oak* or *Ash* frames—very inferior woods for the purpose. Beware of them and buy only the best.

My furrower frames are made of *thoroughly seasoned Jersey White Oak*. All bolts, steel, &c., of very best quality. I place an iron handle on seat, very convenient for turning. I make these Furrowers in two sizes, 4 feet and 4½ feet; either width can be adjusted as much narrower as desired. Handsomely painted, finished and varnished.

Black's Patent Tree Digger.



We call the nurseryman's attention to this machine. It is to the nurseryman what the mowing machine is to the farmer. It is not only a cheaper way of cutting trees but it leaves better roots than a spade. Neither does it skin the roots, but cuts them off squarely.

It is (by means of the wheels) made so that it needs but little attention while working. It cuts both sides of the row at the same time.

It is the cheapest and best digger made. Price, complete, (with wheels) \$22.00.

We also offer to those purchasing and to those owning diggers, a very effective and useful attachment for raising the trees, at the very low figure of \$3.00.

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