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Containing Information for Our Patrons

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Let us talk about Orange trees a few minutes.

We have for some years past grown more Orange trees than any other nursery this side the Rocky Mountains. We have, also, nearly all the prominent varieties in bearing size in our own thirty-acre Orange grove. We have fruit—lots of it—on the nursery trees. Every variety is true to name. Planters are cordially invited to come and see the trees and test the fruit.

Bear in mind, when reading the above, where we are situated—away up in Northern Florida, thirty miles due west from Jacksonville. Bear in mind, also, that practically all the Orange trees that are fruiting for us this year are budded upon the hardy Citrus trifoliata stock. And also bear in mind that we can furnish as handsome nursery stock as was ever grown, budded either on the above-named stock or Sour Orange stock, as customers may desire.

Amongst the points to which we have made, or are making, large shipments this winter are Hawaiian Islands, New Zealand, Mexico, California, Arizona, Porto Rico, Jamaica, Cuba and, of course, all points in Florida, the South and Southwest. Of one large shipment made to Porto Rico the purchaser writes, under date of January 7:

"I enclose herewith New York draft payable to your order for \$57.08 (amount previously sent \$329.93). The trees arrived in excellent condition and I think will have no trouble in getting them to live. They have all been planted out and are doing nicely. They arrived in better condition than any other trees I

HAVE SEEN SHIPPED HERE. I have given your address to the party who lost his trees from scalding, and he says he will order next from you."

The beauty of this testimonial is that it is only one of hundreds—from all sections—written in the same tenor.

A large planter on the east coast of Florida writes us, under date of January 3:

"Enclosed find check for \$105 to balance my account (amount previously sent \$407.66). The 1,282 trees bought of you this winter are as fine a lot as I have ever seen sent out—every tree being sound, healthy, well up to size and in good condition as per your representation. There is some satisfaction in dealing with a nurseryman who takes a pride in sending out only the best that can be had for the price."

A customer in Volusia county wrote us that his trees had not arrived and he feared they would be spoiled. We wrote him that we thought he need have no uneasiness on that score and a few days afterwards received from him the following:

"This is to let you know that the trees have arrived in first-class condition and I am well pleased. I will never worry about your trees hereafter if they are out a month, if you pack them as these were packed. I thought perhaps as the distance was so short you would pack them accordingly."

Apropos of the length of time that first-class trees will carry when properly packed for long distance shipment, the following may be interesting:

"REMUERA, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

"Mr. G. L. Taber, Glen St. Mary, Florida.

"Dear Sir — The case of trees you sent me arrived about a fortnight ago, and, though nearly $3\frac{1}{2}$ months in coming, they arrived in splendid condition, not one tree being dead. I put that down to the healthy, clean trees, and to the splendid manner in which they were packed. The package addressed to Mr. Woodroffe was forwarded to him immediately on arrival of case. As to balance of money to my credit, I will ask you to retain it until next season, when I will have much pleasure in giving you another order.

"Yours faithfully,

ANDREW NICOLL."

The route taken by the above shipment, which was 3½ months in transit, and arrived in first-class condition, was as follows: Glen St. Mary to Jacksonville, Florida (30 miles), by rail; thence by water via New York, Liverpool, Straits of Gibraltar, Mediterranean Sea, Suez Canal, Red Sea, and Indian Ocean; finally bringing up at New Zealand in the Pacific Ocean, after having traveled three-quarters of the way around the globe.

Our Kumquat trees in nursery have borne heavily this year, and we have already sold lots of fruit. We have something as handsome in this line as any one would care to see. Lots of fruit still on the trees.

We had a little cold spell here on the night of January 18. Thermometer went down to 26, but no harm done. We took the precaution to burn a little wood amongst the most tender varieties, but it was unnecessary. Even the Oranges on the trees were unhurt.

In addition to regular sizes listed we can furnish extra large specimens at special prices; quoted upon application. We can also furnish smaller trees than listed at correspondingly lower prices, if one cares to use very small trees.

Of course every one who receives this Bulletin is supposed to have a copy of our Catalogue, which also contains Price-List. If the Catalogue has been mislaid, or you wish another, it will be forwarded upon request.

Refer to frontispiece in our 1901 Catalogue, and see if you ever saw anything handsomer in the way of Orange trees fruiting in the nursery rows. Also refer to page 7 of Catalogue for descriptions. The trees from which these photographs were taken can still be seen—loaded with fruit—by visiting our nurseries. All prospective planters are welcomed.

Ruby, St. Michael's Blood, Maltese Blood, and other blood Oranges, when budded on *Citrus trifoliata*, show blood markings in the fruit much earlier in the season than do the same varieties budded on Sour. We have lots of the fruit that is now blood-red through and through, even the skin showing purplish red.

Our five-acre test orchard of all varieties of Oranges and Pomelos, upon both Sour and *Citrus trifoliata* stock, side by side, is an interesting sight to visitors. We consider it one of the most valuable experiments that we have ever conducted.

The trees that we are growing for the United States Government — Hybrids between Sweet Oranges and Citrus trifoliata — are also very interesting. Out of the 50 varieties there are several of great promise, although none of these have yet fruited and none are for sale. The Government holds control of the stock until such time in the future as some of the varieties may prove worthy of dissemination. The inbred hardiness that comes from crossing with Citrus trifoliata is, however, already established.

Because we have had so much to say about Oranges, don't imagine that we grow nothing else. We have a fine supply of nearly all kinds of deciduous fruit trees, as per Catalogue. We also grow large quantities of the finest varieties of Roses and many other Ornamentals.

Speaking about Ornamentals: A nurseryman who deals in them has a pretty good key to the financial condition of the country. When times are very hard, people don't plant Ornamentals very extensively. When money is in freer circulation, the demand for Ornamentals increases. As we are selling large quantities of them this year, it is a good indication that the South is prosperous.

In placing orders do not forget the Muscadine type of Grapes, which grow rampant in the South and which require no pruning. They bear abundantly, and some of the varieties are very fine.

A few Japan Persimmon trees are also desirable. This fruit is beginning to look up in the market and will some day be in demand.

The Excelsior Plum is one of the very best for the South. We can furnish it and also all other prominent varieties of Japan Plums.

Please remember, that on all cash in advance orders of five dollars and upwards, figured at Catalogue rates, we prepay freight to all points in the Gulf States. To points outside of the Gulf States, on same size orders, we will either prepay the freight or allow 10 per cent discount. See page 36 of Catalogue.

Bear in mind that this little "Bulletin" is in no sense our Catalogue—nor intended to replace it. It consists only of brief paragraphs, jotted down either with or without correlation.

We thank our friends for generous patronage during present and past seasons. Our sales so far this year have been nearly 50 per cent larger than in any previous season of our nineteen years' business.

So many of our patrons have used the order sheet contained in Catalogue that we take the liberty to enclose another, that they may not be without one in case they wish to place a second order. We also enclose with the "Bulletin" a Price-List, Money Order Application Blank and addressed envelope; so if you wish to place an additional order, all the prerequisites for doing so are at hand. We'll guarantee to treat the order right, promptly upon its receipt.

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Catalogues, Price-Lists and Order Sheets free upon request.