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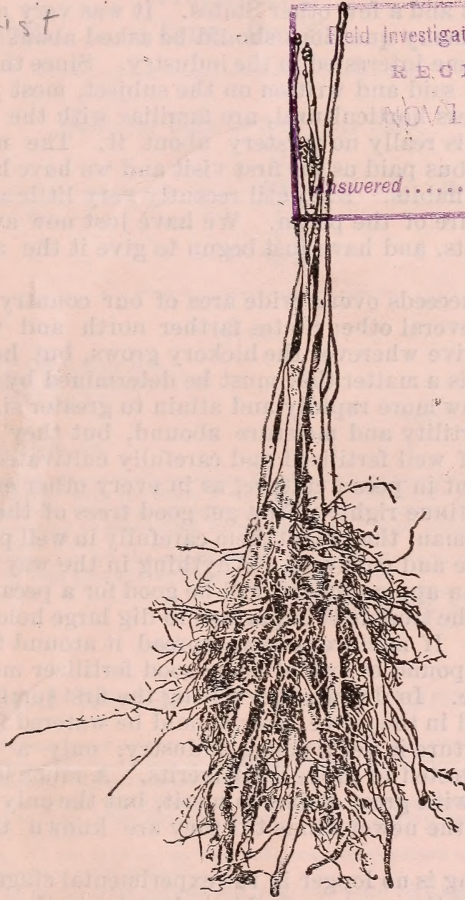


FIGURE NO. 1.

Hartwell Pecan Nurseries.

S. W. PEEK, PROPRIETOR,

HARTWELL, GA.

PECAN AND ITS CULTURE.

It was in 1882, twenty-four years ago, that I first became interested in the pecan,—interested to such an extent that I planted 1,000 pounds of select nuts in my nursery. It is not likely that this quantity of pecan nuts had ever been planted in a nursery, in one season, previous to that time.

Then very little was known of the pecan, except that it grew wild in portions of Texas and a few other States. It was very natural at this period that a great many questions should be asked about pecan culture by persons who became interested in the industry. Since that time, however, so much has been said and written on the subject, most persons who give attention to matters horticultural, are familiar with the details of pecan growing. There is really no mystery about it. The nut was growing here when Columbus paid us his first visit and we have had 400 years in which to study it habits. But until recently very little attention has been given to the culture of the pecan. We have just now awoken to a realization of its merits, and have just begun to give it the attention that it deserves.

The pecan succeeds over a wide area of our country, taking in the cotton belt and several other States farther north and west. The trees will probably thrive wherever the hickory grows, but how far north the nuts will mature is a matter that must be determined by experiment.

The trees grow more rapidly and attain to greater size when planted on land where fertility and moisture abound, but they will do well on almost any soil, if well fertilized and carefully cultivated.

It is important in pecan culture, as in every other enterprise, to begin right and continue right. First get good trees of the best kinds from a reliable nurseryman, then plant them carefully in well prepared ground; after this, fertilize and cultivate. Anything in the way of fertilizers that will be good for an apple orchard will be good for a pecan grove.

In planting the trees it is important to dig large holes and refill them with surface soil. If manure is used, spread it around the tree and dig it in lightly. A pound or two of some good fertilizer may be used in the hole with the tree. In dry weather during the first summer after the trees have been planted in the grove, they should be watered freely.

As pecan culture is yet a young industry, only a few kinds have been sufficiently tested to prove their merits. A much larger number has been introduced with great claims to merit, but the only safe plan is to invest sparingly in the newer kinds till they are known to be worthy of cultivation.

Pecan growing is no longer in the experimental stage, but is now recognized as one of the most profitable industries in the line of horticulture, and the enterprising persons who plant groves of the best varieties now and give them proper attention, will surely reap their reward.

“There are many risks in fruit culture which the pecan grower avoids. His crop is not perishable, and can be marketed at leisure. A cold wave does not ruin his prospects. His market is never overstocked. He has but few ‘off years,’ besides his profits keep on increasing without the need of additional labor or further investment.”

VARIETIES.

(BUDDED)

Stuart.	San Saba.	Van Deman.
Pride of the Coast.	Centennial	Schley.
Money-Maker.	Capital.	Russell.
Georgia Giant.	Frotscher.	Pabst.
James' Papershell.	Texas Prolific.	

One-year buds on four-year roots.

	Each	10	100
1 to 2 feet	\$1.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 85.00
2 to 3 feet	1 25	10.00	90.00
3 to 4 feet	1.50	12.50	100.00
4 to 6 feet	2.00	15.00	125.00

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STATE OF GEORGIA,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
ATLANTA.

March 1st, 1905.

Mr. S. W. Peek,
Hartwell, Ga.

Dear Sir:—

I take the pleasure of enclosing you herewith a list of awards procured by the exhibitors with the State of Georgia at the St. Louis Exposition.

The Secretary of Awards informs me that in a short time the medals and diplomas will be forwarded to me, and I will take pleasure in seeing that they reach you.

Thanking you for the co-operation you have given in this movement and trusting that you will be benefitted thereby, I am,

Very truly yours,

GLASCOCK BARRETT,
Executive Commissioner.

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Enclosure

Kind Words From Customers.

Georgia.—“The trees came all right and they were very fine ones.”

Kentucky.—“The pecan trees you sent me came through in fine shape. They are larger and finer than I expected. Many thanks for the extra trees.”

Mississippi.—“The pecan trees received. They are nice and well rooted. How old are your trees when you cut tap roots to make laterals? Yours were well rooted indeed. I expect to get more next season.”

South Carolina.—“I am glad to say that the pecan trees please me very much. I wish I were in position to plant a large grove.”

Tennessee.—“The pecan trees that we got from you were very satisfactory.”

South Carolina.—“The pecan trees have been received and much finer than I expected. Of course, I am highly pleased with them. I enclose herewith Postal Money Order for \$118 in payment for them.”

North Carolina.—“The pecan trees arrived all right and are very nice ones. Can you ship 40 more just like them at the same price?”

Alabama.—“The pecan trees came to hand and I find them as ordered. They are fine plants. I am very much pleased and may order more another year.”

Georgia.—“The 10 budded pecan trees I bought of you last December are all living and doing well. One tree bloomed and set a bunch of six nuts this spring. I planted these ten trees in a square with ten trees from each of 20 other nurseries, and I noticed that yours had the best root system, and are now growing faster than any of the others. Every one is living so far. I like your trees very much and will want more next December.”

PLANT BUDDED TREES.

Many seedling pecan trees, grown from selected nuts, produce fruit of an excellent quality, but many others, after ten years of careful attention, disappoint the planter.

When budded trees of the best kinds are planted the period of waiting is not long and the product of the grove is all that could be desired.

If I could not get budded pecan trees, I would plant seedlings, but as budded trees of several choice varieties can now be obtained, I think it unwise to plant seedlings for a commercial grove.

PECAN TREES ARE NOT ALL ALIKE.

When the intelligent orchardist buys trees he wants roots, not tops; but when he buys PECAN trees he does not want all TAP roots and no LATERALS.

Figure No. 1 represents a bunch of budded pecans, 1 to 2 feet, grown at the Hartwell Pecan Nurseries. Look at the roots. See the laterals. Trees like these are hard to kill.

Now examine figure No. 2. It represents a bunch of grafted pecans 3 to 4 feet, 2 years old. The tops are good enough, but what about the roots? Hunt for the laterals. They are fair specimens of thousands that are sold as first-class stock. They did not come from the Hartwell Pecan Nurseries. Very little exposure kills trees of this kind.

In buying trees, especially pecan trees, look after the roots. If the ROOT is all right a TOP will come.

WHY NOT PLANT A FEW PECAN TREES?

They are a paying investment as well as being very valuable for shade and ornamental trees. It was the writer's pleasure while visiting in the country some days ago to see one tree in a farmer's yard, which he said was nine years of age and that he estimated that it would yield this season two and one half bushels, and he further said:

"The only regret that I have is that I haven't several hundred instead of this one."—The Peach Grower, November, 1904.

A PERMANENT INVESTMENT.

Pecans require the same orchard cultivation, fertilizers and care that ordinary fruits demand, but the nut orchard or grove is a permanent and increasingly profitable investment and lasts for successive generations.

SPECIALTIES.

Elberta and Carman Peach	100	1000
June Buds, 1 to 2 feet.....	\$2.50	\$15.00
Botan and Burbank Plum	Each	10
1 to 2 feet.....	10c.	75c.
Kieffer Pear	Each	10
3 to 4 feet.....	15c	\$1.00
Yates Apple	Each	10
3 to 4 feet.....	10c	75c
Hicks Everbearing Mulberry	Each	10
3 to 4 feet.....	15c	\$1 00
		\$7.50



FIGURE No. 2.

GUARANTY

All trees shipped from the Hartwell Pecan Nurseries are guaranteed true e to name, and if any should by accident be sent out under wrong label, they will be replaced free of charge or money repaid. No further responsibility is assumed.