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CITRUS TREES

A SPECIALTY

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Citrus Fruits

As is well deserved, to citrus fruits is given first place, the orange being easily the king of fruits; while the lemon, with the protection of \$\frac{1}{2}c\$ per pound which is now given it, will be the queen of fruits to the California grower.

For the past quarter of a century the orange in California has been the best paying crop grown. Tho many have prophesied over-production and ruinous prices, the citrus industry today is on a more solid basis and has a brighter outlook than ever before. The Panama Canal, which is now so nearly completed, assures lower freight rates and more extended markets.

We have this season, a fine lot of citrus trees, both seed-bed and budded stock. We grow trees true to name and equal to the best.



Three-year old Washington Navel

The Orange

Washington Navel. The orange that made California famous, most extensively grown of any variety. Imported from Bahia, Brazil, in 1870 by Mr. W. Sanders of the Department of Agriculture; in 1872 two trees were sent from Washington, D. C., to Mrs. Tibbets of Riverside, and in honor of our Capitol it was named "Washington Navel."

It is grown to a limited extent in Florida, but being a shy bearer there, is but little planted.

In California it has proven a greater success than in any other part of the world, is a regular, heavy bearer of luscious, juicy fruit, seedless, highly flavored, thin skin of fine texture. Tree is a rapid grower, attaining medium size; fruits one to two years from the bud. November to May.

Valencia Late. Fruit good size, oblong, has few seeds, is very juicy, fine flavor; is marked by small ring at blossom end.

Tree is a vigorous grower, prolific, attaining a large size. During the last twenty years this variety has proven the most profitable orange grown and is being planted extensively. Ripens at a time when the markets are clear of all other varieties of the orange. June to October.

Dancy's Tangerine. Fruit medium size, sweet, rich, juicy, aromatic and delicious. Skin thin anl loose from pulp, segments separate readily, has few seeds; dark reddish color. Tree a strong grower and prolific.

Kumquat. A beautiful dwarf tree, native of Japan; profuse bearer of small,deep yellow fruit, very ornamental. As the rind is sweet, the fruit is eaten peeling and all. The Kumquat, preserved in sugar or crystalized, is delicious. The novelty stores buy large quantities of the fruit at 20 cents per pound, put them up in small boxes and sell them to those who wish to send a box of oranges to their friends in the east.



Dancy's Tangerine

The Lemon

Eureka. A California variety, has smooth fruit of medium size, excellent quality, abundant acid, few seeds, good keeper. Tree a vigorous grower, practically thornless, a heavy bearer, blooms and sets fruit continuously. Because of its superior qualities, this variety is grown almost exclusively as a commercial sort.

The Pomelo (Grape Fruit)

Marsh's Seedless. Fruit large, slightly flattened, very smooth skin, glossy lemon yellow, very juicy, heavy, rich and delicious flavor; quality the very best; almost seedless. The best variety and practically the only one now being planted in this section.

Citrus Seed Bed Stock

For the past twenty years, we have made a specialty of the growing of citrus seed-bed stock, during which time we have produced not less than 5,000,000 seedlings, which have furnished the foundation for thou-

sands of acres of California's best orange orchards; in addition to those planted in our own state, we have shipped a great many to other states, and even to Australia.

For years we have maintained the largest citrus seedling nurseries in the state, and this season are offering stock from one of the finest beds we have ever grown.

Until recent years, practically all seedlings raised in California were sweet stock, and a large percentage of all the orchards in the state have this root.



Two year old Florida Sour Stock.

In Florida, what is known as Florida sour stock is largely used as a budding stock, and experience seems to have demonstrated the superiority of this variety for use in our own state. From year to year the demand for sour stock has been increasing, until, at the present time it is more called for than any other.

This season, we are growing three varieties; Sour Stock, Sweet Stock, and Rough Lemon, each of which has its individual merits.

Florida Sour Stock. This stock is grown from seed secured in Florida. It was introduced into Florida from Spain by the early Spaniards, and may be seen today, growing in isolated groves which receive no care whatever, healthy, clean and vigorous, on hammock land in the interior everglade regions of southern Florida, where they were no doubt planted years ago by the Indians. Where the orange groves of Florida were destroyed by the freeze of 1894-5, killing the bud completely, sprouts from the sour root have grown up, are now bearing, and furnish the principal supply of sour seed.

Sour stock is highly valued as being resistant to gum disease, being especially in demand as a stock upon which to bud lemons.

The accompanying cut shows the splendid root system of the sour stock.

Sweet Stock. Used almost exclusively until within the last ten years, it was introduced into California in the early days from Tahiti, being grown as a seedling. Some of these old seedling orchards, not yet budded over, may still be seen; it is from these orchards that seed for growing the sweet seedlings is obtained. Sweet stock is still used to a considerable extent, although the sour stock has displaced it to a large degree.

Florida Rough Lemon. This stock is largely used in Florida. The Navel, which is a shy bearer in Florida, produces good crops on the rough lemon.

It is becoming quite popular for planting in this State. It should not be confused with the China lemon, which was used to some extent by the pioneer growers. L. H. Bailey, in his Cyclopedia of American Horticulture, describes it thus: "This 'rough lemon' seems to be a natural hybrid citrus, with leaves and flowers somewhat resembling the commercial lemon, and with large, round, coarse fruit with a lemon's acidity, but with the appearance of a coarse sour orange.

"For quickness of growth and prolific fruiting, no citrous tree compares with the 'rough lemon' as a stock for oranges, lemons, etc., and growers are more successful with it than with any other stock on diverse soils so far tried."

Now is the time to plant citrus trees, both seed bed stock in nursery row and orchards. Let us book your order now.

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