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## Houston＇s Nurseries

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# HOUSTON'S Nurseries 



BYRON D. HOUSTON
President and General Manager

## MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS-To our new patrons, to all who may be interested in fruit growing or beautiful surroundings, we extend our greetings with this bulletin, for the Spring of 1925.

An illustrated catalog might be more pleasing to the eye, but more expensive, and, in saving cost to ourselves, we save cost to you by being able to sell our trees those few cents cheaper.

The majority of buyers know what they want and we are glad to advise those who are uncertain of the best varieties for home garden. We have tried to list only varieties which have been proven commercially. As new varieties are put on the market and their worth tried and tested, we shall add them from time to time. New varieties, until they become standardized oft prove expensive and unsatisfactory.

If you have no use for this circular, kindly pass it to a neighbor.

## OUR BROAD GUARANTEE TO CUSTOMERS


#### Abstract

Our guarantee is, we believe, one of the broadest and most liberal of any mūjeryman in the eeuntry. Our guarentee meane semethins to you, because it is backed by a firm with an established reputation, a firm that is established permanently. We guarantee our stock to reach our customers in good condition. We guarantee that all trees and plants purchased from us shall be TRUE TO NAME as labeled. For any stock which does not prove true to name and as represented by us, and as bought by you, we are to make good your loss or damage by reason thereof at any time within ten years of the date of purchase. In event we cannot agree we are each to appoint one arbiter who shall choose the third and the award of a majority shall be binding on both parties. If there is any mistake in regard to the stock you purchase from us, we want you to tell us about it, and we will adjust the matter to your entire satisfaction. Our interest in the stock we send you does not cease when it leaves our hands. We believe our satisfied customers are our best advertisements.


Our terms are cash with order or C. O. D., shipped either by express or parcel post. PLEASE add to your remittance the few cents necessary to cover parcel post, which will insure safe and sure delivery.

As an inducement we will allow FIVE PER CENT DISCOUNT on all orders accompanied by cash during the months of FEBRUARY and MARCH.

Our Nursery is located two miles north of the Connecticut Agricultural College on the main turnpike from Hartford to Providence. We wish to call your attention to the fact that we have a fine new macadam road leading to our storage from Storrs or from Mansfield Depot.

## This Catalog is Our Only Salesman <br> We Employ no Agents

We eliminate the agent's profit and give it to you. Dealing direct the catalog way is a very simple common-sense way of buying nursery stock. First, you select just what you want-not what you are talked into buying. Then you order direct from the man who has grown the trees, dug them and packed them. You have the positive guarantee that you are getting just what you order; and finally when you pay for your trees, you do not pay any profits to the middleman, which means that you save fifty cents on every dollar.

The United States Government, Department of Agriculture, in Farmers' Bulletin 131 says:
"If the farmer makes his purchase direct from the nurseryman, he will save the expense of the middleman or agent and is less liable to the mistakes and injuries that may occur through repeated


VIEW OF BLOCK OF YOUNG APPLE TREES

## APPLE TREES

## APPLE TREES

|  |  | Each | Ten | Hun. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Extra size 2 yr. | 6 ft . and up | \$. 75 | \$6.50 | \$55.00 |
| Largest size 2 yr . | 5 to 6 ft . | . 65 | 5.50 | 45.00 |
| Medium size 2 yr . | 4 to 5 ft . | . 55 | 4.50 | 35.00 |
| Smaller size 2 yr. | 3 to 4 ft . | . 40 | 3.50 | 25.00 |
|  | Color |  |  | aso |
| Early Harvest | Yellow |  | Aug | Sept. |
| Yellow Transparent | Yellow |  | Aug. | o Sept. |
| Red Astrachan | Red |  | July | o Aug. |
| Duchess of Oldenburg | Streaked |  | Aug. | o Sept. |
| Golden Sweet | Yellow |  | Aug. | o Sept. |
| McIntosh Red | Red |  | Oct. | to Dec. |
| Fall Pippin | Yellow |  | Oct. | o Nov. |
| Gravenstein | Streaked |  | Sept | to Oct. |
| Wealthy | Red |  | Oct | to Jan. |
| Faineuse | Red |  | Oct. | o Nov. |
| Northern Spy | Red |  | Nov. | o Apr. |
| Ben Davis | Red |  | Nov. | o Apr. |
| Grimes Golden | Yellow |  | Nov. | o Apr. |
| Wolf River | Red |  | Sept. | to Dec. |
| Stayman's Winesap | Streaked |  | Dec. | o Mar. |
| Opalescent | Red |  | Dec. | o Mar. |
| Jonathan | Red |  | Nov. | o Mar. |
| Winter Banana | Yellow a | and P | Nov. | to Jan. |
| Rhode Island Greening | Green |  | Nov. | to Apr. |
| Wagener | Red |  | Dec. | o May |
| Rome Beauty | Red |  | Dec. | o Mar. |
| Baldwin | Red |  | Dec. | o Mar. |
| Roxbury Russett | Russett |  | Dec. | o May |
| Delicious | Red |  | Nov. | Apr. |
| Tolman Sweet | Yellow |  | Nov. | o Apr. |
| Jacobs Sweet | Yellow a | and | Dec. | o Jan. |
| Maiden Blush | Yellow a | and P | Sept. | to Oct. |
| Sweet Bough | Yellow |  | Aug. | o Sept. |

## THE NEW CORTLAND APPLE

The fruit of Cortland is as large or larger than that of McIntosh, round to somewhat conical in shape. In color it is bright red, blushed with darker red, splashed and striped with carmine, and more or less overlaid with a deep purplish bloom. The flesh is white, often with a pinkish tinge, fine, crisp, tender, juicy, sub-acid, and aromatic. The trees are large, vigorous, upright-spreading, very hardy, productive and healthy. Flowers bloom in mid-season. Fruits about three weeks later than the McIntosh.

These trees are grown by a reliable nurseryman; the buds were obtained direct from the Experiment Station at Geneva, N. Y. There are very few Cortland trees on the market, so if you wish some of this variety ORDER NOW.

|  | Each | Ten |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $4-5 \mathrm{ft}$. | $\$ 1.00$ | $\$ 9.00$ |
| $3-4 \mathrm{ft}$. | .75 | 7.00 |

## DWARF APPLE TREES



## DWARF PEAR TREES

3 to 5 feet $\quad 80$ cents each $\quad \$ 7.50$ per 10

| Anjou | Green | Oct. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Bartlett | Yellow-red blush | Sept. |
| Clapp's Favorite | Yellow-red cheek Early | Ang. |
| Seckel | Russett | Oct. |

A home garden is never complete without Pears. Where space is limited, Dwarf Pears are proving satisfactory.

## QUINCE TREES

Largest size Medium size

2 yr. 4 to 5 ft . $\$ 1.00$ each $\$ 9.50$ per 10 2 yr . 3 to 4 ft . 90 each 8.50 per 10

Champion

Orange
LET US HAVE YOUR WANT LIST. WE ARE ABLE TO QUOTE ON MANY ITEMS NOT APPEARING

"Elberta"—King of Market Peaches

## PEACH TREES

We have one of the best lots of Peach Trees we ever grew-tall, straight, clean, with the brownish yellow bark and bright red tips that indicate vigor and health. They were grown on a sandy loam that produces a remarkably fibrous root system.

|  |  | Each | Ten | Hundred |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $4 \frac{1}{2}$ to 6 ft . 9 | 9-16 and up | S. 50 | \$4.00 | $0 \quad \$ 25.00$ |
| $3 \frac{1}{2}$ to $4 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{ft}$. | 7-16 | S. 40 | 3.00 | 020.00 |
| 3 to 4 ft . | 5-16 | . 30 | 2.00 | $0 \quad 15.00$ |
| 2 to 3 ft . |  | . 20 | 1.50 | $0 \quad 10.00$ |
| Greensboro |  | White-red | cheek | July |
| Mountain Rose |  | White-red | cheek | Late Aug. |
| Hieley |  | White-red | cheek | Late Aug. |
| Carman |  | White-red | cheek M | Middle Aug. |
| Champion |  | White-red | cheek | Late Aug. |
| Old Mixon |  | White-red | cheek | Late Aug. |
| Belle of Georgia |  | White-red | cheek | Early Sept. |
| Fox Seedling |  | White-red | cheek | Early Oct. |
| Elberta |  | Yellow |  | Middle Sept. |
| Early Crawford |  | Yellow |  | Early Sept. |
| J. H. Hale |  | Yellow |  | Early Oct. |
| Early Elberta |  | Yellow |  | Late Aug. |

## PEAR TREES

5 to 7 ft .
4 to 5 ft .
3 to 4 ft .
Anjou
Bartlett
Clapp's Favorite
Keiffer
Seckel
Sheldon
Bosc (25c extra per tree)

| Each | Ten | Hundred |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$1.00 | \$9.50 | \$75.00 |
| . 80 | 7.50 | 65.00 |
| . 60 | 5.50 | 45.00 |
| Green |  |  |
| Yellow-red blush Se |  |  |
| Yellow-red cheek Early A |  |  |
| Golden Yellow Nov |  |  |
| Russet |  |  |
| Greenish Russet |  |  |
| Russet |  |  |

Marlboro, N. Y.
Gentlemen:
I was exceedingly well pleased with the peach trees which I purchased from you. They were fine healthy trees and made a remarkable growth-much to my satisfaction. Truly yours,

WM. FOWLER, JR.
Mr. Fowler made a special trip last fall to our nursery to order five hundred more peach trees.


Burbank Plums

## PLUM TREES

|  | Each | Ten | Hundred |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 to 7 ft . | \$1.00 | \$9.50 | \$75.00 |
| 4 to 5 ft . | . 80 | 7.50 | 65.00 |
| 3 to 4 ft . | . 60 | 5.50 | 45.00 |
| Abundance | Amber |  | Aug. |
| Burbank | Cherry-Red |  | Aug. |
| Bradshaw | Violet-Red |  | dle Aug. |
| Lombard | Violet-Red |  | dle Aug. |
| Shippers Pride | Red |  | Oct. |
| Green Gage | Green |  | Sept. |
| German Prune | Blue |  | Sept. |

## CHERRY TREES

> 5 to 6 feet
> 4 to 5 feet

Black Tartarian
Black Oxheart
Yellow Spanish
Napoleon
Windsor
Governor Wood
Early Richmond Montmorency

$$
\$ 1.25 \text { each } \quad \$ 12.00 \text { per ten }
$$

1.00 each $\quad 9.00$ per ten

| Black | Late June <br> Black |
| :--- | ---: |
| Yellow and Red Middle June |  |

To Whom it May Concern:
This is to certify that I live not far from the Houston Nurseries and have known Byron D. Houston for many years. I believe they are trying to give their customers good reliable stock at as reasonable prices as possible with the times.

They exercise every precaution to have their stock true to name.

Most sincerely,
A. T. STEVENS,

Professor of Vegetable Gardening,
Connecticut Agricultural College.

We exercise great care in packing, all of which is done under cover in our modern storage of over $30,000 \mathrm{cu} . \mathrm{ft}$. capacity.

Our INFORMATION DEPARTMENT is absolutely free and at your service. Owing to the scarcity of space, we could give only a little general information and have found that a personal letter answering individual problems is very helpful.

WE DO NOT SUBSTITUTE VARIETIES. If we do not have what you order, we write and tell you you so. We always find that our customers appreciate this fact.


## GRAPES

25 cents each
Concord Worden Moore's Early
$\$ 2.00$ per 10
$\$ 15.00$ per 100
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Purple } \\ \text { Purple } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Delaware } \\ \text { Brighton }\end{array}\end{array}$
Red Red
White
Special Prices on Large Quantities


## It's Not a Home 'Till It's Planted"

In passing some particularly attractive house, you have heard the exclamation, "What a beautiful place! THAT is a real home!"

Probably you have made that remark yourself.
There is no argument about the fact. Everybody agrees it is a real home.

But what makes it a real home? How does it differ from the hundreds of other homes you pass?

## THE PLANTING—that's it!

Lsok, as you pass along, and you'll realize that
"IT'S NOT A HOME 'TILL
IT'S PLANTED!"

Is this not true? That a home, no matter how well built, if standing on a bare lot never causes a favorable comment. It's a few dollars invested in SHRUBS and ORNAMENTAL TREES that gives warmth to the house and greatly increases its value.

Thunberg's Barberry-A shrub of marked excellence on account of its bright green foliage which changes to brilliant colors in the fall, and its bright scarlet berries, which are very conspicuous throughout the winter. Their habit is dwarf and regular spreading. Grows well in the shade and extensively used in landscape work. Is very hardy, has never been known to winter-kill. It bears the shears well and makes a dense hedge.

Per Hundred


Note Low Prices on Barberry and Privet We Have Over 100,000 Fine Plants

Per Hundred
California Privet 10-15 in $\$ 4.00$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { California Privet } & 15-18 \mathrm{in} . & 6.00 \\ \text { California Privet } & 18-24 \mathrm{in} . & 8.00\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llr}\text { California Privet } & \text { 18-24 in. } & 8.00 \\ \text { California Privet } & \text { Extra Heavy } & 10.00\end{array}$

## PHLOX

Pink, Lavender, Red, Purple, White
Price 25 cents each
Strong, Field Grown
GLADIOLUS-Our usual splendid mixture of colors, 60 cents per 10, $\$ 4.50$ per 100
JAPAN IRIS
25 cents each
6 for $\$ 1.25$
AZALEA-Flowers of red, white, yellow and orange. Blooms in May and June. Color not guaranteed.

10-15 in. $\$ 1.50$ each

## DISTANCE FOR PLANTING

Apples ........................................... 30 to 40 feet Standard Pears and Cherries ...................... 20 feet Plums, Apricots and Peaches ................ 16 to 18 feet Dwarf Pears and Quinces ........................ 10 to 12 feet Grapes ............................................. 8 to 10 feet Currants and Gooseberries ............................ 4 feet
Raspberries and Blackberries ................... 4 to 5 feet
Strawberries for Field Culture ................ 1 to $3^{\frac{1}{2}}$ feet
Strawberries for Hill Culture ............... 2 feet each way

The early varieties of apple as a rule do not make very large trees and should be planted closer than such varieties as Baldwin, Greening, etc.

ORNAMENTAL TREES


## WE WANT YOU TO BE

## Successful

Your success is our chief concern-for every satisfied customer is a permanent customer.

You wish for success with your fruit, and we wish you to take the best care of your fruit trees and plants, so we will answer all questions gladly.

Norway Spruce
Storrs, Connecticut.
Mr. Byron Houston,
Houston's Nurseries, Mansfield, Conn.
My dear Mr. Houston:
The guarantee printed in many nursery catalogues is not sufficient protection for the grower who plants trees, waits several years and then discovers that nis varieties are not true to name. The replacement cost of the trees is not sufficient reimbursement for the time and labor expended upon such untrue stock. The nurseryman who stands back of his trees and is willing to reimburse the grower to the extent of his loss is to be commended.

Nursery stock which is guaranteed true to name, must of necessity cost the nurserymin more to grow, and the buyer must be willing to pay the increased cost of such trees. The smaller nurseryman has the advantage in the growing of "true to name" stock, over the larger grower, because he can give the work his personal attention.

With best regards for your success, I am,
Yours very truly,
 - Yours very tuy,

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## S. P. HOLLISTER,

 <br> Professor of Pomology, Connecticut Agricultural College.}

Mr. Byron D. Houston, Houston's Nurseries, Mansfield, Conn.
Dear Mr. Houston:
Inclosed find check covering my bill. Everything you sent was O.K.
I am taking this opportunity to thank you for the prompt service, and to congratulate you on the quality quality of your stock. The Barberry and Peach trees were especially fine.

Send me your new list as soon as published, as I want to place my order for Spring stock before the rush begins. . Wishing you a very successful season, I am,

Very truly yours,
GEO. W. FRASER, Landscape Gardener.


Cuthbert Raspberries

## RASPBERRIES

Without a doubt, Raspberries are the best payIng of all small fruits-the Cuthbert and Perfection leading; the St. Regis proving unequal to the others as money makers.

|  | Color |  | Dozen | Hundred |  | Thousand |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cuthbert | Red | $\$ .75$ | $\$ 3.00$ | $\$ 25.00$ |  |  |
| Perfection | Red | .75 | 4.00 |  |  |  |
| St. Regis | Red | .75 | 3.00 | $\mathbf{2 5 . 0 0}$ |  |  |
| Plum Farmer | Black | .75 | 3.00 | 25.00 |  |  |
| Columbian | Purple | .75 | 4.00 | 30.00 |  |  |

## BLACKBERRIES

## Eldorado <br> Snyder

## CURRANTS

Wilder
Red Fay's Prolific
Red
25 cents each; $\$ 2.00$ per ten; $\$ 15.00$ per hundred
Perfection
Red Black Champion
Black 30 cents each; $\$ 2.50$ per 10

## STRAWBERRIES

Howard '17: (Perfect.) Without any exception this is the greatest berry we have ever fruited. A strong grower and a heavy producer, it gives maximum yields of fine-quality fruit. The berries are conical, bright red all over, entirely free from white tips so common on many varieties. It begins to ripen very early and continues well into mid-season. Reports from some growers as to yield seem unbelievable, but the fact remains that we can unqualifiedly recommend it as positively the best in strawberries either for home use or market. Because these facts have been proven true, we have, for the present, discarded other varieties that we might be better able to supply the enormous demand for the Howard. Howard No. $17 \quad \$ 1.00$ per Hun. $\$ 9.00$ per Thousand

## ASPARAGUS

Hundred Thousand
Strong 2 year crowns, 75 c per 25
Conover's Colossal
$\$ 2.00$
$\$ 12.00$ Palmetto
RHUBARB
20 cents each $\$ 1.50$ per 10
Orchard Crest, Newton, N. J., R. F. D. No. 1.
December 30, 1924.
We have bought of Houston's Nurseries for over ten years and have always found them so square that we feel it a privilege to recommend them.

Their stock has always been as good and lots of times better than that from other nurseries. What is more their plants and their trees have always proven true to name, which means everything.

CHARLES ROY.

|  | 30 cents each |
| :--- | :--- |
| Downing <br> Josselyn <br> Houghton's | Yellow <br> Red |
| Red |  |



## ROSES



Crimson Rambler Roses
There is perhaps no plant or flower so generally cultivated today as the Rose. Its wondrous beauty and fragrance makes it the most popular of flowers. For extensive grounds, small lawns, porch, trellis or hedges, Roses are used with charming effects. Many persons think it difficult to grow Roses, but such is not the case; good soil and a little care will insure fine hardy plants and beautiful blossoms. We have an exceptionally fine lot of Roses to offer this season, all No. 1, hardy field grown, two year old bushes. To be certain of varieties, please name substitutes to avoid delay in shipment, for "we will not substitute without your permission.

## HYBRID PERPETUAL ROSES

65 cents each; $\$ 6.00$ per 10

White Killarney
Magna Charta
Ulrich Brunner
Ann de Diesbach
Paul Neyron
Mrs. John Laing
Madame Plantier
Soleil de Orr
Gruss and Teplitz
Fisher Holmes
Margaret Dickson
Pink Killarney
Prince Camille de Rohan
Frau Karl Druschki
Gen. Jacqueminot
Marshall P. Wilder
Kaiserin Augusta Victoria
Harrison's Yellow

| White | yr. field grown |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pink |  |  | " | , |
| Crimson | ' | " | " | " |
| Carmine | " | " | ' | " |
| Pink | '6 | " | " | " |
| Pink | " | " | " | " |
| White | " | " | " | " |
| Yellow | " | " | " | " |
| Maroon | " | " | " | " |
| Crimson | " | " | " | " |
| White | " | " | " | " |
| Pink | ' | " | " | " |
| Maroon | " | " | " | " |
| White | " | " | " | " |
| Scarlet | " | " | " | " |
| Red | " | " | " | " |
| White | '6 | " | " | " |
| Golden | " | " | " | " |

PEONIES-The Plants for All Purposes
50 cents each 10 for $\$ 4.50$ Assorted, Red, Pink, White

## RAMBLER ROSES

## 65 cents each; $\$ 6.00$ per 10

Crimson Baby Rambler Climbing American Beauty

White Baby Rambler Pink Baby Rambler Crimson Rambler Yellow Rambler Dorothy Perkins, Pink Dorothy Perkins, White Dorothy Perkins, (Excelsa) Red Queen of the Prairie

Baltimore Belle, Pink
Hiawatha, Carmine
Seven Sisters, Pink
Tausendschon
Dr. Van Fleet, Red

Rosy Red

## ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS

The planting of ornamental shrubs is very largely on the increase, and this is as it should be, for with a good selection the lawn can always be beautiful. They are mostly of medium size, enabling one to plant a great variety on a small plot, and the wonderful assortment of foliage from the darkest green and purple to light orange and silver tints. This addition to the great variety in the blossoms, all unite to keep up a never failing interest. We have selected the very best for our climate.

## HARDY FLOWERING SHRUBS

| Hydrangea | Tree | $2-3 \mathrm{ft}$. |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Hydrangea | Tree | $3-4 \mathrm{ft}$. |

Price of Shrubs, unless otherwise stated $2-3 \mathrm{ft}$. $\$ .50,10$ for $\$ 4.50$
Hvdrangea Paniculata Grandiflora Hydrangea Hills of Snow

## Butterfly Bush

Lilac
Sweet Scented Shrub
Spiraea Anthony Waterer Rose
Spiraea Billardi
Spiraea Van Houttei White
Spiraea Bridal Wreath White
Spiraea Aurea
Golden
Spiraea Frobelli
Spiraea Colossa
Spiraea Thunbergii
Althea
Dogwood
Japan Quince
Deep Red Foliage
White

Lilac Scarlet
Purple, Red and White
Common and Japan Snowball
Mock Orange White
Rose Almond, White Almond Each 75c
Common Barberry
Purple Barberry
Tartarian Honeysuckle White or Pink
Deutzia, Pride of Rochester White
Deutzia, Crenata White
Deutzia, Gracilis Pure White
Weigela Rosea
Rose
Weigela Candida
Weigela Floribunda
White
Weigela Variegat Crimson
Weigela Variegated Leaved Pink
Weigela Eva Rathka
Forsythia Fortunei Yellow
Garland Syringa White
Golden Syringa
Smoke Tree
Purple Fringe, 75c Each
Snowberry
Red and White

## HARDY CLIMBING VINES

Ornaments of this class are so hardy and so beautiful that they deserve greater attention than they receive. No artist can produce pictures equal to the wealth of beauty displayed by the elegant Wisteria, the graceful Honeysuckle, or the charming and magnificent Clematis when in the glory of full bloom.
Matrimony Vine
Purple Wisteria


White Wisteria
Boston Ivy
Trumpet Vine
" " "
White Common
.65

Clematis-Jackmanni Purple ..65
Clematis-Henryii White 1.00
Clematis Madame Eduard Andre-Red 1.00

| Dutchman's Pipe | 2 | yr. strong stock |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| "، | 1.00 |  |
| 6 |  |  |



