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Plant that 100 Fruit Trees this Spring

HOUSTON'S NURSERIES

MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT



BYRON D. HOUSTON
President and General Manager

Our Nursery is located two miles north of the Connecticut Agricultural College on the main turnpike from Hartford to Providence.

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.

If you have no use for this catalog, please pass it to a neighbor.

WE wish to thank those who have so liberally patronized us and we are especially thankful to those who have recommended our stock to their friends. In such cases especially, we feel in honor bound to do our utmost to sustain the recommendations so many of our customers have given us. To fully satisfy each customer, that his interests are carefully considered when he intrusts orders to us, is our earnest ambition.

This catalog is our "silent salesman" who collects no commission; the agent's profit is thus eliminated and you profit thereby.

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. Money orders should be made payable at Mansfield Depot, Conn.

Parcel Post Shipments—For small packages we recommend Parcel Post, as it is the safest, quickest and most economical method of shipment. If you reside on a rural route, the package will be delivered to your door. The size of packages is limited to 84 inches combined length and circumference. The weight is limited to 70 pounds to points within first, second or third zones or within 300 miles. To points further away, the limit is 50 pounds.

We are offering 10 percent discount on all orders accompanied by cash until March 15 and 5 percent balance of March.

Ordering early insures customer of receiving the thing he wants. It enables us to plan on shipping before the Spring rush season commences. Stock ordered early is reserved until proper time for shipment.

OUR GUARANTEE

We guarantee all stock to be strictly first class and true to name and will, upon proper proof, refund the purchase price or replace any stock which proves otherwise. It is understood and agreed that we will not be held responsible for any greater sum than the cost of the stock, should any prove untrue. We strive to avoid mistakes and believe we are as exact as any in the business.

Any complaints regarding growth of stock must reach us on or before September 1st.

We are always glad to see you and wish it might be possible for each one of you to come here for your trees and so prevent the damages sometimes received in transit.



VIEW OF BLOCK OF YOUNG APPLE TREES

Apple Trees

PRICES ON ALL VARIETIES OF APPLE TREES

		Each	Ten	Hun.
2 and 3 yr.	5—7 ft.	\$0.75	\$6.00	\$35.00
2 and 3 yr.	4—6 ft.	.60	5.00	25.00
2 and 3 yr.	3½—5 ft.	.50	4.00	20.00
2 and 3 yr.	3—4 ft.	.40	3.00	15.00

10% Discount on All Cash Orders received until March 15
5% Discount on All Cash Orders for the balance of March

Early Harvest	Yellow	August to September
Yellow Transparent	Yellow	August to September
Red Astrachan	Red	July to August
Duchess of Oldenburg	Streaked	August to September
McIntosh Red	Red	October to December
Cortland	Red	October to December
Fall Pippin	Yellow	October to November
Gravenstein	Streaked	September to October
Wealthy	Red	October to January
Fameuse	Red	October to November
Northern Spy	Red	November to April
Grimes Golden	Yellow	November to April
Stayman's Winesap	Streaked	December to March
Opalescent	Red	December to March
Jonathan	Red	November to March
Winter Banana	Yellow and Red	November to January
Rhode Island Greening	Green	November to April
Wagener	Red	December to May
Rome Beauty	Red	December to March
Baldwin	Red	December to March
Roxbury Russett	Russett	December to May
Delicious	Red	November to April
Golden Sweet	Yellow	August to September
Toisman Sweet	Yellow	November to April
Malden Blush	Yellow and Red	September to October

CRAB APPLE TREES

Prices same as standard

Transcendent	Yellow striped	October
Hyslop	Red	October

Dwarf Apple Trees

		Each	Ten
Largest Size	2 year	4 to 5 ft.	\$7.50
Medium Size	2 year	3 to 4 ft.	.65 6.00

Duchess	R. I. Greening
Wealthy	Baldwin
Delicious	Staymans
Yellow Transparent	McIntosh
Red Astrachan	Gravenstein
Northern Spy	

A Word To The Wise Is Sufficient

Just a word of suggestion to any of you who are contemplating the planting of Fruit Trees.

The increasing popularity of motoring brings your market direct to you. The increasing demand for fresh fruits—fruits picked in the morning—for sale in attractive packages in the afternoon—brings the profits to your pockets.

The man who had the foresight to plant his orchards long enough ago to reap his harvest this year did not need to worry over the loss of his job.

Select your varieties for their popularity, color and that delicious, juicy firmness which makes "An Apple a Day" a pleasure.

We shall be pleased to assist in your selections and to offer any "Helpful Hints."

Dwarf Pear Trees

Require Little Room—Fruit Easily Picked—Bear Young

3 to 5 ft.	75 cents each	\$7.00 per 10
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Bartlett	Yellow-red blush	September
Clapp's Favorite	Yellow-red cheek	Early August
Seckel	Russett	October

DO NOT OVERLOOK OUR

Special Low Prices

ON APPLE, PEACH, PEAR, BARBERRY,
PRIVET AND ROSES

WE EXERCISE GREAT CARE IN PACKING, ALL OF WHICH IS DONE UNDER COVER IN OUR MODERN STORAGE OF OVER 30,000 CU. FT. CAPACITY.



"ELBERTA"—KING OF MARKET PEACHES

Peach Trees

BRING QUICK AND SURE RETURNS

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 are grown on a sandy loam that produces a remarkably fibrous root system.

PRICES OF ALL VARIETIES OF PEACH TREES

	Each	Ten	Hun.
5 to 6 ft.	\$.50	\$4.00	\$25.00
4 to 5 ft.	.40	3.00	20.00
3 to 4 ft.	.30	2.00	15.00

10% Discount on All Cash Orders received until March 15
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Greensboro	White-red cheek	July
Mountain Rose	White-red cheek	Late August
Hieley	White-red cheek	Late August
Carman	White-red cheek	Middle August
Champion	White-red cheek	Late August
Old Mixon	White-red cheek	Late August
Belle of Georgia	White-red cheek	Early September
Rochester	Yellow	Middle August
Elberta	Yellow	Middle September
Early Crawford	Yellow	Early September
J. H. Hale	Yellow	Early October
Early Elberta	Yellow	Late August

Pear Trees

First-class Pears are always in good market demand, and they are today one of the most promising fruits to plant for profit. Every garden should have a few pear trees.

PRICES ON ALL VARIETIES OF PEAR TREES

Height	Each	Ten
5 to 6 ft.	\$.65	\$7.00
4 to 5 ft.	.60	6.00

Bartlett	Yellow-red blush	September
Clapp's Favorite	Yellow-red cheek	Early August
Keffer	Golden Yellow	November
Seckel	Russet	October
Sheldon	Greenish Russet	October
Bosc (15c extra per tree)	Russet	October



BURBANK PLUMS

Plum Trees

PRICES OF ALL VARIETIES OF PLUM TREES

	Each	Ten	Hun.
5 to 6 ft.	\$.65	\$6.00	\$50.00
4 to 5 ft.	.60	5.00	40.00

10% Discount on All Cash Orders received until March 15
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Abundance	Amber	August
Burbank	Cherry-red	August
Bradshaw	Violet-red	Middle August
Brun Gage	Green	September
German Prune	Blue	September
Damson	Blue	September

Quince Trees

PRICES OF QUINCE TREES

	2 year	4 to 5 ft.	Each	Ten
Largest Size			\$.75	\$7.00
Medium Size			.65	6.00

CHAMPION AND ORANGE

CHERRIES

PRICES OF ALL VARIETIES OF SWEET AND SOUR CHERRY TREES

Height	Each	Ten
5 to 6 ft.	\$.75	\$7.00
4 to 5 ft.	.65	6.00

Black Tartarian	Black	Late June
Yellow Spanish	Yellow and Red	Middle June
Napoleon	Yellow and Red	Middle June
Windson	Reddish Brown	July
Governor Wood	Yellow and Red	Late June
Early Richmond	Light Red	May
Montmorency	Bright Red	June

WE DO SUBSTITUTE VARIETIES. IF WE DO NOT HAVE WHAT YOU ORDER, WE WRITE AND TELL YOU SO. WE ALWAYS FIND THAT OUR CUSTOMERS APPRECIATE THIS FACT.



RASPBERRIES—WIRE SYSTEM

Raspberries

What is more delicious in summer than a dish of fragrant Raspberries brought direct to your table from your own garden? Use a few square feet of your yard to set out some plants this year. They are easy to grow and require little care. To produce the best fruit the old canes should be cut down as soon as they are through fruiting.

	Dozen	Hun.	Thousand
Cuthbert	\$.50	\$3.00	\$25.00
Plum Farmer	.50	3.00	25.00
Columbian	.50	4.00	30.00
Herbert	.50	4.00	30.00



Blackberries

	Dozen	Hundred	Thousand
	\$7.50	\$4.00	\$35.00

ELDORADO—One of the leading and most profitable varieties. Extremely hardy and a very strong grower. Good Canner.

SNYDER—Medium size, sweet, melting, juicy, with no hard core.

Grapes

	Each	Ten	100
Concord—Blue	\$.20	\$1.50	\$10.00
Niagara—White	.30	2.50	15.00
Warden—Large Blue	.30	2.50	15.00
Moore's Early—Blue	.30	2.50	15.00
Brighton—Red	.30	2.50	18.00
Delaware—Red	.30	2.50	18.00



GRAPE VINES

Bargain Prices on Barberry, Thunbergii and California Privet

We Have Over 100,000 Fine Plants

	Per 100
Thunberg's Barberry 6—8 in. 2 yr.	\$ 3.00
Thunberg's Barberry 8—10 in. 2 yr.	5.00
Thunberg's Barberry 10—12 in. 2 yr.	10.00
Thunberg's Barberry 12—18 in. 2 yr.	15.00
Thunberg's Barberry 18—24 in. 3 yr. extra heavy	20.00
California Privet 15—18 in.	4.00
California Privet 18—24 in.	6.00
California Privet 24—30 in.	8.00
California Privet Extra Heavy	10.00

PHLOX—Pink, Lavendar, Red, Purple and White
Strong field grown 25c Each

PEONIES—Red, Pink and White 50c Each 10 for \$4.50

GLADIOLUS—Our Usual Splendid Mixture of Colors
10 for 50c 100 for \$4.00

JAPAN IRIS—25c Each; 6 for \$1.25

Venezuelan Goat Manure

Best for Gardens and Lawns, especially Roses.
Try it. 4c per lb. or \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

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.

Most sincerely,
A. T. STEVENS,
Professor of Vegetable Gardening,
Connecticut Agricultural College.

GOOSEBERRIES			
Downing	30 cents each;	Yellow	\$2.50 per 10
Josselyn		Red	
Houghtons		Red	
RHUBARB			
	20 cents each		\$1.50 per 10
CURRANTS			
Two-year, No. 1	Each	Ten	100
Fay's Prolific, large red, early	\$.25	\$2.00	\$15.00
Wildier, red, very productive	.25	2.00	15.00
Perfection, large, red,	.30	2.50	
ASPARAGUS			
Two-year Crowns		Hundred	Thousand
Conover's Colossal	50c per 25	\$1.50	\$12.00
Palmetto	50c per 25	1.50	12.00
Mary Washington	75c per 25	2.00	15.00

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 by 3 1/2 feet
Strawberries for Hill Culture	2 feet each way

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	\$1.00 per 100	\$9.00 per thousand
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PICKING STRAWBERRIES

Charlemont, Mass.

Mr. Houston:
The 300 Baldwin Apple Trees arrived O. K. Without doubt the finest trees we ever received. Accept our thanks for your prompt delivery.

Yours truly,
MRS. M. R. CARTER.

Letter received from Mrs. Carter saying: "The apple trees are wonderful; only three died out of the 300."

Losing only three trees out of 300 is a splendid record. A great deal of credit must be given to those planting the trees.

ALL TREES AND SHRUBS
5 at 10 Rates and 50 at 100 Rates
Unless Otherwise Noted

Find a farm where plenty of good fruit is grown and you find a prosperous farm family. TRY IT AND SEE!

Hardy Ornamental Vines

Your home planting will not be complete without at least a few Ornamental Vines. Not only do they add beauty to your home plantings, but also afford shade and protection to your porch, arbor and pergola.

When planting close to a building remove the earth to the depth of at least a foot and replace with good rich garden soil.

Matrimony Vine	2 yr.	\$.60
Japan Honeysuckle	2 yr.	.60
White Wisteria	2 yr.	.60
Boston Ivy	2 yr.	.60
Trumpet Vine	2 yr.	.60
Clematis—Paniculata	White Common	.60
Clematis—Jackmanni	Purple	.75
Clematis—Henryii	White	.75
Clematis—Madame Eduard Andre	Red	.75
Dutchman's Pipe	2 yr. Large leaf	.75
Purple Wisteria—Grafted	2 yr.	.75

Ten Per Cent Cash Discount

The Cash Discount of 10 per cent that we allow, in many cases, more than pays Transportation Charges.



EVERGREENS MAKE A GOOD WIND BREAK

ROSES



These Roses have been selected with greatest care and include some of the choicest. One of the most pleasing assortments you can buy, source of a constant delight and satisfaction. The bushes are strong 2 year, field-grown, ready to bloom this season. The Hybrid Teas, better known as Everblooming roses, will bear their blossoms from June until frost. These plants are not to be confused with those offered by Department Stores. Owing to the great demand for certain varieties, we may be sold out when your order arrives, so please name second choice to avoid delay.

RAMBLER ROSES

50 cents each; \$4.50 per 10

Climbing American Beauty	Red
Excelsa	Red
Paul's Scarlet	Red
Crimson Rambler	Red
Hawatha	Red
Dorothy Perkins	White
Silver Moon	White
Gardenia	Yellow
American Pillar	Pink
Dr. Van Fleet	Pink
Mary Wallace	Pink
Tausendchon	Pink
Dorothy Perkins	Pink
Baby Rambler	Pink
Baby Rambler	White
Baby Rambler	Red

HYBRID PERPETUAL ROSES

55 cents each; \$5.00 for 10

American Beauty	Crimson
Black Prince	Dark Red
Gen. Jack	Red
J. B. Clark	Crimson
Ulrich Brunner	Red
Frau Karl Druschki	White
Clio	White
Magna Charta	Pink
Mrs. John Laing	Pink
Paul Neyron	Pink
Harrison's Yellow	Yellow
Hybrid Rugosa Roses	Red and Pink

Hardy Flowering Shrubs

Price of Shrubs unless otherwise stated
2-3 feet 50c; 10 for \$4.50

Japan Snowball—75c	
Smoke Tree—75c	
Almond—Rose—75c	
Virginal—A beautiful new Mock Orange—75c	
Hydrangea Tree 2-3 ft.	\$1.00
Hydrangea Tree 3-4 ft.	1.50
Hydrangea Paniculata Grandiflora	White
Hydrangea Hills of Snow	White
Butterfly Bush	Lilac
Sweet Scented Shrub	
Spiraea Anthony Waterer	Rose
Spiraea Van Houttei	White
Spiraea Bridal Wreath	White
Spiraea Aurea	Golden
Spiraea Frobellei	Red
Spiraea Colossa	White
Spiraea Thunbergii	White
Spiraea Arguta	White
Forsythia Fortunei	Yellow
Dogwood (not flowering)	Red or Yellow Bark
Japan Quince	Scarlet
Lilac	Purple, Red and White
Common Snowball	White
Honeysuckle—	
Morrowi	Cream White, Red Fruit
Belle Albida	Fragrant White
Tartarica Rubra	Light Crimson
Kerria Japonica	Rich Yellow
Russian Olive	Gray Leaves, Orange Berries
Pearl Bush	Pure White
Mock Orange or Syringa	
Mont Blanc	White
Garland	White Fragrant
Gordon	White
Golden	Yellow Follage
Deutzia, Pride of Rochester	White
Deutzia, Orenata	White
Deutzia, Gracilis	Pure White
Weigela, Rosea	Rose
Weigela, Candida	White
Weigela, Floribunda	Crimson
Weigela, Variegated Leaved	Pink
Weigela, Eva Rathka	Dark Red

Ornamental Trees

Weeping Mulberry—4-5 ft. stems	2 yr. heads	Each \$4.00
Rock or Sugar Maple	5-6 ft.	1.50
Rock or Sugar Maple	6-8 ft.	2.50
Rock or Sugar Maple	8-10 ft.	3.50
Rock or Sugar Maple	10-12 ft.	4.50
Carolina Poplars	8-10 ft.	.75
Carolina Poplars	10-12 ft.	1.00
Lombardy Poplars	8-10 ft.	1.00
Lombardy Poplars	10-12 ft.	1.25
Norway Maple	6-8 ft.	2.50
Norway Maple	8-10 ft.	3.00
Norway Maple	10-12 ft.	4.50
Wier's Cut-Leaf Maple	8-10 ft.	2.00
Silver Leaf Maple	8-10 ft.	2.50
Catalpa Speciosa	6 ft.	.85
Catalpa Speciosa	8 ft.	1.00
Catalpa Bungeii (Weeping)	5 ft.	2.00
Catalpa Bungeii (Weeping)	6 ft.	2.50
Bechtel's Crab	3-4 ft.	1.50
Prunus Piscardi, Purple Plum	3-4 ft.	1.25
Paul's Double-Flowering Thorn	4-5 ft.	3.00
Schweider Purple Leaf Maple	6-8 ft.	3.50
American Elm	8-10 ft.	3.00
Babylonian Willow	6-8 ft.	2.00

AZALEA—Flowers of red, purplish and orange.
Blooms in May and June 15 to 18 in. \$2.50

RHODODENDRONS—
2 to 3 feet Clumps, \$3.00
3 to 4 feet Clumps, \$4.00

HUGONIS

"GOLDEN ROSE OF CHINA"

Before other Roses are awake in Spring, Hugonis throws its slender sprays abroad, wreathed in softest yellow—and all of us who still believe in fairies know it came from fairyland. Each 75c. Hardy everywhere.

HYBRID TEA ROSES

55 cents each; \$5.00 per 10

Etoile de France	Crimson
Gruss and Teplitz	Crimson
Radiance	Red
Francis Scott Key	Crimson
Gen. McArthur	Crimson
K. A. Victoria	White
Killarney	White
Radiance	Pink
Mme. Caroline Testout	Rose-pink
Sunburst	Orange-yellow
Souvenir de Claudius Pernet	Clear Yellow
Lady Hillingdon	Golden Yellow
Ophelia	Pearl-white
Premier	Rose-pink
Los Angeles	Carmine-pink
Juliet	Orange-pink
Columbia	Pink
Killarney	Pink
Willowmere	Pink
Souvenir de Geo. Pernet	Carmine-yellow

Any Varieties—Five at Ten Rates
Unless Otherwise Noted



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

Color and lots of it is today's fashion in the home ground planting. Color everywhere is possible only with extensive planting of those things which provide it—shrubs, vines, bulbs, annuals and perennials. Each have their place in the modern landscape treatment.

Modern homes are set in modern gardening—and proper planting can give even older houses a new and modern charm. Now front yards are open and inviting, with plantings massed to mark the borders of the plot and frame the sweeping view of velvet lawn. Trees and foundation planting are so placed to frame, not hide, the house and make the home seem nestled softly into place.



THE BIRCH MAKES A BEAUTIFUL WINTER SCENE

Spruce, Norway



NORWAY SPRUCE

A lofty, elegant tree of perfect pyramidal habit, remarkably elegant and rich; as it gets age has fine graceful, pendulous branches; is exceedingly picturesque and beautiful; very popular, and deservedly so, and should be planted largely. One of the best evergreens for hedge if trimmed properly each year.

Norway Spruce—18 in.	\$1.25
Norway Spruce—18.24 in.	1.75
Norway Spruce—2-3 ft.	2.50
Retinospora Plumosa Aurea	12-15 in. \$2.00
Retinospora Plumosa Aurea	15-18 in. 2.50
Retinospora Plumosa	15-18 in. 2.50
Retinospora Plumosa	12-15 in. 2.00
Retinospora Veitchii	12-15 in. 2.00
Retinospora Obtusata	15-18 in. 2.50
Arbor Vitae, Warraena	15-18 in. 2.50
Arbor Vitae, Warraena	2-3 ft. 4.00
Arbor Vitae, Hovey	12-15 in. 2.00
Arbor Vitae, Pyramidalis	2 ft. 2.50
Arbor Vitae, Pyramidalis	3 ft. 4.00
Arbor Vitae, Pyramidalis	4 ft. 5.00
Arbor Vitae, Golden	18-24 in. 2.00
Arbor Vitae, Golden	15-18 in. 2.00
Arbor Vitae, American	1 ft. 1.00
Arbor Vitae, American	2 ft. 2.00
Arbor Vitae, American	3 ft. 3.00
Arbor Vitae, American	4 ft. 4.00
Arbor Vitae, American	5 ft. 5.00
Juniper, Strita	15-18 in. 2.50
Juniper, Irish	15-18 in. 1.50
Juniper, Irish	24-30 in. 2.00
Mugho Pine (Dwarf)	12-15 in. 2.00
Hemlock	2 ft. 2.00
Hemlock	3 ft. 3.50
Taxis Cuspidi	15-18 in. 2.50

Houston's Nurseries,
Mansfield, Conn.

Dear Sirs:

Will you send me one dozen Bartlett pear trees this spring? All the trees I got of you both last spring and the fall before have done finely and every one lived. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, I am,

Very truly yours,

C. K. BAILEY.

Norwich, Conn.

How Bare a Home Would Look, Were it not for the Shrubs and Trees



No farm or city home, or estate, is complete without a proper setting of ornamental trees, and no factor in increasing the home value is more easily or cheaply supplied. Costing but a few dollars to start, they grow into money faster than any other investment on the premises, and the pleasure and inspiration derived are worth considerably more than their money value, although an environment of shade and ornamental growth will actually raise the commercial value of any home at least \$1,000. This value increases as time passes and your ornamental trees grow. We have listed here only such kinds as possess distinctive decorative quality, and that are suitable for lawn, park and street planting. In planting, do not crowd roots, but allow them to spread freely.