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# BROOKE'S ANNUAL PRICE LIST

OF

# SMALL FRUIT PLANTS

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SPRING OF 1895.

FALL OF 1895.

In the following list will be found the most valuable Small Fruit Plants, and those in general cultivation. My Small Fruit Stock is grown at home, and you will always get fresh, vigorous plants. Every precaution is used to have all plants true to name, and to deliver to customers in the best possible condition. It is our endeavor to sell as cheaply as good nursery stock can be grown and handled at a fair profit. Our increasing trade in plants of all kinds goes to show that our plants and prices are all right, and solicit the patronage of my friends on these lines.

## RASPBERRY PLANTS. BLACKCAPS.

(IF PLANTS ARE TO BE SENT BY MAIL ADD 10 CENTS PER 12 AND 50 CENTS PER 100.)

**KANSAS**—An excellent, very large, early and productive blackcap. This and Nemaha do best with me, and I can recommend KANSAS with confidence to my customers. Desirable for either home garden or market. Probably, the most valuable blackcap in cultivation. Price per 12, 40 cents; 100, \$1.50; 1000, \$12

**NEMAHA**—Much resembles Gregg, but more hardy. Am much pleased with it, and shall plant largely of it. Price per 12, 35c.; 100, \$1.25; 1000, \$10

**GREGG**—Too well known to need description. A large, late, productive and profitable market sort. Has been extensively planted. Somewhat tender, but never lost a crop. Price per 12, 25c.; 100, \$1; 1000, \$7.50

**PALMER**—An 1894 bulletin from Michigan Experimental Station says: "This variety is highly esteemed as an early market blackcap, and for this purpose has few if any superiors." Price per 12, 25c.; 100, \$1.

**JOHNSON'S SWEET**—Especially valued for evaporating and canning. Berries large, firm, deep black color. Price per 12, 25c.; 100, \$1; 1000, \$7.50.

**OHIO**—Too full of seeds for best family use, but much used for evaporating. Good medium-season market sort. Price per 12, 25c.; 100, \$1.

**SHAFFER**—Has a peculiar flavor, but is excellent for home use, also for market where its dull color is not against it. Price per 12, 35c.; 100, \$1.25.

### RED VARIETIES.

**CUTHBERT**—Michigan Agricultural College says: "As yet has no equal as a late red raspberry for market purposes." Price, 12, 25c.; 100, \$1; 1000, \$7.50.

**THOMPSON'S EARLY PROLIFIC**—Earliest red raspberry. Plant a fine erect grower, hardy, heavy, berries medium to large and of a bright attractive appearance. Price, 12, 40c.; 100, \$1.50, 1000, \$12.

## GRAPEVINES.

(MAILED AT 25 CENTS PER DOZEN ADDITIONAL TO PRICES QUOTED BELOW.)

✓ **CONCORD**—The standard black grape. Price, 1-year-yld, 10c. each; 12, \$1; 2-yr-old, 15c.; 12, \$1.50.  
✓ **WORDEN**—Black, seedling of Concord, but earlier and better quality. Price same as Concord

- ✓ WILDER—Black, bunch and berry very large. Sweet and agreeable. Price same as Concord.
- ✓ MOORE'S DIAMOND—Mich. Ag. College says "it is early, both bunch and berry large; vigorous and productive, good quality and showy appearance." Valuable. Price, 1-yr, 15c.; 12, \$1 50; 2 yr, 25c and \$2 50, respectively.
- ✓ NIAGARA—White. Probably next to Concord, the most extensively planted grapevine in America. Price same as Concord.
- ✓ POCKLINGTON—An excellent and handsome white grape. Concord prices.
- ✓ EMPIRE STATE—White, tinged yellow; early, hardy, vigorous; long clusters. Concord prices.
- ✓ AGAWAM—Productive, large and excellent, but of peculiar flavor. Concord prices.
- ✓ BRIGHTON—Red; one of the earliest in ripening; has no superior in quality. Bunch large and well formed and berry large. Should be in every garden. Concord prices.

## CURRANTS.

(IF TO BE SENT BY MAIL, ADD 50c. PER 100; FREE AT DOZEN RATES.)

- ✓ VICTORIA—About the same size or a little larger than Red Dutch and a heavy bearer. This, with its comparative exemption from attack of twig borer, and its healthy foliage, make it a valuable sort. Price, 1 year-old, per 12, 50c; 100, \$3; 2-yr, 12, 75c.; 100, \$4.
- ✓ RED DUTCH—Standard red variety. Price same as Victoria.
- ✓ FAY—Have found it a currant of largest size, but not very productive on my grounds. Branches easily broken by wind. Prices same as Victoria.
- ✓ WHITE DUTCH—An old, reliable sort. Finest of the white kinds. Valuable for the table on account of its mild flavor. Prices same as Victoria.
- ✓ BLACK NAPLES—A large and handsome black currant. Fine for jellies. Prices same as Victoria.

## BLACKBERRIES.

(ADD 50c. PER 100 BY MAIL; AT DOZEN RATES FREE.)

- ✓ SNYDER—Hardy, very productive, excellent. Should be planted where special hardiness is required. Price per 12, 50c.; 100, \$1 50.
- ✓ TAYLOR—Hardy, productive; ripens early, is large, superior-flavored fruit, late. Prices same as Snyder.
- ✓ WESTERN TRIUMPH—Extremely hardy; berry small, but compensated for in productiveness. Snyder prices.
- ✓ ANCIENT BRITON—Much resembles Western Triumph. Of western origin. Price, 12, 75c.; 100, \$2 50.

## GOOSEBERRY PLANTS.

(ONE YEAR PLANTS MAILED FREE AT 12 RATES.)

- ✓ DOWNING—Native, strong grower, stout, thorny shoots; fruit large and good; very productive; popular. Price, 1-yr-old, 15c. each; 12, \$1; 2-yr-old, 20c. each; 12, \$1.25.
- ✓ INDUSTRY—The leading English gooseberry yet introduced into this country. Has done well with me grown in partial shade of trees. Red, great cropper, very large, excellent flavor. Price, 1-yr, 20c. each; 12, \$1 25; 2-yr, 25c. each; 12, \$1.50.

## STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

(IF PLANTS ARE TO BE SENT BY MAIL, ADD 25c. PER 100; PREPAID AT DOZEN RATES).

Those marked (p) have imperfect blossoms and should have every third row of a perfect-flowering kind.

- ✓ SPLENDID—Has not fruited with me, but behavior of plants in '94 proves plant to be all the name implies. M. Crawford says: "I have fruited it twice and can offer it to my customers with great confidence. The plant is a healthy, luxuriant grower, sends out many runners, bears abundantly. The fruit is large and far above the average in quality and appearance. It is desirable for either home use or market." Samuel Miller, of Bluffton, Mo., writes: "Splendid strawberry is just what its name implies." Such other eminent authority, located in various parts of the country, as Geo. Kellogg, E. W. Cone, L. J. Farmer, Peter Collier, Sam'l B. Green, Dr. J. Stayman and E. J. Hull also speak well of it. Price per 12, \$1; 100, \$4.
- ✓ PARKER EARLE—Large, late; makes few plants, but will probably produce as many berries as any variety now grown, on rich ground with plenty of moisture and good cultivation. Per 12, 35c.; 100, \$1.25.

- ✓ CRESCENT I, (p) — Still one of the best; early, hardy, vigorous, and one of the most productive. You can hardly fail with it. 25c. per 12; 100, 80c.
- WARFIELD NO. 2, (p) — Follows close after Crescent in ripening. A valuable market berry, owing to its great vigor, productiveness, good size and beautiful, dark glossy red color. Per 12, 35c.; 100, \$1.
- ✓ BEDER WOOD — Excellent fertilizer for early pistillates. Good quality, bright red, Per 12, 30c.; 100, \$1.
- ✓ WILLIAMS — Large berry of Sharpless type; very vigorous and productive. One of the best. Per 12, 30; 100, \$1.
- ✓ BUBACH NO. 5, (p) — Successful generally; large, productive, good quality; one of the best. Per 12, 35c.; 100, \$1.25.
- ✓ HAVERLAND, (p) — Early, very productive, large, valuable. Per 12, 30c.; 100, \$1.
- ✓ GANDY — Perhaps the best late berry; large to very large; perfect in shape and color, of best quality, but of only medium productiveness Per 12, 25c.; 100, 80c.
- ✓ ENHANCE — Good fertilizer for medium to late varieties. Very productive of large berries; crimson, acid, firm. Per 12, 30c.; 100, \$1.
- ✓ GREENVILLE, (p) — Highly spoken of by all strawberry authorities. Much resembles Bubach No. 5; not quite so large, but firmer and more productive. Per 12, 50c.; 100, \$2.
- BEVERLEY — M. Crawford says: "Its color is dark, rich red, and the quality is very superior. Its great value consists not in surpassing other varieties in one or two points, but in combining in such a remarkable degree all the desirable characteristics of the strawberry. If one wants a single variety for market, for home use, or for the exhibition he might well choose the Beverley. Per 12, 35c.; 100, \$1.25
- ✓ LEADER — Early, very large berry, crimson, productive, good shipper, good quality. Per 12, 30c.; 100, \$1.
- ✓ BARTON'S ECLIPSE, (p) — A prominent strawberry grower says: "It will produce more merchantable berries to the acre than Crescent and carry very nearly as well as Wilson." 12, 30c.; 100, \$1.
- ✓ SAUNDERS — Michigan Agricultural College says it is worthy of extensive trial as a market berry. 12, 30c.; 100, \$1.
- ✓ GOV. HOARD — Valued as a market berry. 12, 25c.; 100, 80c.
- ✓ PHILLIPS' SEEDLING — Very vigorous and good cropper. A good fertilizer for Bubach No. 5. 12, 25c.; 100, \$1.
- I also offer the following varieties: ✓ Bomba, Sadie (p), Pearl, Mrs. Cleveland (p), Burt, Miner's Proliŕic, Swindle (p) ✓ Eureka (p), ✓ Great Pacific (p), ✓ Boynton (p), ✓ E. P. Roe, ✓ Michel's Early. Price, per 12, 25c.; 100, 80c.
- ✓ Jessie, Farnsworth, Crawford, Wilson, Anna Forest, Lovett, Dayton, Sharpless. Price, per 12, 30c.; 100, \$1.

## FRUIT TREES.

I can furnish the larger fruit stock at the following low prices:

PEARS, 4 to 6 feet, fine straight trees.....	40 cents each.
APPLES, 4 to 6 feet, smooth and healthy trees.....	20 cents each.
PLUMS, 4 to 6 feet, good trees.....	35 cents each.
CHERRIES, 4 to 6 feet, fine trees.....	20 cents each.
PEACH.....	3 to 4 feet, 12 cents; 4 to 5 feet, 15 cents each.

If you desire anything not named on the list, or if wanted in larger quantity, correspond with me about it. I can furnish you with what you want at the right price

## EXCELSIOR SPRAYING OUTFITS.



THE TIME HAS COME when the enemies of fruit culture are legion, and scarcely any vegetation can be grown to perfection without spraying. All agricultural authorities recommend it, and live agriculturists everywhere are awakening to the importance of it. For a 2-cent stamp I will mail to all who are interested a catalogue illustrating and describing 20 different Spraying outfits, from the smallest and cheapest to the largest and most expensive. Many testimonials from leading fruit growers all over the country are given, telling what their Excelsior Spraying Outfits have done for them. You should order early, so that you can commence spraying early in the spring, for this is of the FIRST importance in spraying. Four books, telling how to spray the different fruits and vegetables will be given to every purchaser of an Excelsior Spraying Outfit. Information cheerfully given. Correspondence solicited. Address - F. W. BROOKE, Ithaca, Mi

## THE MARKET GARDEN.

"The Market Garden" is the ONLY paper devoted EXCLUSIVELY to market gardening and trucking. It is a handsome journal in magazine form, neatly printed and illustrated on substantial paper. More than that, it is practical and useful, and will be so valuable

to all who grow ANY vegetables or do any gardening that they cannot afford to be without it. It is published monthly at \$1 per year. We will give a year's subscription to all customers who buy plants to the amount of \$2 at list prices.

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TESTIMONIALS.

F. W. BROOKE, Dear Sir—The plants I purchased of you were strong, vigorous and healthy growing, and the public will make no mistake in buying home-grown plants, and may rest assured that they will receive honest, fair and upright dealing at your hands.  
Sincerely,  
JOTHAM ALLEN  
[President of Gratiot County Agricultural Society, also President Gratiot County Farmers' Institute.]  
Ithaca, Mich., Nov. 29, 1894

F. W. BROOKE, Ithaca, Mich.—Dear Sir: The plants I purchased of you last season were the very finest I ever saw. Out of 1,000 purchased, I did not lose one plant. I have also found from previous purchases of you that your stock, besides being strong and healthy, is always true to name, I have no hesitation in strongly recommending your stock to our fruit growers.  
Yours truly,  
GEO. P. STONE.  
[President of the Gratiot County Horticultural Society.]  
Ithaca, Mich., Nov. 17, 1894.

F. W. BROOKE, Ithaca, Mich.—My Dear Sir: The plants (strawberry and blackberry) that I purchased of you are doing nicely, and I am more than pleased with them. They have proven strong, healthy and extremely vigorous. The loss on those purchased will not exceed one per cent. I have found your representations in respect to your stock correct in every respect, and do most cheerfully recommend you to any person desiring stock in your line as a fair and honorable dealer and your stock all right.  
Very truly yours,  
JOHN M. EVERDEN.  
[Judge of Probate.]  
Office of Judge of Probate, Gratiot County, Ithaca, Mich., Dec. 4, 1894.

F. W. BROOKE, Sir—The plants I have purchased from you are all doing well. I am pleased with them and your manner of dealing, and I am willing that you refer any of your customers to me. I can cheerfully recommend you to all as an honorable dealer.  
Yours, etc.,  
M. R. SALTER.  
[Grand Master of Michigan Odd Fellows ]  
Ithaca, Mich., Nov. 30, 1894

F. W. BROOKE, Ithaca, Mich.—Dear Sir: The strawberry plants came to hand in good condition and were set at once. I believe they are every one alive and growing. Many thanks for the fine ones sent. If you fill all orders in that shape, there is no reason why you should not be crowded with work, and I hope you will in the future hear from this section. Wishing you deserved prosperity, I am, in haste,  
Yours truly,  
JAMES B. KNIGHT.  
[State Commissioner of Mineral Statistics.]  
Office of Commissioner of Mineral Statistics, Norway, Michigan, May 13, 1893.

F. W. BROOKE, Ithaca, Mich.—Dear Sir: Plants received and were in good condition and very fine plants. Enclosed find draft,  
Yours truly,  
FRANK B. SMITH.  
[Florist, Small Fruit and Vegetable Grower.]  
Danville, Ill., May 19, 1894.

F. W. Brooke, Ithaca, Mich.—Dear Sir: Last June I received 300 fine Gandy strawberry plants from you. In April, 1892, I received the first (three dozen) strawberry plants from you, and they were the first I had ever planted. The last two years I have received plants from six different states, but yours have been superior to any. I would like to get 500 Warfield and 500 Gandy of you. Please send me prices and I will remit.  
Truly yours,  
DANIEL SCHMIDT.  
Sheboygan, Wis., Sept 16, 1894.

Address all orders and communications to—

F. W. BROOKE,  
ITHACA, MICH.

