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# NEW AND RARE BUDS BY MAIL

For Sale by the  
**HILL SIDE NURSERY,**

**MARKSVILLE, LA.**

**For Summer and Fall of 1888.**

**TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:—**The past two seasons have developed the adaptability of the Japanese plum to the South. It has proved itself equal to the praise bestowed on it by our correspondents in California. This race of plums is distinct from our native varieties, the foliage and fruit much larger, some of them superior to any American or European varieties and said to succeed as far North as the Wild Goose. Some of them are bearing fruit of great excellence on our grounds, others imported last Winter look thrifty and promising.

**HATTONKIN:—**Fruit heart shape, thick in flesh small pits, vinous, yellow bloom. Mrs. H. H. Berger of Cal. one of the best authority on Japanese plums says that it is one of the best. Per 100 buds \$2 00, per 1,000 \$15.00.

**YOSOBÉ:—**Round, yellowish red, medium size, very early, recently imported. Per 100 buds \$1 50, per 1,000 \$10 00.

**TRUE SWEET BOTAN:—**This is superior to the common Botan now known and propagated in the South, leaves much darker and fruit large yellowish red with a white bloom; sweet rich, juicy and delicious, vigorous upright growing tree ripens here in July. Per 100 buds \$2 00, per 1000 \$15 00.

**URA BENI:—**Resembling the Yosobe in leaf, but different from that variety, the wood being of a lighter color while that of the Yosobe is dark red and more upright in growth, fruit red with light flesh, small stone, early, only imported last Winter. Per 100 buds \$2 00.

**ENGRE:—**This was fruited by Mr. A. D. Pryal of Cal., and recommended by him as a fine acquisition. Tree a thrifty grower with broad pale green leaves, different from the balance, ripens a few days ahead of the Kelsey, very popular on the Pacific coast. Per 100 buds \$2 50.

**HOYO SMOMO:—**A large round redish blue and very fine shipping plum Per 100 buds \$2 00.

**BOTONKIO No. 2:—**This differs in foliage from all others, a straggling and slow grower: Per 100 buds \$1 50.

**SATSUMA BLOOD:—**Is a vigorous growing, with dark red bark and oval leaves, This variety has been fruited the last season for the first time in America in California. Mr. Luther Burbank, the well known horticulturist on the Pacific coast says "the tree bore some two hundred fruits, which ripened before the Kelsey was half grown, or in other words, it is not less than five or six weeks earlier than that variety; larger handsomer, more nearly globular, very much richer and better flavored, and in every way superior. The pit is very little larger than a cherry stone. The flesh is solid, clear purple color from pit to skin, and makes a purplish, semi transparent jelly, which has a peculiar guava-like, spicy flavor, which all admire. It is superior to any other plum, either of the Japan, American or European varieties." Per 100 buds \$3 00 per 1000. \$20 00.

**CHABOT:—**Vigorous grower, abundant bearer, fruit greenish purple, very large and firm, an improvement on the Kelsey, ripens ten days later than Wild Goose, about four times larger than that variety, we have fruited that variety and find it truly magnificent and recommend it to the fruit grower of the country. Per 100 buds \$1 50, per 1,000 \$10.

**PRUNUS SIMONI** :—This remarkable plum came from Northern China. The tree attracts attention by its vigorous, upright growth, and form and color of its leaves. The fruit differs from any in cultivation—large tomato shaped, cinnamon red color; the flesh is firm, rich, sweet, aromatic and delicious, with the flavor of the pine apple as strong as the pine-apple itself, mingled with a faint bannana flavor; very small stone, it will be extensively planted when known. Ripens in September. Per 100 buds \$1 00, per 1,000 \$7.

**YELLOW JAPAN** :—Our trees of that variety have a few fruits, it resembles the Kelsey in leaf but much larger, a more vigorous grower, in fact it is the most rapid grower in our whole collection, we have trees that grew eleven feet from bud in one year. When ripe said to be a fine yellow plum beautifully transparent and red on sunny side, almost globular. We believe this variety to be similar or the same as the "Burbank plum." Per 100 \$1 50, per 1000 \$10.

**BOTAN** :—A large yellowish red fruit with broad leaves, this is the common Botan known by almost every nurseryman in the South, but the True Sweet Botan is superior to that variety. Per 100 buds, 50 cents, per 1000 \$4.

**OGAN** :—Large yellow variety, ripens early, and is very sweet and a good keeping and shipping fruit. Per 100 buds 50 cts. per 1000 \$4.

**KELSEY** :—A dwarf growing tree, with long willowy branches; fruit very large, heart shaped, fruit sweet and juicy, yet firm, ripens in August. This was the first Japan plum imported in the U. S. and is now very popular in the South, but we have varieties which are much superior. Per 100 buds 50 cents per 1000 \$4.

**BOTONKIO** :—Similar to Botan; larger, but not as sweet, ripens in August, Per 100 buds \$1 00, per 1000 \$7.

**PRUNUS PISSARDI** :—An ornamental plum for the lawn; the foliage is deep purplish blood color better than any other purpled leaved tree. Per 100 buds 50 cents per 1000 \$4.

**KELSEY PRUNE** :—Different from the Kelsey Japan plum, an upright growing tree. Has been fruited by Mr. Calahan of Florida, and is highly recommended by him. Per 100 buds \$1 00. Per 1000 \$7.

**MASSU OR "LARGE FRUIT"** :—A fair grower, very large and delicious plum, this variety has smaller leaves than any of Oriental race of plums, with long willowy branches of straggling growth. Per 100 buds 50 cts., per 1000 \$4.

**LONG FRUIT** :—A fine growing tree, very large thin leaves, said to produce oblong fruits. Per 100 buds \$50 cents per 1000 \$4.

All the above plums can be budded on the peach or plum, we use the Marianna plum which we believe is the best stock to bud on, is easy of propagation as it grows from cuttings, has no tap root, and therefore can be transplanted with much more safety and we believe will live longer on the Marianna.

## Valuable Peaches.

**MUIR** :—Of California origin, we have fruited this variety, to-day, at this writing the 3d day of July we tasted that peach, and pronounce it the sweetest peach known, it has a flavor simply indescribable; as sweet as the Honey peach, with just enough acid to make it superior to the Honey peach. Last year Mr. Luther Burbank wrote to us and stated that we would find the Simoni, Botan, Chabot, and the Muir peach remarkable fruits, and said that there was nothing like them in the world. In the Muir we find Mr. Burbank's statement to be true. It is a vigorous upright growing tree, color of fruit dull dingy yellow, freestone, very small pit not much larger than a plum stone. It is not a showy peach, but for flavor it is unsurpassed. Per 100 buds \$1 50, per 1000 \$10.

**DWARF JAPAN BLOOD PEACH:**—We also fruited this variety, it ripens five days ahead of the Alexander, equally as large, a perfect freestone, color of fruit blood red, marbled inside with red, small white stone, a spreading, low and dwarf growing tree with large dark green leaves. This is no doubt the earliest peach in existence, and we would recommend this variety to our customers in Florida and Gulf coast, it would there be extremely early and as it does not belong to the Persian strain will no doubt do well in the Orange belt. Per 100 buds \$1 50, per 1000 \$10.

We also have all the leading varieties of peaches, including all the best old and new varieties at 50 cents per 100 buds, per 1000 \$4., except the Burke at \$1 00 per 100, per 1000 \$7.

## The Albino Umbrella China Tree.

This a seedling of the common Umbrella China tree, originated on our grounds, the foliage is white creamy colored. Like the parent tree it has a large dense umbrella shaped head. This surpasses in beauty any colored foliage tree we know of. It must be seen to be appreciated. By sending us two 2 cents stamps to pay actual postage, we will forward a twig neatly packed in a small box by mail, you will then have an idea of the beauty of that grandest of ornamental tree which now stands without rival. It is propagated by budding or grafting on the common Umbrella China or Chinaberry tree (Pride of India.) We have a limited quantity of seed of this tree at one dollar per dozen seeds. Price per doz. buds \$3 00. Trees this fall at \$25. to \$50. each.

It is time that every fruit grower should bud his own trees, and not rely on the tree agent for his supply, your trees will live much longer, produce better fruits when buded on stock which should stay where it came up, you will then have a natural root and a tree that will vie with a seedling tree in longevity. It shortens its life to break the roots of a tree. Without the tap root, about the third year the peach tree begins to decay at the heart, the fruit deteriorate and the tree finally dies. If you do not know how to bud or graft, we will upon receipt of ten 2 cents stamp to pay actual cost of packing and postage mail you example how to bud, also new way of grafting, the Japanese style, which is much easier and a surer graft than either cleft, whip or splice grafting.

We guarantee to our customers that the fruit buds they buy from us will be true to name and as represented by us. We have no intention to impose upon you worthless kinds or even doubtful ones, as we well know it will be our loss—loss of trade, reputation and customers. Our constant endeavor is to please, and our motto is never to have a customer dissatisfied. All errors or losses caused by us we will cheerfully make good, and we are always ready to listen to reasonable complaints, if any there should be. We supply a good many nurseryman, but we want the address and patronage of all fruit loving people, of men who know genuine goods. We want the patronage of men who propagate their own trees, for but a few dollars you can have a fine orchard, not costing you over three cent per tree for the choicest and rarest of fruits which would otherwise cost you a good deal.

Twenty-five and fifty buds at a hundred rates. Postage prepaid by us on all mail orders.

*Terms cash with order. No orders filled for less than one dollar; postage stamps taken for fractional parts of a dollar. Send your orders as soon as possible, as some varieties are very limited, and the early orders will get them.*

**A SPECIAL REQUEST.**—We are anxious to obtain the addresses of all fruit growers and lovers of fine fruits who you think will likely buy. If you will send the names of such, and mention the matter when you order, we will add a few rare buds to your order free of charge.

Address :

J. L. NORMAND,  
Marksville, La.

## TESTIMONIALS.

We here give a few testimonials from high authority, we could furnish more from the mass received during last year, but we believe the following to be convincing enough.

U. S. Department of Agriculture,

Division of Pomology,

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 26th 1888.  
Mr. J. L. Normand,  
Marksville, La.

Dear Sir:—Your letter of 21 and the two lots of specimens of leaves and branches of Japanese plums came just now in good order. I think your Albino China tree is a very choice thing and ought to have a good run in the South, especially in Texas and Florida.

\* \* \* Very Respectfully,  
H. E. VAN DEMAN.

EDWARDS, Miss., June 18th 1888.  
J. L. Normand, Esq.  
Marksville, La.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find stamp please send me an example of the new way of grafting and budding by mail, with thanks for your kindness. I fruited the Botan Plum this year it is fine, I have now the Kelsey, Prunus, Simoni, Botan, Chabot, Massu and Pissardi, I will want some of the others in the fall, which is the best time to graft and bud?

Yours, &c.  
C. H. WARD.

HIGHLAND, Fla., March 5th 1888.  
Mr. J. L. Normand,  
Marksville La.

The trees and scions reached me promptly, and in fine order. I shall order buds in variety from you in their season. Have you the "Blood Plum" (Satsuma) that you can furnish me either these or scion?

Yours truly,  
O. C. KNOX.

NATCHEZ Miss., May 23rd 1888.  
J. L. Normand, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—The trees and cuttings nicely put up, and in good order, were received yesterday, and set out same afternoon. You will please accept many thanks for same, particularly for those you added to the lot.

Hoping to have the pleasure of ordering from you further on and promising to throw as many orders as I can into your hands,

I am, Very truly,  
S. DUNCAN BAKER.

There is on exhibition just now in the business office of THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT (save for an hour or so every day, when it is moved out upon the sidewalk for light and air) a specimen of a young Albino China Umbrella tree propagated by Mr. J. L. Normand, the well known and accomplished horticulturist, of Marksville, Avoyelles parish La. This entirely new variety of the Pride of India, with its peculiar straw colored foliage, is so attractive to the eye that it cannot but become a favorite for ornamental purpose. In a letter to us Mr. Normand says: "Last summer I top-budded a few Albinos on the common chinaberry tree (Pride of India). These attained a growth of from five to six feet and bloomed this spring. The flowers are the same as those of the parent tree, lilac in color and fragrant, but whether the seed will reproduce itself, or revert to the original type, remains to be seen. By budding, however, they are constant and remain a fixed type, which can be multiplied, either by budding or grafting. I have no doubt that from the seeds of the Albino more or less variegated 'sports' will result, as you will notice that in the specimen sent to you; there is a tendency to variegation, some of the leaves being slightly splashed with green." Altogether the Albino China is a novelty among plants well worth the seeing and admiring.—*New Orleans Times-Democrat, May 2nd, 1888.*

AN ALBINO UMBRELLA CHINA TREE.

One of the most curious and interesting specimen trees we ever saw or expect to see, was an albino or cream-colored foliaged china tree, shipped to New Orleans by J. L. Normand, the noted nurseryman of Marksville, Avoyelles parish, and exhibited at the counting-room of THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

The leaves of this ornamental plant are of a light cream color, a few of them splotted with green. We could not conceive of a more beautiful sight than a number of albino chinas planted among other trees on a lawn resembling, by a contrast with the deep green surroundings, an immense bouquet of flowers.—*Weekly Times-Democrat.*