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THE

WINONA COUNTY

Nursery and Fruit Farm:

SMALL FRUITS,

FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES,

ST. CHARLES, MINN.

VINES, EVERGREENS, &c.

Wm. McHENRY, Proprietor.
A CHAT WITH OUR PATRONS.

Thanking you for the patronage you have given me in the past, I greet you again, trusting that our interests may be more closely united. And from flattering testimonials received from former patrons, I feel confident they have been pleased with my trees and plants. Any one receiving stock from me in poor condition will do me a favor to notify me at once, as I desire to deliver stock in good condition and hope my patrons will aid me in this.

And now, after having tried for twenty-nine years to grow fruit successfully in Minnesota, I feel that the past three years have given Minnesota fruit growers a boom they have never had before, as it has killed many varieties that we had hoped were all right.

We now come to you with a few Russian and native seedlings that will give us choice apples the year round. These claim the title of being perfectly hardy or iron-clad. I also offer a few of the best of the Hybrid or Crab varieties. Minnesota is second to no State for fruit—quality considered.

I have a limited stock of forest trees, such as White Ash, Soft Maple, Hard Maple, Elm and Cottonwood, also White Willow or Cottonwood Cuttings.

Prices given on application.

VARIETIES AND PRICES OF APPLES.


Best Trees, 6 to 7 feet.........................30 cents each, $25.00 per 100
No. 1, three years old, 4 to 6 feet...........25 " 20.00 "
No. 2, " 20 "
Best, 2 years old, 2 to 3 feet..............20 " 15.00 "
MISCELLANEOUS.

PLUMS—Weaver, Rollingstone, Brainaird’s Best, Chatfield, 2 to 4 feet ........................................... 50c each
Root Grafts of above ....................................... $5 per 100
Cherry Trees, 4 to 6 feet .................................. 50c each
Catalpa “ 1 to 2 feet ......................................... 50c each
“ 2 to 3 feet .................................................. 30c each
Mountain Ash, 4 to 6 feet .................................. 50c each
“ 2 to 3 feet .................................................. 30c each
Russian Mulberry, 4 to 6 feet ............................... 25c each, $15 00 per 100
2 to 3 feet ................................................... 20c each, 8 00 per 100
1 to 2 feet ................................................... 15c each, 6 00 per 100
Cuttings ....................................................... 5c each, 2 00 per 100
Snowballs, 4 feet ............................................. 50c each
“ 2 feet ....................................................... 30c each.

EVERGREENS.

I have a large stock of choice, large Spruce and Pines that I will sell very cheap at the nursery. Delivered at 12 cents per foot. Large stock of Arbor Vitæ for 10c each.

ROSES.

Queen of the Prairies (very double), Persian Yellow, Scotch Yellow, White Scotch, White Wax, Blush, very fine, hardy climber. Good Roots ........................................... 75c each.

DAHLIAS.

Assorted, 4 kinds ........................................... 25c each

GRAPES.

Concord, Wordon, Janesville, Delaware, Rogers’ No. 4.
Two years old ............................................... 30c each, $3 00 per doz
One year old, strong ....................................... 20c each, 2 50 “
Cuttings ....................................................... $10 00 per 1,000

CURRANTS.

Red and White Dutch.
Two years old ............................................... 25c each, $2 75 per doz
One year old ............................................... 20c each, 2 00 “

GOOSEBERRIES.

Hughton, Seedling and English.
Two years old ............................................... 25c each, $2 75 per doz.
One year old ............................................... 20c each, 2 00 “
RASPBERRIES.

Red, Brandywine, Philadelphia, Black Cap, Mammoth, Cluster and Doolittle.
40 cents per dozen; $2.00 per 100; $8.00 per 1,000.

BLACKBERRIES.

Stone's Hardy, the best of all, $1.00 per doz., $8.00 per 100, $40.00 per 1,000.
Snyder, 50c per doz., $2.00 per 100, $15.00 per 1,000.

ASPARAGUS.

Conover's Colossal ........................................ 50c per doz. $2.00 per 100
Hosp .......................................................... 40c " 1.00 per 100
Horse Radish Roots ........................................... 5c each
Pieplant .......................................................... 12c each

A FEW THOUGHTS ON STRAWBERRY CULTURE.

First in importance is the selection of good plants of good varieties, as some varieties never fail in any soil or clime, while other varieties seldom give satisfactory results, except under the most favorable culture. On receipt of your plants unpack them, dip them in water and keep them in the shade from wind and frost, keeping them moist.

The strawberry, being the finest fruit God ever gave to sinful man, give them an equal chance with your cabbage and potato patch.

A rolling plot is the best; would prefer it a little sandy. Remember the strawberry will not thrive under water. Give the ground a liberal covering of manure, then plow or spade the ground to the depth of twelve or fifteen inches; pulverize thoroughly. Now lay off your ground in rows four feet apart for field culture, or three for garden, setting the plants the same distance in the row. The great secret of success in setting plants is to set them in moist dirt, keeping the roots straightly spread as nature would have them. Now, your success all depend on the thoroughness of your cultivation. If you want choice fruit pruning must be thorough and all runners should be cut after the first of August. Strawberries should be kept in rows or hills to get the best results.

Among the fruits that grow upon this earth
The Strawberry has had its noble birth;
Among the fruits with which this earth is blest,
The Strawberry ranks far above the rest.

Produced by Nature's law from her great store,
Could not have better since the days of yore.
They are good for man, insect and little birds,
Though trod upon by numerous wandering herds.

Although they grow upon a low and humble vine,
They are good without being turned into wine,—
Fit to serve up for a monarch or a queen,
And flavor a dainty dish called ice cream.
With foliage green and flowers white,
Fruit green, white, pink and red, presents a pleasant sight.
When planted in your garden they add beauty and cheer
And comfort to both comly and fair.

Plant some in your garden and idle ground;
Cultivate them well that with fruit they may abound.
They will afford you much comfort and pleasure
To catch the fruit through the cold winter weather.

From hundreds of kinds we select a few
That we know to be honest and true,
But few varieties we think the best,
Because with us they have stood all the test.

Capt. Jack, the first to come upon the stand.
Look! see how majestic and grand!
For a fertilizer the best in the clan,
And his fruit the best to put within the can.

The Crescent Seedling, the best for table use,
Fruit rather large and full of delicious juice.
It yields the best in thin and narrow beds
With a path between in which you may tread.

The Sharpless one that is highly favored—
Its fruit the largest and very best flavored.
The Cumberland, Triumph, their deeds they tell
With Downer's Prolific and the Bidwell.

The Crystal City, the earliest to appear on the table,
With lovers of fruit no idle tare:
And all the rest help carry out the plan,
For a good use for insects, birds and man.

CRESCENT SEEDLING.

This, without doubt, is the most prolific of all strawberries on my grounds. It will thrive and produce fair crops on soil where many kinds, like Wilson's and Great American, would not even produce plants. Size, from medium to large, of fair quality. Good cultivation and thorough pruning improves the quality very much as it is a very strong grower and when once started on the ground will take possession in spite of weeds or grass and hold it for several years, bearing good crops of fair fruit, the berry being rather large is very showy, and sells well in market. For near market we have no better paying, or more profitable variety. We get the best results set in alternate rows with Capt. Jack.

CAPT. JACK,

A very fine grower, producing very fine large plants with enormous roots; fruit very large and firm; may be left on the vines for two or three days after it is ripe and picked in good shape. This is a great favorite with all lovers of choice berries; one of the best for shipping long distances. Either of the above
By mail 50c per doz., $2.00 per 100, $10.00 per 1,000.
By express 40c per doz., $1.50 per 100, $7.00 per 1,000
CUMBERLAND, TRIUMPH, GLENDALE, KENTUCKY, DOWNER'S PROLIFIC, SHARPLESS, CRYSTAL CITY, DUCHESS,

By mail, 40c per doz., $1.75 per 100, $8.00 per 1,000.
By express, 30c per doz., $1.25 per 100, $6.00 per 1,000.

NEW VARIETIES.—BIDWELL,
I have only fruited this one season, and will let others praise it. The plant is a very vigorous grower; fruit rather small, but very rich.
By mail, $1.00 per dozen, $2.00 per 100, $10.00 per 1,000.

MANCHESTER.
One of the most promising of all the varieties, looking much the best on our grounds. Have not fruited it yet.

BIG BOB
is another very promising berry.
Either of the above by mail, $1.50 per dozen, $6.00 per 100, $40.00 per 1,000.
I have many more new varieties. Shall test them further before I offer them.
I have the best facilities for shipping, either by mail or express.
Remember my motto is: "The best is the cheapest," and I send only good plants, true to name.

RUSSIAN MULBERRY.
The Russian Mulberry is from latitude forty-nine degrees, Russia, and is, as near as I can learn, a cross between the Black Mulberry of Persia and a native Russian variety. It is a very rapid grower, and grows to be large, or it may be pruned or sheared so as to make a beautiful lawn or hedge tree. It also bears a fruit very much valued by the Russians when mixed with something tart. Is often mistaken for raspberries, which it very much resembles. The tree begins to bear at from two to three years old and is a very prolific bearer. Besides the fruit, the timber is very valuable, being equal to the catalpa or cedar, for fenceposts. The leaves are mostly lobed or cut, and are valuable food for silk worms. This is the only mulberry in the United States that is hardy enough to be valuable North of the 40th parallel, at least we know of no other. The bark is grayish-white, resembling the cottonwood as much as any thing we think of. We have but a limited stock.

SETTING EVERGREENS.
There is no tree so sensitive to the effects of drying winds or sun as the Evergreen. I believe fifteen minutes is sufficient to kill an Evergreen, and once dried, we know of no method by which life can be restored, but if your trees have been properly
handled, dig a hole at least two feet across, if for a large tree it should be larger. Dig it 18 inches deep, then throw in surface or well pulverized soil, and fill so the tree will stand two inches deeper; raise the center of the hole so the center of the tree will rest firm on the dirt, and the side roots will droop. Then scatter one quart of oats in the bottom of the hole, and set the tree in. Now cover the roots with loose soil, being careful that the dirt is pressed firm around the roots. Now pour in one pail of water and let stand fifteen minutes. Then fill the hole, pressing the dirt firm with the foot, and see that the tree stands firm. If the tree has not got good roots it may be necessary to support by staking. Your tree must stand firm to insure growth, now mulch with chip manure, saw dust or rotted straw, but don't put any ashes or manure about Evergreens. I have practiced this with the best of success. The same rule works well with all kinds of trees. You can leave the oats out. Follow the above directions and if your trees die let us hear.

**Russian White Oats.**

True to name. 50cts per peck, $2 00 per bushel.
As my stock of above is limited please send in your orders soon.

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By Mail, 1 lb. 30c ; 2 lbs., 50c.
By Express, 1 peck, 50c, or $2 00 per bushel.
All orders from unknown parties must be accompanied by cash or a good reference.
Please put your order and letter on different sheets—don't mix them.

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For the guidance and convenience of our Customers, we have prepared the following Table of Rates as charged by the Express Companies from New York to most of the Express Stations in the various States and Territories. These rates are only approximative. It is impossible to give them exact, as different rates are charged to different parts of the same State. We will undertake however, to deliver them to any of the Express Stations at these figures.

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