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J. VAN. LINDLEY'S CATALOGUE.

SPECIALTIES.

The Sneed and Triumph Peaches.

Sneed.—The earliest by ten days or two weeks of any known variety yet introduced.

Triumph.—A fine yellow free-stone—ripe with Alexander.

The New Japan Plums, That have come to stay.

The Garber and Keiffer Pears.

The James Grape.—The Grape for the Cotton Belt.

The Juglans Condiformis or Japan Walnut.

A year ago in February I issued my Supplement, bringing forward new fruits for 1894. At that date the outlook was as encouraging to the fruit growers throughout the Piedmont section of the South as was ever known; but a warm spell set in in February and continued five weeks, summer weather, up to the 25th of March. During that time the growth of vegetation was remarkable; peaches had shed their bloom, pears were as large as the end of a common pencil, apples were in full bloom—early blooming ones had shed their blooms—and in that condition the thermometer on March 25 stood at 60°. On the morning of the 26th it registered 26° above zero, on the 27th was down to 18°, and on the 28th registered 20°. Such an occurrence was never known before. All fruit was killed in places; whole peach orchards were completely killed where exposed, and nursery stocks were badly damaged. All Keiffer, LeCont and Garber pear trees under three years old were killed to the ground and had to be cut back, and all the Japan varieties of plums were served the same way. Young nursery stock was about wiped out, so I have had a struggle to get my nursery righted again. My damage was great—hard matter to compute it—but renewed energy and hard work, with a good growing season the past summer, have been productive of most favorable results. I am now able to inform the public that I am on my feet again with the cream of new fruits, which are shown in this Supplement. I would advise fruit growers not to let the past season discourage them. Such a freeze is not liable to be encountered more than once in a life time. I believe fruit men in the South will have a prosperous year in 1895. I thank you for the liberal patronage during the fiscal year, which the records of my office show to have been over 20,000 orders, and it was the most discouraging year to plant trees that I have ever noticed in my memory. I now come before you with the largest and finest stock of trees and plants I have ever offered to the public.

NEW PEACHES.

Since the introduction of the Alexander Peach some twenty years ago, many other varieties have been introduced, claiming to be earlier and superior, such as Amsden, Waterloo, Dyer's June, Galland's May, Brigg's Red May and Arkansas Traveler. After fully testing all of them for years I find them no improvement over the Alexander and of the same class. So I have dropped all of that class except Alexander and Jessie Kerr, as they are the best of their class. Both are popular market varieties. But now looms up the

✓ SNEED PEACH,

A distinct variety of the China Cling type, and is from ten days to two weeks earlier than Alexander or any other yet introduced. I have heard of this peach now for four years, but I had been disappointed so often in many of the new early varieties that I had about come to the conclusion that the Alexander was the earliest and that no peach could mature earlier, but be that as it may, below I give my authority for saying it is the earliest peach by ten days now known.

Price, 3 to 5 feet trees, 35 cents each.

MOORESVILLE, N. C., May 10, 1893.

J. VAN. LINDLEY:

Dear Sir: Yours to hand and noted. I have fully tested the Sneed by the side of the Alexander and Amsden. It is at least ten days earlier and ripens to the seed better and is larger. My trees are full and will be ripe June 1st, although this is a backward, wet season—later than usual. If you are sufficiently interested, come up to see for yourself, it shall cost you nothing while here, and as you are a judge of fruit, I am sure I will convince you that it is what I have for years claimed for it.

Respectfully,

S. A. LOWRANCE.

JACKSON, MISS., May 12, 1893.

Dear Sir: The Sneed is now ripening here. The fruit is medium size, very red on one side and greenish white or bluish on the other. It ripens from ten to fifteen days before Alexander; it is nothing like it, however, in appearance, being a little more oblong and a better eating peach. It ripens to the seed better than Alexander. When allowed to ripen on the tree it is as good a peach as I ever eat. You can rely on getting ripe peaches from the Sneed every year in this section by the 10th of May. It has large blooms like Chinese Cling and stands the frosts well. This year the fruit is not so fine on account of the long wet spell, but last year I got \$5.00 a bushel for them.

Very respectfully,

W. BAKER SIVLEY.

Originator has this much to say:

BUNTYN, TENN., (near Memphis) 6-6, '93.

Dear Sir: Your note of the 3rd inst. is at hand. The peach, about which you write, is more properly called "The Peeble's Early" though it is generally known in the west as the "Sneed Peach." It derived its name from the fact that the first one ever grown was on my lot from a seed planted by my wife. Our old family physician at Somerville was Dr. A. J. Peebles. After we moved here some twenty years ago he sent us a box of his fine peaches, and my wife planted a stone from one of them which when the fruit began to come, developed into the earliest peach ever known in this county. It is one of nature's eccentricities and is a hybrid between The Chinese Cling and Hale's Early.

Yours truly,

JOHN L. T. SNEED.

The Sneed Peach has now been before the general public for three years. Ten days earlier than any Peach ever brought before the public, but like Alexander it is a semi-cling, being its only objection.

But now being introduced for the first time is a yellow free Stone Peach of fine color, fine size, good quality, and a good shipper. Not as early as Sneed but ripening with the old well known Alexander, which ripens here by the middle of June, further South in May, and it bears the proper name, the

✓ ❖ TRIUMPH ❖

This new Peach bids fair to be the greatest acquisition yet introduced. A yellow Peach, ripening this early, and a free stone is a wonder of the present age. The late eminent pomologist, Charles Downing, said before his death, a free stone Peach as large and handsome and as early as Alexander would be worth millions of dollars to the public, and here is the Peach so long sought after, rightly named Triumph.

It was originated by J. D. Husted of Spaulding Co., Ga., he describes it as medium in size; color, covered with light and dark yellow, making it a beauty in appearance; flesh yellow; seed small. Ships well, having been sent through the mails to different parts of the United States, and arriving in good order. Testimonials from ten of the largest Peach growers scattered in Georgia, New Jersey, Ohio, Connecticut and Michigan, who pronounce it a bonanza and the greatest peach ever introduced. I deem it unnecessary to give their full testimony. The stock for two years will be limited and only for the retail trade. I have a nice stock of 3 to 4 feet trees, and it is the first season it has ever been offered, and every Peach lover should have one or more of these trees, they cannot afford to be without them.

Price for Autumn sales of 1895 and Spring sales of 1896, \$1.00 each. Limited.

The following five new varieties received from Tennessee, but originated in Georgia. I give the originator's description. Stock limited.

- ✓ **Miller.** A magnificent yellow, free-stone, slightly stained with red at the sun. Ripens early in July. 25 cents each.
- ✓ **Miss Lolo.** From Texas. A perfect free stone, fine quality, blush-white flesh, prolific. Ripening June 20th. Price, 50 cents each.
- ✓ **Beauty's Blush.** Uniformly large; high color; splendid for market. Ripens early in July. Price, 50 cents each.
- ✓ **Amelia--Elberta.** A cross between Amelia and Elberta, as large as Elberta and high colored; a free stone. Ripens with Amelia, July 10th. Good, large stock of this variety. 25 cents each.
- ✓ **June Rose.** Free stone; a seedling, crossed with Early Rivers and Mountain Rose; medium to large; white flesh, red cheeks; a very prolific and profitable peach; first quality. Price, 50 cents each.
- ✓ **Aurora.** A very large, cream colored Peach with dark red cheek, free stone. Ripens about the middle of July. Price, 50 cents each.
- ✓ **Island Beauty.** Originated in Ohio; large yellow free stone; very lovely in bloom, similar to Crawford's; late ripening some seasons. Price, 50 cents each.
- ✓ **Hero.** A seedling of China Cling. Fruit larger, high colored, free from rot. Ripens last of July. 50 cents each.
- ✓ **Red River.** A seedling of Early Rivers; originated in Texas; highly spoken of. Ripens same season as its parent. Price 50 cents each.
- ✓ **Southern Gem.** Originated at Camden, Ark.; has fruited with me well, is a fine yellow free stone, ripening middle of July; a splendid market peach. Price, 50 cents each.
- ✓ **Annie Wiley.** Large white cling, with red cheek; flesh very juicy, vinous and best quality. Ripens middle of September. Price, 25 cents.

APPLES.

✓ **Rebel.** Origin Va. "We unhesitatingly claim this to be the prettiest apple that grows, and in quality it does not fall a particle below its beauty. Large size, round, bright, clear red, on yellow ground; covered with a fine bloom; flesh yellowish white, rich, with an agreeable mingling of saccharine and acid." Another Virginia horticulturist writes us: "The Rebel is a new and very valuable sort for table use, one of the choicest apples we have. Season, [in Va.] Sept. to Nov." 50 cents.

Carter's Blue. *Synonym:* Lady Fitzpatrick. Very large, green, washed dull brown red and a thick blue bloom, crisp, sugary, with a very rich aroma. Ripe in September; tree vigorous grower and fine shape; an excellent and desirable fruit. Price, 25 cents.

✓ **Roberson's Winter.** Large; striped, splotted with red; of best quality; resembles York Imperial. Season, Nov. to March. Does best in Piedmont section. Price, 25 cents each.

Smith's Cider. Rather large; greenish white, striped with red; flesh tender, juicy with a mild sub-acid flavor; productive, and a profitable market variety. Season, Dec. to Feb. in

Piedmont section. Price, 25 cents each.

✓ **English Golden Russett.** Medium; roundish; slightly curved; flesh yellowish white, firm, crisp, with a pleasant, mild, sub acid flavor; a good keeper in Western North Carolina and all similar sections. Price, 25 cents.

✓ **Broadnax.** This is an old variety, prolific; one of the best keepers; yellowish white with specks; a good apple; highly esteemed where known. Price 25 cents.

✓ **Wealthy.** Of Russian parentage; roundish; skin smooth, covered with shiny dark red; a real table ornament; flesh white, sub acid, good. Ripens in September. Price 25 cents.

✓ **Winslow.** Originated by H. Asbell, of Perquimans county, N. C., from a seed of a "twenty ounce" apple; is productive and has proven to be a good keeper in this section; fruit large, roundish, oval; stem one inch long set in a deep cavity; flesh a whitish; pleasant, sub acid; good. December. Similar to the Northern Baldwin in appearance. Introduced by H. P. Winslow, Belvidere, N. C. Price, 50 cents.

NEW PEARS

Just Brought to Notice.

Koonce Pear. New. Originated in Illinois, and described as the best very early pear, ripening two weeks before the Early Harvest or Jefferson; medium to large size; yellow, one side of which is covered with red; does not rot at the core; very productive, handsome, a good shipper; profitable tree, vigorous, upright and free from blight. One year old trees, 3 to 4 feet, \$1.50 each.

Wildier. Small to medium, bell shaped, yellow ground shaded carmine; flesh whitish yellow, fine grained, tender, sub-acid. Vigorous grower, early and

annual bearer, very productive, good quality and one of the first to ripen. Probably the best early market variety. Ripens with Alexander peach. Price, 1 year old, three to 4 ft., \$1.00 each.

✓ **Vermont Beauty.** Originated in Vermont. Has been thoroughly tested for a number of years and proven an abundant, early bearer, and one of the hardiest. Tree a strong, vigorous grower, very productive. Fruit medium size, roundish; skin yellow, nearly covered with carmine; flesh melting, sprightly, best quality, fine flavor and juicy, by many pronounced equal to or better than the Seckel. Its hardiness

and free growing qualities, combined with its beauty and excellent quality, make it one of the most desirable of recent introductions. Rural New Yorker says: "The fruit ripens a little later than the Seckel and much excels that variety in size and beauty. The flesh is rich, juicy, aromatic. It cannot do otherwise than stand at the head of our summer pears." Dr. Hoskins says that it is "the most piquant in flavor of any pear known." Price, \$1.50 each.

Japan Golden Russet. Another new Japan variety. Unusually productive, bearing in clusters, commencing to fruit in two years after transplanting from the nursery. Valuable for canning. Its strong, luxuriant growth, large, dark green leaves until late in the season, when they become

a beautiful bronze, changing to a brilliant crimson, and with their branches bending under their loads of golden russet pears it is a thing of beauty and an ornament in any lawn or fruit garden. The fruit is medium, flat or apple shaped, and it has been suggested it might be a cross between the apple and the pear. Price, 3 to 4 ft. trees, \$1.00 each. Stock limited.

Lincoln Coreless. Originated in Lincoln county, Tenn. Fruit very large, handsome appearance, good quality and very few if any seeds. So clear of core and seed, whence its name. One of the best keepers of winter pears. Color, golden yellow. Tree a good grower and very productive; has never been known to blight. One year. old trees, 3 to 4 ft., \$2. each.

NEW CHERRIES.

Dye House. A new variety of the Morello class. Very hardy and prolific. 50 cents.

✓ **Improved Dwarf Rocky Mountain Cherry.** This is a shrub, a prodigious bearer, a novelty, an ornament. The fruit is of value for culinary purposes. They bear at 2 years old. 1 to 2 feet plants, 75 cents each.

NEW PLUMS.

Stark Green Gage. Among the Gage plums the old Green Gage has stood at the top as to quality, but being such a poor grower, it has been dropped by most nurserymen. We have now one, of the above name, originated in Missouri that is a good grower, larger than the old variety and ripening at same season and equal in quality. 3 to 4 feet trees, 75 cents each.

✓ **Missouri Apricot Plum** ✓ **Honey Drop.** Originated in Missouri. Considered the best native yellow plum, and in every respect an improvement upon the Golden Beauty, being larger, later and a better grower, and a more prolific bearer, producing plums in small clusters. Fruit nearly the size of Wild Goose, skin and flesh a clear golden yellow; seed small; best quality of the natives, with pure apricot flavor. 1 year old trees, 3 to 4 ft., 75 cts. each.

✓ **Forrest Rose.** Originated in Missouri. Medium to large; beautiful dark red with delicate bloom; stone small; excellent quality; ripe late in August. W. W. Smith, Editor *Press*, Lipsick, Ohio, has two trees bearing. He says for the past four years they have born such enormous crops that every limb had to be propped up, and at time of his writing, Aug. 19th, 1889, there was 40 props under the two trees to help hold up the enormous load of fruit. 1 year old trees, 3 to 4 feet, 75 cts. each.

✓ **World Beater.** Originated in Tennessee and taken to Missouri some 27 years ago. Never fails to bear sound fruit. A Missouri horticulturist says he gathered four bushels of perfect fruit from a five year old tree. Sells readily in any market; bears very young; skin thin, reddish purple; quality best—melts in cooking, leaving only the seed.

Preserves a year old retains the fragrance of the ripe fruit. Ripe in Sept., but hangs on the tree till late in season; very firm; long keeper. 1 year old trees, 3 to 4 ft, 75 cents each.

Red June. *Japan Plum.* A large plum to be so early, ripening from ten days to two weeks before the Wild Goose; a good bearer and thrifty tree. Being so early when it becomes known. I believe it will be a leading market plum for the South. Its color is fiery red; quality good. Price, 1 year old trees, 3 to 4 feet, \$1, each.

Willard. A new Japan variety, medium size, round, not pointed; color dark clear red, with minute yellow dots; yellow flesh, sweet with fair quality. The earliest and most profitable market

plum yet tested; tree very distinct and hardy, will ripen ten days earlier than Alexander Peach, and with the Sneed Peach all through the South. in Southern Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi will ripen in May. One year old strong trees, \$1 00 each.

Yosebe—Japan. Size medium, round with a little point; dark purple, yellow flesh; ripens very early; blooms late, very hardy and prolific. Price \$1, each.

Mrs. Clifford. From Texas. This splendid Plum was produced by Mrs. Clifford, Grayson Co., Texas, from seed of Wild Goose. It is larger than Wild Goose, pear shaped; red meat, with pineapple flavor. (Munson's Catalogue). 1 year old trees, \$1.50.

A NEW POPULAR FLOWERING SHRUB.

Deutzia Flora Plena. One of the best flowering shrubs, whether singly on the lawn, or in hedge. They grow 6 to 8 feet high, and are in one mass of bloom for several weeks. Price, 75 cents each.



✓ Lady Thomson Strawberry.

The introducer, who has been growing fields of Strawberries for twenty years or more for market, and has tested all the varieties and originated several new ones, says: "This fine Strawberry, originated in Wayne county, N. C., with Mr. Thomson, whose name it bears, is the most satisfactory, and after testing it fully, find it is by far the best paying berry we now have or have ever seen, being early, very large, a perfect bloomer, fine shape, good color and fine flavor, prolific bearer and strong grower, and is just the berry we have been looking for for twenty years. We picked at the rate of 10,000 quarts per acre the past season and will do it again this season. Every Strawberry grower is cordially invited to see the fields of this berry

the latter part of April and early May, the berry season in my section and see for themselves that the berry is not over rated."

I procured all my stock direct from the introducer. For size and shape, see cut.

Price, \$3.00 per 100. Parties wanting them by the 1,000 or more will please correspond with the Proprietor.

J. VAN. LINDLEY, POMONA, N. C.

Testimonials from Commission Men Who Have Handled the Lady Thomson Berry.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March, 1894.

Dear Sir: We handled the Lady Thomson Strawberry season of 1893. Found it a large, fine berry, commanding extreme top prices. A good keeper and carrier, in fact we know of no better, and we highly recommend it to berry growers generally. Don't think a better one can be found.

Yours truly,

E. T. ADAMS & CO.,
No. 907 and 909 B. St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

NEW YORK, February 27th, 1894.

Dear Sir: I have handled many different varieties of strawberries from your section for the past 20 years. I find the Lady Thomson to be the best berry as yet introduced. All I have received arrived in better condition than other varieties. They are large size, bright color. Sell for twice the price of ordinary berries. Would advise growers to plant the Lady Thomson in preference to all others. Its good shipping and keeping qualities and large size make it a fine selling berry and far superior to any yet introduced.

GEORGE W. JUDD,
92 Park Place, New York.

NEW YORK, February 27th, 1894.

Dear Sir: We remember handling the Lady Thomson berry in 1893. We realized nearly double the price of other berries in same market. It met with great favor among our trade and increasing demand. The coming season we will have good call for them. It is good carrying berry, which is a big item in its favor. Hoping to receive from you this season 1,000 crates, more or less, of this variety.

Yours very truly,

PORTER BROS COMPANY,
211-213 Franklin St., N. Y.

NEW YORK, January 15th, 1894.

Dear Sir: We hope you have a fine prospect for berries this year. We also hope you have planted largely of that new berry, the Lady Thomson, as we consider it the finest market berry that came to this market last season, and sold at good prices when other varieties were hard to move at all. It carries well and is decidedly the most showy and attractive berry we have seen. Would advise you to plant largely of them. Hoping the coming season may be prosperous with you and for people generally, we are,

Very truly,

GEO. ALLISON & CO.,
298 Washington St., N. Y.

BOSTON, MASS., February 28th, 1894.

Dear Sir: Yours of the 24th received and noted. Replying to your inquiry how we regard the new variety of Strawberry you shipped us last season, we can truly say it is a magnificent success, being large, fine color, firm, making its carrying qualities of a superior character, which is indispensable to long distance shipping with any degree of success. The Lady Thomson, as above described, you sent us last season sold above the varieties usually from North Carolina. freight charges being no more than on common varieties, so we say, growers, get the best. Get arge varieties and be sure of good returns

Yours truly,

JONA BIGELOW & CO.,
28 South Market St., Boston.

NEW ROSES OF THE EVERBLOOMING CLASS.

Out door grown. Price 75 cents, except where noted.

- Bridesmaid.** A sport from Catherine Mermet. Superior in all respects to that fine old variety. Color bright pink.
- Kaiserin Augusta Victoria.** A royal rose with a royal name. Flowers produced in greatest profusion; splendid buds; large flowers, pure white with rich perfume. A vigorous grower. Price \$1.00 each.
- The Queen.** A charming, pure white Tea Rose. Finely formed buds. In bud and bloom it is what its name implies.
- Golden Gate.** A pretty shade of deep yellow, penciled and splashed a bright rich crimson. Very full and double.
- Miss Edith Gifford.** Vigorous growth, very fine as to bud and open flower; color a beautiful flesh white or cream with light pink center. A very elegant rose.
- White Perle des Jardins.** This rose has the same character of the grand old Perle rose; only different in color. Price 75 cents each.
- Crown Princess Victoria.** *White Malmaison:* Vigorous grower, large fine foliage. One of the loveliest of all roses. Color, pure waxy white, cream tint in center; resembles the old Malmaison in shape and fullness. One of the best white roses. Price, 75c. each.
- Rainbow.** A striped rose from California; blotched and streaked with the darkest crimson, at the same time only enough to add to its beauty. Price \$1.00 each.
- Souvenir De Dr. Passot.** A bright crimson Tea Rose; strong grower, prolific bloomer; one of the brightest and deepest red roses.
- Princess Beatrice.** Good habit, heavy foliage, strong tea scented; a good sized, coppery or ruddy yellow rose, with a distinct red edge on each petal. Price \$1.00 each.
- Clothilae Souport.** Obtained by crossing a monthly everblooming variety with a Polyantha rose. "Mignonne." The result has produced one of the best bloomers in the collection. Average size, light rose, blush center.
- Augustine Guinoseau** (or White LaFrance). Same character of the old LaFrance, except it is pure white.
- Climbing Perle des Jardens.** This will, without a doubt, be the coming rose in the South as soon as it becomes known. It is large, full and well formed; golden yellow flowers; a prolific bloomer. No doubt but what it is the best running rose for the South. Price, \$1.00 each.
- Champion of the World.** This is in all around good qualities the greatest everblooming rose in cultivation, especially for winter blooming. It is a champion bloomer. In the South it will bloom all summer, then if potted and placed in green house will bloom in profusion all winter, or if left out it is perfectly hardy. Color, a deep, rich, rosy pink; a large flower for such a prolific bloomer, often producing flowers as large as LaFrance. Price 75 cents each.
- Id. Lombard.** An old rose, but one of the best. Color a beautiful shade of rosy bronze, changing to salmon and fawn. Price 50 cents each.
- James Sprunt.** One of the best everblooming climbers. Color, deep velvety crimson; very double; constant bloomer. Price 50 cents each.
- Reine Marie Henrietta** (or Red Flowering Gloria de Dijon) A strong, vigorous climber; flowers large, full and fine form; a fine cherry red; sweet scented; succeeds admirably in the South. Price 50 cents each.
- Gloria de Lionaise.** This is the only yellow Hybrid Perpetual. It cannot be called a deep yellow, but rather a pale salmon yellow, sometimes changing to creamy white. The flowers have all the beauty of a Tea Rose; large full and sweet.
- Crimson Rambler.** The greatest running rose yet introduced. A new Scotch rose that is now making such fame among the lovers of the queen of flowers, and they be millions. It is a rank grower under good culture, will grow from 6 to 10 feet in one season. The flowers with which the plant is covered in the spring are produced in large tresses of pyramidal form of bright crimson color. The blooms remain on the plant for a great length of time without losing their brightness. Has taken the gold medals at both the London and Paris Floral Exhibitions. Out door grown. Price \$1 each.

