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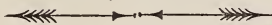
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Hill-Side Nursery, Marksville, La.

Normand's Experimental Grounds.

JULY 10th, 1891.



Rare Oriental Buds.



Out of the thirty different varieties of Oriental Plums, tested on my Experimental Grounds, I have fruited for the first time, this season, some new varieties that are grand acquisitions and offer buds of a few kinds that I know to be fine.

BONGOUME.

This is the earliest of all the Japanese plums, ripening here the middle of May; tree begins to bear at one year old; fruit and leaves much like the apricot; very large, measuring about  $5\frac{1}{8}$  inches in circumference; beautiful golden color. Price of buds by mail post paid, \$2.00 per 100, \$15.00 per 1,000.

JAPAN APRICOT.

This is the earliest, largest and best apricot in cultivation, and the only apricot that is a success here in central Louisiana; fruit clear bright yellow, fine flavor, tree a straggling grower and an abundant bearer. Price of buds same as the Bongoume. These two varieties were imported by ex-Governor Hubbard, of Texas, while minister at Japan.

BAILEY (JAPAN.)

This, offered for the first time, and named after Prof. Bailey, editor American Garden. I got this variety from Japan among a lot of trees without any name. It is different from any of the 30 varieties I have on my experimental grounds; fruited here this present season for the first time in this country; fruit almost as large as the Kelsey, nearly

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globular, and overspread with a light cherry red color; tree a prolific bearer, upright and vigorous grower; fruit ripens fully fifteen days after the Wild Goose, or just after the Burbank and a little ahead of the Satsuma.

I mailed samples of the fruit to Prof. L. H. Bailey, who says: "The variety which you propose to name for me is a handsome plum in both shape and color, and its size is good. The fruit is not ripe enough to enable me to judge fully of its quality, but the flesh is thick and juicy, and the flavor so far as I can judge is good." Price of buds, \$5.00 per 100, \$30.00 per 1,000.

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## NORMAND'S JAPAN.

Like the Bailey Japan, imported without any label and in the absence of a name, I have named this variety the Normand Japan. This is my choice of all the oriental plums; fruited probably for the first time this season in this country; fruit a beautiful golden color, a little larger and better than the Burbank; shaped like an apple; of fine flavor; tree of symmetrical growth and very prolific; ripens just after the Sweet Botan. I have only a limited quantity of buds at 20 buds for \$5.00.

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I have mailed samples of fruit to a few of the leading horticulturists, returns from whom I reproduce here:

LAWTY, FLA., June 26, 1891.

J. L. NORMAND, ESQ.:

DEAR SIR—I have just received the four Normand Japan plums and I unhesitatingly pronounce them the best Japan plums I have yet tested.

S. POWERS,

Editor *Farmer and Fruit Grower*.

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## EXCELSIOR NURSERIES,

ROME, GA., June 30th, 1891.

MR. J. L. NORMAND:

DEAR SIR—Samples of the Normand Japan plum received in good condition. It certainly is a fine plum and different from any Japan plum we have ever seen.

Respectfully,

G. H. MILLER & SON.

LAKE CHARLES, LA., June 26, 1891.

FRIEND NORMAND:

The specimens of the Normand Asiatic plum came to hand in good condition. They were tested by four experts and pronounced excellent. The flesh was firm, though mellow; color golden; flavor well defined and pleasant. It is much superior to the Burbank. I should like to engage some trees of this variety.

Very Respectfully,

S. A. KNAPP.

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GLEN ST. MARY, June 26, 1891.

MR. J. L. NORMAND:

DEAR SIR—Yours of 22ud inst. and the samples of plums are at hand. I have just tested the latter and they are good; they are larger than most varieties of American sorts. If the tree is a good bearer, I have no doubt but that the plum (Normand Japan) will prove a profitable variety.

Sincerely Yours,

G. L. TABER.

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ITHACA, N. Y., June 22, 1891.

J. L. NORMAND, ESQ.:

MY DEAR SIR—I am greatly obliged for the last interesting package of Japanese plums. I am much pleased with the sort you call Normand Japan, and will illustrate it in the "*American Garden*." It is very firm and meaty, sweet, with a small pit and a clear, handsome yellow skin.

L. H. BAILEY,  
Editor *American Garden*.

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### ORLANDO NURSERY,

ORLANDO, FLA., June 27, 1891.

MY DEAR NORMAND:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 3d, and the plums came, too, in nice condition. So it is a new find; is it a good one? If it had been given me to eat in the dark I should have thought I was eating a nice nectarine.

I regret to say I am afraid it may not succeed in this tropical section, but in sections where it is naturalized, it is a fine acquisition. I wish to try it here. O! how I hate those Japan names and I am glad you have lost it in this case and given it the "Normand."

Yours Truly,

JAMES MOTT.

TYLER, TEX., June 24, 1891.

J. L. NORMAND:

DEAR SIR—Allow me to thank you for your valuable specimens of Normand Japan plum, which is truly another grand acquisition to add to our already esteemed list of acquisitions. This promises to excel all varieties; ripening with the Marianna, it is large to very large, beautiful light golden color, thick meaty texture. Sure to prove valuable in preserving and well adapted for shipping purposes in reaching distant markets; can be handled several days after much color is seen and will keep 8 to 10 days. Very valuable for orchardists and is really a plum to make money in handling. I must have some of your first trees for my grounds.

Respectfully,

J. T. WHITTAKER.

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**KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,**

MANHATTAN, KANSAS, July 1, 1891.

J. L. NORMAND, ESQ.:

MY DEAR SIR—The three fruits of the Normand Japan plum which you sent me arrived in excellent condition, in spite of their long trip; it is evidently a splendid shipper. I found them to be of good quality, flesh firm, not too juicy for transportation, and with a remarkable small stone for the size of the plum, it is well worth discrimination.

Very Truly Yours,

C. C. GEORGESON,

Professor of Agriculture.

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I can also supply you with buds of the following varieties of Oriental plums: Hattonkin No. 1, Hattonkin No. 2, Yosobe, Ogon, Chabot, Satsuma, Prunus Simoni, Yellow Japan, Engre, Ura Beni, Kelsey, Burbank, Burbank No. 1, Prunus Pissardi, True Sweet Botan, White Fleshed Botan, Yellow Fleshed Botan, Red Nagate, Shiro Smomo, Kumé and Massu at \$2.00 per 100 buds; \$10.00 per 1,000. All orders must come in with the cash. Postage prepaid by myself on all orders for not more than 3,000 buds. Address:

**J. L. NORMAND,**

MARKSVILLE, LA.