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ANNUAL PRICE LIST

FOR
FALL, 1892.—SPRING, 1893.

EASTERN SHORE NURSERIES.



NO AGENTS EMPLOYED.

EXPRESS, TELEGRAPH AND MONEY-ORDER OFFICE:—DENTON.

RAILROAD STATION:—RIDCELY, MARYLAND.

DISTANT CUSTOMERS WILL PLEASE GIVE PLAIN SHIPPING DIRECTIONS.

FALL DIGGING BEGINS ABOUT OCTOBER 25th.

SPRING---FROM MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY TO 15th OF MARCH.

IF ANY ERROR OCCURS, FULL AMENDS WILL BE CHEERFULLY MADE WHEN APPRISED OF SAME.

CUSTOMERS **MUST** BE FAIRLY DEALT WITH.

J. W. KERR,

DENTON,

CAROLINE CO.,

MARYLAND.

EASTON GAZETTE STEAM JOB DEPARTMENT, EASTON, MARYLAND.

APPLE TREES.

PRICES { $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 feet High, 12 cts. each, \$10 per 100.
 3 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet High, 10 cts. each, \$8 per 100.

VARIETIES:

SUMMER—Fourth of July,	SUMMER—Early Harvest,
Carolina Red June,	" Ripe,
Fanny,	" Bough,
Early Colton,	Summer Queen,
Red Astrachan,	" Pearmain.

FALL—Md. Maiden's Blush,	FALL—Spice,
Fallowater,	Excelsior,
Wine,	Gravenstein,

WINTER—Shockley,	WINTER—Winesap,
Lawver,	Durham.
Mattamuskeet,	Stevenson,
Limbewig,	Nelson Rock,
McNash,	Key's Red.

SPECIAL VARIETIES:

**YELLOW TRANSPARENT,
 CHARLOTTEN THALER,
 GRAND SULTAN.**

Earliest Summer Varieties
 of
 Russian Origin.

**HOWSLEY'S WINESAP,
 STAYMAN'S SWEET,
 ROBINETT.**

New Winter Varieties.

PRICE OF SPECIAL KINDS:—15 CENTS EACH, \$12 Per 100.

PEACH TREES.

A large and complete assortment of such varieties as experience has demonstrated to be of most value. My trees are entirely and absolutely free from any and all taint of disease. They are grown with great care, as to purity and genuineness of varieties, every important detail in propagating is, *at all times, and under all circumstances, under my own personal supervision.* I know what it is, to plant and nurse a tree, for years, to find then that it is not "true to name," and of no value. Some propagators risk guarantee and reputation on work they never see performed. I have always been afraid to do this—believing all are, more or less, liable to make mistakes. Chances for such should be reduced to a minimum, for while it is an easy matter to replace a spurious tree, it is utterly impossible to replace the time spent in caring for it until it produces fruit. And he who waited, say five years, for the spurious one to bear, may be dead before a *replaced* tree will be old enough to fruit. See?

To give my customers trustworthy stock, as good as can be procured anywhere, at fair and just prices, is greatly preferable to growing a vast amount in a hap-hazard, hit-or-miss style, and selling it solely on its reputation for *low-price*, oftentimes to the great injury of the buyer.

PRICES— { 1st Grade—4 to 5 ft.—\$50 per 1,000.
2nd " 3 to 4 ft. 40 " "
3rd " 2 to 3 ft. 30 " "

VARIETIES :

IN ORDER OF RIPENING.

Rivers.—White, good size.

John Haas.—Mottled red, hardy, prolific.

Troth.—Red, small, productive.

St. John.—Yellow, large, free, good.

Lady Ingold.—Yell., large, free, fine, shy.

Mountain Rose.—Marbled red, large, fine.

Amelia.—Shaded with red, large, hardy.

Crawford's Early.—Yell., large, free, popular.

Foster.—An exact duplicate of the preceding.

Harris.—Nearly covered with red, large, shy.

Elberta.—Yell., very large, fine, free, best.

Mary's Choice.—Yell., very large, excellent.

Reeves' Favorite.—Yell., very large, fine, shy.

Moore's Favorite.—Clouded with red, large, fine.

Old-mixon.—Marbled with red, large, best.

Christiana.—Yell., good size, productive.

Stump.—Blushed with red, large, good.

Susquehanna.—Yell., very large, fine, shy.

Druid Hill.—Shaded over with red, large, fine.

Magnum Bonum.—Yell., large, good, shy.

Southwick.—Nearly covered with red, good.

Wheatland.—Yell., large, handsome.

Crawford's Late.—Yell., very large, popular.

Beers' Melocoton.—Similar to above.

Globe.—Another of same type.

Chairs' Choice.—Still another.

Brandywine.—Similar to four preceding kinds.

Fox's Seedling.—Shaded with red, productive.

Walker.—Large, slightly blushed, shy.

Silver Medal.—White, good size, productive.

Prince's Excelsior.—Golden yellow, extra quality.

McCollister.—Yell., large, productive, fine.

Shipley.—Large, shaded with red, productive, good.

Beers' Smock.—Yell., large, reliable, popular.

Hold On.—Larger than Beers' Smock, yell., fine.

Orange Smock.—Yell., large, sure bearer, good.

Mammoth Heath.—(Cl'ng), large, white, a fine peach.

Salway.—Yell., productive, hardy.

Henrietta.—(Cling), yell., large, fine.

Bilyen's October.—Marbled with red, large, shy.

SPECIAL

Japan Blood.—Quite early, fair size, red, the best of the quite earliest, tree dwarfish.

Burke.—(Cling), very large, white.

G. & A.—Large, shaded with red, fine, very late, good bearer.

Price of above three kinds, each 15 cents. \$10 per 100. And the following at 15 cents each. \$1.50 per doz.

Champion.—From Mich., very early.

Crane's Early.—Yell., good size, earliest yellow.

Lewis.—Good size, blushed red, hardy, valuable.

Snow's Orange.—Yell., hardy, productive.

Weed's Late Barnard.—Larger and later than Barnard's Early.

Allen.—Large, yell., hardy and productive.

VARIETIES :

Bronson.—Yell., good size, hardy.

Corner.—Large, yell., very hardy and productive.

Engle's Mammoth.—Large, yell., very fine.

Switzerland.—White, large, productive.

Dumont.—Yell., large, productive.

Frankfort.—Yell, large, hardy.

The last twelve varieties are represented as being the surest bearers and most profitable market kinds in the great peach belt of Michigan, and well-worthy of trial, with the exception of *Champion*,—which has serrated leaves and is glandless, an evidence of constitutional weakness, and condemns it for this section at least.

PLUMS.

My orchards contain the largest collection of cultivated *Native* plums in the United States. Since 1877 remunerative crops have been marketed. In 1890 one small orchard of Wildgoose averaged six bushels of merchantable fruit to the tree, at a net price of \$1.00 per bushel. Last year and this the same trees have produced heavy crops. Prof. L. H. Bailey, of Cornell University Experiment Station, has placed under lasting obligation all who are interested in the cultivation of this fruit, by the botanical study and scientific classification of varieties, as relates to species—a critical task, and one replete with labyrinths and mystifying obscurities, serving as mental pitfalls to any but the most skillful and efficient workers in that line.

The varieties offered in this list are arranged with regard to species, as given in Professor Bailey's Plum Bulletin.

PRUNUS AMERICANA.

- AMERICAN EAGLE.—Large, purple, early (Aug 5 to 15) nearly free, sweet and good, productive; 25 cents each, \$2.50 per doz.
- CHENEY.—Very large, purplish, sweet, good, early, cling; 25 cents each, \$2.50 per doz.
- COTTRELL.—Large, red, rich and good, medium season, cling; same price.
- DEEP CREEK.—Medium size and season, purplish, fine, free; same price.
- DE SOTO.—Very large, purplish, medium season, cling, fine quality; same price.
- FOREST GARDEN.—Large, purple, medium season, cling, good; same price.
- GAYLORD.—Large, mottled red, medium season, semi-cling, sweet, nice; same price.
- HARRISON'S PEACH.—Medium size and season, dull red, free, good; same price.
- HAWKEYE.—Large, purplish, medium season, cling, good; same price.
- ILLINOIS IRONCLAD.—Very large, dark red, cling, medium season, very good; same price.
- ITASKA.—Medium size and season, purplish, cling, good; same price.
- KICKAPOO.—Medium size and season, red blotched, cling, good; 25 cents each, \$2.50 per doz.
- KOPP.—Large, purplish red, medium season, good; 25 cents each, \$2.50 per doz.
- LE DUC.—Medium size and season, yellow, semi-cling, good; same price.
- LOUISA.—Large, dull red, medium season, semi-cling, good; same price.
- MAQUOKETA.—Medium size, red, medium to late season, cling; same price.
- MINNETONKA.—Medium size and season, dull red, cling; same price.
- NEWTON EGG.—Medium size and season, red, free; same price.
- OCHEDA.—Large, red and yellow, semi-cling, quality fine; 50 cents each.
- PEPPER'S PREMIUM.—Medium size and season, red, cling, good; 25 cents each.
- PURPLE YOSEMITE.—Very large, purple, medium season, excellent; 25 cents each, \$15 per 100.
- QUAKER.—Large, purplish, medium season, cling, very good; 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz.
- ROLLINGSTONE.—Large, purple, medium season, semi cling, very good; same price.
- SPEER.—Medium size, season from medium to late, yellow, semi-cling; same price.
- VAN BUREN.—Large, purplish, medium season, free, good; same price.
- WAZATA.—Medium size, medium to late season, dull red, cling; same price.
- WEAVER.—Large, mottled red, medium to late, semi-cling; same price.
- WILDROSE.—Large, yellow, medium season, cling; same price.
- WOLF.—Large, blotched red and yellow, medium season, free, fine quality; same price.
- WYANT.—Large, purplish, medium to late, free; same price.
- YELLOW SWEET.—Medium, yellow, free; same price.
- ROCKFORD.—Large, purplish, medium season, good; same price.

ALSO

- LE DUC VERMILLION, WINNEBAGO, APRICOT, KAMPESKA, MOON, COLORADO QUEEN, HONEY, LEONARD, PRAIRIE FLOWER AND HILL TOP, MUNCY AND CHEROKEE.

Of same species at same price.

PRUNUS HORTULANA, (Wildgoose Group).

- CLARK.—Medium size, red, early as Wildgoose, cling; 25 cents each.
- CUMBERLAND.—Medium size, yellow, medium to late, cling; 25 cents each.
- GARFIELD.—Size rather above the medium; dark red, cling, late; 25 cents each.
- GOLDEN BEAUTY.—Medium size, yellow, good, semi cling; 25 cents each.
- INDIAN CHIEF.—Large, red, early, cling; 25 cents each.
- MISSOURI APRICOT.—Medium size, yellow, late; 25 cents each.
- MOREMAN.—Medium size, dark red, late, valuable, cling; 25 cents each.
- POOLE'S PRIDE.—Large, red, ripens after Wildgoose, cling; 50 cents each.
- REED.—Medium size, dark red, late, cling; 25 cents each.
- ROULETTE.—Above medium size, medium season, red, cling; 25 cents each.
- SUCKER STATE.—Large, dull red, medium to late, cling; 25 cents each.
- WAYLAND.—Size above medium, pinkish red, cling, late, fine; 25 cents each.
- WHITAKER.—Very large, red, cling, season after Wildgoose; 50 cents each.
- WILDGOOSE.—Large, early, red, cling; Trees 5 to 7 feet—20 cents each; " 3 to 5 feet—15 cents, \$12 per 100; " 2 to 3 feet—10 cents, \$8 per 100.
- WORLD BEATER.—Large, dark red, very late, cling, valuable; 50 cents each.
- EL PASO.—Medium size, yellow, semi-cling, medium season; 25 cents each.
- Also SOUTHERN BEAUTY and OSAGE—25 cents.

Minor Group of Same Species.

FOREST ROSE—Large, dull red, medium to late, cling; 25 cents each.
 IDALL—Medium to large, light crimson, medium season, cling; 25 cents each.
 INDIANA RED—Large, red, medium to late, cling; 25 cents each.
 IRIS—Medium size, red, late, cling; 25 cents each.
 LEPTUNE—Medium size, dark red, late, cling; 25 cents each.

MINER—Large, dull red, medium to late, cling; 22 cents each.
 PRAIRIE FLOWER—Large, dull red, medium season, cling, fine; 22 cents each.
 RACHEL—Medium size, dull red, late, cling; 25 cents each.
 CLINTON—Large, dull red, medium season, cling; 25 cents each.

PRUNUS AUGUSTIFOLIA, (Chickasaw Group).

AFRICAN—Medium size, red, early to medium season cling; 20 cents each.
 ARKANSAS LOMBARD—medium size and season, red, cling; 20 cents each.
 CADDO CHIEF—Below medium, red, early, cling; 20 cents each.
 COLETTA—Medium size, red, early, cling; 20 cents each.
 EARLY RED—Medium size, red, early, cling; 20 cents each.
 JENNIE LUCAS—Above medium size; yellow, early, cling; 20 cents each.
 LONE STAR—Large, red, early, cling, fine; 25 cents each.
 NEWMAN—Large, red, medium season, profitable market kind, cling; 4 to 6 feet 20 cts. 3 to 5 feet 15 cents each.

POTTAWATTAMIE—Large, red, medium season, good market kind, cling; 5 to 7 feet 25 cents, 3 to 5 feet 15 cents each.
 ROBINSON—Medium size, red, medium season, cling; 20 cents each.
 SCHLEY—Large, red, medium season to later, cling; 20 cents each.
 YELLOW TRANSPARENT—Large, light yellow, early, cling, very fine; 35 cents each.

Mariana Group.

DE CARADEUC—Large, blotched purplish red, early, cling; 25 cents each.
 MARIANA—Large, red, early, cling; 20 cents each.
 HATTIE—Medium size and season, red, cling; 20 cents each.

PRUNUS HATTAN, (Japanese).

BOTAN—(Sweet Botan, Abundance.)—Very large, nearly entirely covered with red, medium season, cling, very productive; on Plum stock 5 to 7 feet, fine, 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen; \$15 per 100.
 SATSUMA (Blood)—Very large, overspread with dull red, flesh red, seed very small, excellent, ripens a little after Botan; on Plum 5 to 7 feet same price; 2 to 3 feet \$10 per 100.
 BURBANK—Large, shaded red, very fine, tree productive, strong grower; 2 to 3 feet on Plum \$10 per 100; 1 to 2 feet on Peach June buds \$18 per 100.

CHABOT—Large, yellow, blushed and clouded with red, tree upright and strong; on Plum 5 to 6 feet 25 cents each; on Plum 2 to 3 feet 15 cents each.
 MASSU—Medium size, red, excellent, medium season; on Plum 2 to 3 feet 15 cts. each.
 KELSEY—Very large, blushed and shaded with red, late; on Plum 2 to 3 feet 15 cents; on Peach 3 to 4 feet \$10 per 100.
 YOSOBÉ—Large, early, one of the best; June buds on Peach 1 to 2 feet \$8 per 100.
 HATONKIO—and BOTONKIO—(the latter has no value, as it blooms early as an apricot), on Plum 5 to 7 feet 25 cents each.

PRUNUS DOMESTICA.

On Plum 3 to 5 feet 20 cents each; 2 to 3 feet 15 cents each.

RICHLAND—Very productive.
 MOORE'S ARCTIC—Large, blue.
 SPAULDING—Large, green.
 SHIPPERS' PRIDE—Large, purple.
 YELLOW GAGE—Large, yellow;
 STOUT—Large, blue.
 JEFFERSON—Large, fine.
 LOMBARD—Large, violet red, one of the best and most productive.
 SILVER PRUNE OF OREGON—large, yell.
 WASHINGTON—Very large and fine.
 TATGE—New, similar in color to Lombard but larger, good bearer, desirable; 50cts each.
 SHROPSHIRE DAMSON—Blue, productive.
 FREE STONE DAMSON—Productive, free, a good fruit; 25 cents each.

Russian Varieties.

VAROUSH (NO. 20). MALDOVKA.
 NOS. 19-3 and 2. OREL (NO. 21).
 RIGA. ARABKA.
 LONG BLUE. YELLOW VARONESH.

Ornamental.

PISSARDI—Purple foliage; 25 cents each.
 DOUBLE FLOWERING—This is remarkable ornamental when in bloom, as it loads itself with a profusion of large double white blossoms and is very desirable. The tree is a free grower, works readily upon Peach or Plum stock, the foliage would indicate it to be a sprout from P. Americana stock limited; \$1.00 each.

The last two species—*Hattan* and *Domestica*—do not come under head of *Natives*. Of the *Americanas* the varieties succeeding best with me so far are Purple Yosemite, Wolf, Deep Creek, Kickapoo, American Eagle and De Soto. Of the *Hortulanas* all succeed, more or less satisfactory; and the same is true of the species *Augustifolia*. The most of the *Americana* varieties on my list have not had sufficient test yet to determine their value here.

PEAR TREES.

STANDARD—35 cents each; \$30 per 100.
 WILDER EARLY and IDAHO—One year top grafts; 4 to 5 feet, 50 cents each.
 The above are fine trees. On Oriental Stocks.
 DWARF DUCHESS—25cts each; \$20 per 100.

CHERRY.

25 cents each. \$20 per 100.

APRICOT (Russian).

On Peach root 15 cents each.

ALEXANDER, CATHARINE, NICHOLAS, GIBB, ALEXIS, BUDD.

JAPAN—On Plum roots, 25 cents each.
 " Peach " 10 " "

BONGOUME, HUBBARD & GOLD DUST.

QUINCE.

3 to 5 feet, 25 cts. \$2 50 per doz. \$20 per 100.
 2 to 3 feet, 15 c's. 12 per 100.

CHAMPION, REA'S, MEECH, BENTLEY.

GOOSEBERRIES.

HOUGHTON—Best and most productive market variety; 2 yrs. \$4 per 100; \$30 per 1000.

BLACKBERRIES.

EARLY HARVEST—Very early and productive, good shipper, profitable for market, good plants; \$3 per 1000.

RASPBERRIES.

HANSELL—Earliest red.
 CUTHBERT—Red, succeeding Hansell.
 SOUHEGAN—Black, very early,
 GREGG—Black, large, late.

No. 1 plants of above \$8 per 1000, \$2 per 100, 50 cents per doz.

STRAWBERRIES.

BUBACH'S No. 5 (P)—\$3 per 1000, pure.
 JESSIE (B) " " " "
 LOVETT (Lovett's Early) (B) \$5 per 1000.
 SHUSTER'S GEM (P) Early 3 " "
 ACCOMAC (B) Early, new \$2 per 100.
 PARKER EARLE (B) late \$6 per 1000.
 MICHEL (B) Early \$2.50 per 1000
 GOV. HOARD (B) Large, fine, \$4 per 1000
 LOWER (B) 3 "
 PEARL (R) 3 "
 ALABAMA (B) 2 50 "
 BESSIE (P) 2 50 "
 SAUNDERS (B) 3 "
 MARTHA (P) 3 "
 STEVENS (B) 2.50 "
 COWAN (P) 3 "

The above are pure and true to name.

Plants carefully tied in bunches of 50 each, and marked. Spring is best season to plant. By the hundred, or in smaller lots, prices are higher than above. None for less than 50cts. per 100. Parker Earle and Lovett \$1 per 100.

GRAPE VINES.

(2 year vines, unless noted).

	CONCORD	10cts each, \$1.00 per doz.
	WILDER	15 " 1 50 "
	HARTFORD	10 " 1.00 "
	MOORE'S EARLY	15 " 1.50 "
	WORDEN	15 " " "
	EARLY VICTOR	20 " 2 00 "
	SALEM	10 " 1.00 "
	WYOMING	15 " 1 50 "
	VERGENNES	" " " "
	BRIGHTON	" " " "
	JEFFERSON	20 " 2.00 "
	MARTHA	10 " 1 00 "
	LADY	15 " 1.50 "
	POCKLINGTON	15 " 1 50 "
	CROTON	" " " "
	LADY WASHINGTON	20 " 2 00 "
	NIAGARA	" " " "
	EMPIRE STATE	" " " "
	MOORE'S DIAMOND	25 " 2.50 "

RHUBARB.

MYATT'S LINNÆUS—The best; 15cts each, \$1.50 per doz.

NUT TREES.

CHESTNUT—SPANISH—6 to 8 feet; 25 to 50 cents each.

PARAGON—A very large fine nut, grafted trees 2 to 4 feet, 75 cents each; one year trees from selected seed of Paragon 25 cents.

JAPAN—2 yr. seedlings. 2 to 3 ft. from very choice seed, 25 cents. One year Japan, from seed of my No. 4 variety, the earliest and very large, fine; 50 cents each. From No. 3, very large nut and usually 3 large nuts in a burr, burrs have very short spines, this is not quite as early as No. 4, but is a splendid nut; 50 cents each.

NUMBO—Grafted, 2 feet; 75 cents each.

SHELL BARK—Grown from large choice seed; 4 to 6 feet, 50 cents each.

FILBERTS—English, 1 to 2 feet; 25 cts. each.

Kentish Cjb, very large and fine nut; 1 to 2 ft., 30 cts. each.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ELEAGNUS LONGIPES—Similar to Buffalo berry; a great deal has been recently written about this fruit, but I suggest to my customers that they keep their expectations down concerning its value; 1 year plants, not seedlings, 25 cents each, \$2.00 per doz.

AULBERRY—Downing's Everbearing, a deservng fruit; 4 to 5 feet, 50 cents each.

JUNEBERRY—(DWARF)—Very prolific, 10 cents each, \$1 per doz.

CITRUS TRIFOLIATA—(Hardy Orange)—Trees of this are perfectly hardy here and produce small rather acid oranges; 3 feet; 50 cents each.

Hardy Flowering Shrubbery.

WEIGELA—CANDIDA—Pure white and very fine; 20 cents each.

—GRENEWEGENI—Red and a profuse bloomer; 20 cts. each.

—VAN HOUTH—15 cents each.

DEUTZIA-PRIDE OF ROCHESTER—Pure white, double; 20 cents each.
 " —CRENATA, flora plena—pink, very pretty; 20 cents each.

LILAC—Cerulea Superba, and White.
 SPIREA, HONEYSUCKLE, FORSYTHIA, good plants; 20 cents each.

HYDRANGEA PANICULATA—20cts each.
 HYPERICUM AUREUM—25 cents each.

JAPAN QUINCE—Strong 2 years plants 15 cents each; this makes a very ornamental and strong hedge; special prices on large lots; very low.

PEONY—(Herbaceous)—Three fine varieties; white and pink; 15 cents each.

SHADE TREES.

AMERICAN LINDEN—8 to 10 feet; 50 cents.
 SUGAR MAPLE " " "
 NORWAY " " "
 WIER'S CUT-LEAF " " "
 YELLOW BIRCH " " "
 CATALPA (Teas' Hybrid) " "
 POPLAR (Boliana)—A Russian, very upright tree, with silvery foliage, fine; \$1.00.
 POPLAR (Carolina)—8 to 10 feet; 25 cents.
 SILVER MAPLE " 25 cents.

JUDAS TREE or RED BUD—Covered in spring with pretty pink flowers; 6 to 8 feet; 50 cents.

JAPAN STYRAX—An exceedingly ornamental tree when in flower, produces an abundance of Fuschia like white flowers, delightfully fragrant; 2 to 3 feet; 25 cents each.

EVERGREENS.

NORWAY SPRUCE—2 to 6 feet; 25 to 75 cts.

BALSAM FIR—4 to 6 feet; 50 cents.

GOLDEN ARBORVITAE—3 to 4 ft.; 75 cents.
 SIBERIAN " " "

POULTRY.

ROSE COMB, AMERICAN DOMINIQUE FOWLS.

After trying a dozen or more of different breeds, am convinced, that for the farmer, thoroughbred Dominiques have no superior, if an equal. They are first class winter layers. They are good mothers. They are very hardy. They are good size, plump, feather early, and weigh well at maturity, hens averaging six pounds each.

Per Pair—Cockerel and Pullet—\$2.00.

Per Trio—Cockerel and 2 Pullets—\$3.00.

Eggs, in Season—\$1.00 per 13.

NEW FRUITS.

For the past ten years the writer has been devoting careful attention to the production of really meritorious and valuable New varieties of different classes of fruits. Crossing varieties possessing specially desirable features in some respects, with certain other varieties, having particular points of excellence in relations different from the other, endeavoring by this means to improve a defect, in otherwise truly valuable kinds. This work is aptly described in the statement that it is somewhat like "hunting a needle in a hay stack." There is as a rule, a vast amount of pains and labor to be expended—patience and perseverance exercised, before the needle will materialize. So too, with crossing and hybridizing, when you have a fixed object in view. Sometimes Nature, by her characteristic unmethodical methods, produces results in this field, that completely eclipse the results of systematized operations. In a carefully conducted experiment, to combine the Wildgoose plum and Troth's Early peach—aiming particularly at a free stone Wildgoose plum—a fair cross between the two species was effected, as the general "make up" of the tree will bear testimony; but after all, it proved to be "a mule," and though producing fruit buds in abundance, they invariably drop from the tree, before they expand.

Next in this line, seed of Wildgoose plums were saved from fruit on a limb, that was overhung and entirely surrounded by the bearing branches of a German Prune tree, and strange to say, by this chance work of hybridizing by natural means, a very fine and valuable fruit is produced, bearing plain evidence, in its general form, texture, and in appearance of the stone or pit, that Nature succeeded in effecting a cross. No less plain, in the fruit, than in habits of growth and foliage of the tree, is the completeness of the work visible. The tree is a good strong grower, drooping somewhat in habit, with clean healthy foliage, the leaf much smaller than that of Wildgoose; the fruit buds, when they are about to open out, are beautifully tinted with pink, the fruit is bright red in color, well covered with a whitish bloom, quite long, and necked, or prune shaped, half free stone, the flesh is yellow, and much firmer in texture than that of the Wildgoose, sugary and rich when fully ripe. The tree is an abundant bearer. This is the only seedling among all that has been grown here, that possesses qualities and merit superior to other native kinds already introduced and tested in my orchards.

With peaches, systematized effort at crossing has been much more prolific of results sought, as there are several of such crosses, bearing in a small orchard devoted exclusively to testing them—that are exceedingly fine every way.

In Strawberries, crosses between Hoffman and Bubach's No. 5 have been effected, from which two kinds, one a pistillate the other a perfect blossom kind, have been selected as possessing unusual and desirable qualities, viz.: Earliness, large size, good color, firmness, productiveness, and healthy, free growing, hardy plants. They are not early bloomers, but are fully as early in ripening their fruit as Michel. There are also several other kinds among these crosses, both medium and late in season, as well as perfect and imperfect in flower, that have been selected, because of their large size, good color, and the specially important point, of firmness, as also prolificacy.

These fruits will not be offered to the public, until thorough test proves them worthy, as the "Fruit Lists" are already encumbered, and perplexing.

J. W. KERR,

EASTERN SHORE NURSERIES,
 DENTON, MARYLAND.