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DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

OF THE

Magnolia * Nurseries.



BELLEVIEW, MARION CO., FLORIDA.

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J. W. & F. D. WAITE,
PROPRIETORS.

DaCOSTA PRINTING AND PUBLISHING HOUSE, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

TO OUR PATRONS.

In presenting this catalogue to our customers in California and Louisiana, we desire to say that every tree offered for sale by us has been budded and grown in our own nurseries and under our personal supervision; that we have taken great pains in collecting our budding wood, purchasing same from men who stand at the head of our State Horticultural Society, and who are prominently identified with the fruit industry of Florida, therefore our trees should prove true to name. Our trees are budded from two to eight inches from surface roots, consequently have an advantage over high budded trees, as a few shovelsful of earth or a little straw thrown up against the trunk will protect them from being killed out entirely by any frost or freeze. We advise all to order early, as by so doing they are sure of obtaining size, number and variety of trees required.

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· TIME TO PLANT.

In our opinion the orange or lemon tree should be planted during the months of November and December. The trees are then entirely dormant in Florida and can be moved and transplanted with less injury to the tree than at any other time during the year. We know from experience that trees planted at this season of the year will stand more frost the balance of the winter than trees that have been planted one or two years. Many people wish to see a tree start to grow as soon as it is put in the ground, and generally wait until late in the season in order to obtain this end. A tree planted early in any country where a citrus tree can live will commence almost immediately to make a root growth and by April will have made a root growth of from four to eight inches, according to the quality of soil and condition of tree, and will put on at least one-half more top growth the first season than a tree planted in April or May. The tree that is planted late will put out in the course of two or three weeks time a short top growth, as it has made no root growth and is not established. This growth comes from and necessarily takes just so much from the vitality of the tree itself, which is a detriment to it the rest of the season, therefore we urge it upon all to plant early and obtain the best results.

DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF ORANGES AND TIME OF RIPENING IN FLORIDA.

MEDITERRANEAN SWEET.—This tree was imported by Mr. T. A. Gary, of Los Angeles, Cal. Foliage peculiar. Thornless and vigorous grower, making a round head, or rather being inclined to spread than grow upright. Is very prolific, usually fruiting the second year. Fruit medium size, oblong in shape. Quality one of the best. Ripens in March but will remain on tree in good condition until first of May.

HART'S LATE.—This tree was imported to this country by Mr. S. B. Parsons, of Flushing, L. I., from the hot-house of Thomas Rivers, of England. The label was lost in transit. Mr. E. H. Hart, of Federal Point, Florida, who first noticed its late qualities, exhibited it at one of the meetings of the Florida Fruit Growers' Society, and it was named by them Tardiff, and since been renamed by Mr. VanDeman, United States Pomologist, or by the American

Pomological Society, Hart's Late. It is also known in other localities as Valencia Late, Valencia August and Rivers' Late. The tree is a very strong spreading, vigorous grower, has few thorns and is a regular bearer. The fruit is medium size, slightly oval, smooth, very solid and heavy, the flesh being very firm. The flavor when ripe is sweet with plenty of acid to give it a brisk and agreeable flavor. Few seeds, peel of a lightish cast, probably from a slight dash of lemon. Ripens in May and will hang on tree in good condition until August.

JAFFA.—This variety was imported from Palestine about fourteen years ago by General Sanford, of Sanford, Florida. The tree is an upright, vigorous grower, is nearly thornless, fruits early and is prolific. The fruit is thin skinned, melting flesh, delicate flavor, with a well-proportioned mixture of sugar and wild acid. Few seeds. Ripens in mid-winter. Remains on tree in good condition until late in April. It commands the highest price of any orange placed on the London or Paris markets, and is said to be the choicest orange where it originated.

FROM FLORIDA SEEDLINGS.

EARLY VARIETIES.

PARSON BROWN.—This variety is a very early ripener. Size medium. Round in shape, with a very smooth skin. Will ship in October.

THE NONPAREIL.—This variety always ranks well wherever exhibited; has scored as high as 87 points. Size medium. Nearly round. Pulp fine grained, melting and tender. Juice sub-acid and vinous. Skin smooth. Appearance fine. Is altogether a very fine orange. Ripens in October.

LATE VARIETIES.

MAGNUM BONUM.—One of the old standard varieties. Fruit medium size, nearly round. Grain fine, tender and melting. Fruit heavy and juicy, rich and vinous.

PINEAPPLE.—An excellent variety, introduced some years ago, and is said to be the favorite of the Orange Lake region of Florida. Tree is a very strong, upright grower. Fruit medium size; thin peel; heavy and juicy.

DANCY OR RED TANGERINF.—Tree of a strong, upright growth, attaining the size of the sweet orange, nearly thornless; foliage rich and glossy, and when bruised gives forth a peculiar, pungent odor. Very different from any other orange tree. Fruit medium size, much

flattened; color of deep tomato-red, with the appearance of having been varnished. Quality good. Ships well. The bright red color always commands for it a high price as a fancy dessert fruit. We copy the following from the *Belleview Blade* of June 18th, 1891, which speaks for itself:

“Here is a little pointer: Mr. Will White planted fifty Tangerine trees for Dr. E. A. Jelks three years ago. This year he sold \$415 worth of oranges from these trees. Just think of \$415 from less than an acre of trees only set out three years, and this, too, with the terrible setbacks of the drought of a year ago. Croakers will please fall back to the rear.”

LEMONS.

VILLA FRANCA LEMON.—A superior variety imported by Gen. Sanford in 1875, and now considered to be the finest lemon grown in Florida. The size is medium. Shape usually a trifle smaller toward the stem end. Rind smooth, thin and sweet. Acid very strong and of fine quality. Ripens in August and is one of the best shippers. The tree is a strong and vigorous grower, with thick, heavy foliage; few thorns; fruits at two years old from bud and is prolific.

GRAPE FRUIT OR POMELO.

TRIUMPH.—This variety was first propagated by Mr. J. H. Fessenden, of Tampa, Fla., fruiting the first time in 1886. Was brought to public notice by him in spring of 1889. Tree is an upright and vigorous grower, is an early fruiter and prolific. The fruit is smaller than the common varieties, with smooth, clear, thin, fine-grain skin, with less rag and seeds than is usual in this fruit. Very heavy and juicy and well flavored, with no bitter in juice or membrane surrounding the cells or dividing the segments.

NOTE.

Parties desiring the Parson Brown, Nonpareil, Magnum Bonum, Pineapple or Tangerine trees must order them previous to November 1st, 1891, as none will be shipped unless we have orders for them. Californians will note time of ripening in Florida, as given in our catalogue, is six or eight weeks earlier than in California.

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