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Fall, Winter and Spring of '93-4

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Small Fruits, Grapes, Roses,
Apples, Grafts, Etc.,

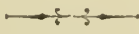
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Alpha Nursery Co.

OFFICE: ONE-HALF BLOCK SOUTH OF DEPOT.

WIRT BROS., Proprietors,

ALPHA, ILLINOIS.



REFERENCES: ALPHA STATE BANK AND FARMERS' BANK, KEITHSBURG.

Republic Steam Print, Geneseo, Ill.

GREETING.



IN presenting our price-list for the Fall, Winter and Spring of 1893-94, we wish to thank our patrons for past favors and call careful attention to the very low prices at which we are offering our stock, and respectfully solicit your further orders. All orders received have our personal and prompt attention and we guarantee reasonable satisfaction in every case.

GEORGE AND FRED WIRT,
Alpha, Illinois.

Please Read the following Directions, Terms, etc., before Making up your Order.

Prices are for the quantities named, but 6 will be furnished at dozen rates; 50 at 100, and 500 at 1,000.

SHIPPING.—We have a special express rate under which we send every thing, except heavy stock, unless otherwise ordered.

OUR TERMS are cash, but goods will be sent C. O. D. if desired, provided one-third of the amount is sent with the order.

FAST FREIGHT—Late in the Fall or early in the Spring, stock can be sent by fast freight, at very small expense; on large orders where there is no great hurry this is a good way to ship.

PACKING is done with the utmost care; special pains is taken to pack light, thereby reducing the expense of transporting; everything packed free; if we are out of anything ordered we will substitute others of equal or greater value, unless otherwise ordered, in which case we will fill as far as possible and return balance of the money.

PLANTS BY MAIL.—We pack and prepay postage so as to go to any address safely, at the following rates: 5 cents per dozen; 25 cents per 100 for Strawberries. 5 cents each; 10 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100 for Raspberries, Blackberries, Currants, Grapes, Gooseberries, Roses, etc. 5 cents per dozen; 20 cents per 100; \$1.50 per 1,000 for apple grafts.

All stock priced in this list is well rooted, one year old, unless otherwise stated. Varieties are warranted true to name, with the understanding that if any should not prove so, we will return the money paid or replace with other stock. Our stock is grown on strong, black soil so parties can depend upon getting large, fine plants.

FROST.—If stock should get frozen on route, do not unpack at once, but put it in a cool, damp place until it is thoroughly thawed, and then it will be in almost as good shape as if it had never been frozen.

STRAWBERRIES.

✓ **Crescent** p—Medium size, bright scarlet, continues a long time in fruit, plant very vigorous, productive and hardy; 15c per dozen; 50c per 100; \$2.50 per 1,000.

✓ **Warfield No. 2** p—Fruit of good size, dark glossy red, firm, of good quality, a splendid shipper and very productive. 20c per dozen; 60c per 100; \$3.00 per 1,000.

✓ **Michel's Early**—It is the earliest of all Strawberries; color, beautifully scarlet; shape, conical and regular; quality, very fine; plant vigorous and healthy. 20c per dozen; 60c per 100; \$3 per 1,000.

✓ **Bubach No. 5** p—A wonderful berry in vigor of plant and yield of fruit. The fruit is in many instances enormous, and the average is large and handsome. 25c per dozen; 75c per 100; \$3.50 per 1,000.

✓ **Jessie**—A valuable variety for fancy tastes, it is very large and beautiful and of good quality. 25c per dozen; 75c per 100; \$3.50 per 1,000.

✓ **Captain Jack**—A most vigorous grower, healthy and productive. 25c per dozen; 75c per 100; \$3.50 per 1,000.

✓ **Gandy**—The latest of all Strawberries, comes in after the Jessie and Bubach are gone. A strong grower, large size, firm and productive. 30c per dozen; 90c per 100; \$4 per 1,000.

✓ **Lovell's Early**—30c per dozen; 90c per 100; \$4 per 1,000

✓ **Oregon Everbearer**—40c per dozen; \$1.25 per 100.

✓ **Golden Prolific**—A new berry which promises to be one of the leading varieties; berry very red to the center; a strong grower. 40c per dozen; \$1.25 per 100.

✓ **Wilson, Chas. Downing, Lady Rusk** p, **May King**—20c per dozen; 60c per 100; \$3 per 1,000.

✓ **Sharpless, Cumberland, Cloud, Bidwell, Monmouth**—25c per dozen; 75c per 100; \$3.50 per 1,000.

Varieties marked "p" have imperfect blossoms and need some perfect flowering variety near them; no plants by the thousand until after Oct. 10th.

GOOSEBERRIES.

✓ **Downing**—Very large and handsome, color pale green, of splendid quality. One of the best for both home use and market. 10c each; \$1 per dozen; \$7 per hundred.

✓ **Houghton's Seedling**—A medium sized American variety which bears abundantly. Fruit smooth and red. 7c each; 50c per dozen; \$4 per hundred.

✓ **Industry**—Very large but subject to Mildew. 25c each; \$2.40 per dozen.

✓ **Red Jacket**—New red berry as large as the largest, smooth, very prolific and hardy, quality and foliage the best. Very promising. 60c each; \$5 per dozen.

CURRANTS.

✓ **Fay's Prolific**—Deep red and a great bearer, stems longer than the Cherry currant. Quality first class, not quite so acid as Cherry and the best of all the currants. 10c each; \$1 per dozen; \$6 per hundred.

✓ **White Grape**—Very large, yellowish White, sweet or very mild acid; of excellent quality and valuable for the table. The finest of the white sorts. 8c each; 60c per dozen; \$3 per hundred.

✓ **Red Dutch**—The good old standard red sort, fruit medium size and moderately acid but good. 8c each; 50c per dozen; \$2.50 per hundred.

✓ **Black English**—The best of the black currants. 10c each; 75c per dozen.

RASPBERRIES.

- ✓ **Ohio**—(Black). Hardy, vigorous and productive. For canning and evaporating the most profitable of all sorts. 25c per dozen; \$1 per 100; \$6 per 1,000.
- ✓ **Palmer's Seedling**—(Black). The most productive early black cap of good size and perfectly hardy. 25c per dozen; \$1 per 100; \$8 per 1,000.
- ✓ **Gregg**—(Black). Of the largest size. 35c per dozen; \$1.25 per 100.
- ✓ **Souhegan or Tyler**—(Black). One of the earliest market sort. 25c per dozen; \$1 per 100; \$6 per 1,000.
- ✓ **Johnson's Sweet**—(Black). This is the sweetest Raspberry grown, nearly equal in size to the Gregg. 10c each; 50c per dozen; \$2.50 per 100.
- ✓ **Earhart**—(Everbearing). The best everbearing Raspberry yet introduced. Hardy, strong, stocky grower; fruit jet black, large size and of good quality. 10c each; \$1 per dozen.
- ✓ **Cuthbert**—(Red). One of the leading late market varieties and one of the best of its class. 25c per dozen; 50c per 100; \$5 per 1000.
- ✓ **Shaffer's Colossal**—(Purple). Colossal both in bush and berry; unsurpassed for canning; makes delicious preserves, having a very fine flavor, of excellent quality; does not sucker, but roots from tips like black caps. 10c each; 50c per dozen; \$2 per 100.
- ✓ **Golden Queen**—(Golden) Similar to Cuthbert except in color. 10c each; 50c per dozen; \$2 per 100.
- ✓ **Marlboro**—(Red). The best large early red. 35c per dozen; \$1 per 100; \$7 per 1000
- ✓ **Hansel**—(Red) One of the earliest. 35c per dozen; \$1 per 100.

BLACKBERRIES.

- ✓ **Taylor**—Fruit very large, sweet and of the best quality, ripening late. 40c per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred; \$12 per thousand.
- ✓ **Snyder**—The most reliable early variety. Best for cold climates. 35c per dozen; \$1 per hundred; \$8 per thousand.
- ✓ **Stone's Hardy**—Of good size and very hardy. 40c per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred.
- ✓ **Wilson's Early**—Of good size and ripens the whole crop very early. 40c per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred.
- ✓ **Evergreen Blackberry**—35c each.
- ✓ **Lucretia Dewberry**—The finest of its class. 10c each; 60c per dozen; \$2 per hundred.

GRAPES.

- ✓ **Concord**—(Black). 6c each; 50c per dozen; \$2.50 per hundred.
- ✓ **Worden**—(Black). Early. 8c each; 60c per dozen; \$3.50 per hundred.
- ✓ **Moore's Early**—(Black). 10c each; \$1 per dozen; \$6 per hundred.
- ✓ **Ives**—(Black). Medium. 8c each; 60c per dozen
- ✓ **Champion**—(Black). 8c each; 60c per dozen.
- ✓ **Wilder**—(Black). 8c each; 60c per dozen.
- ✓ **Agawam**—(Red). 8c each; 60c per dozen.
- ✓ **Brighton**—(Red) 8c each; 60c per dozen.
- ✓ **Catawba**—(Red). 8c each; 60c per dozen.
- ✓ **Delaware**—(Red). 10c each; 80c per dozen.
- ✓ **Salem**—(Red). 10c each; 80c per dozen.
- ✓ **Wyoming**—(Red). 10c each; \$1 per dozen.

- ✓ **Niagara**—(White). 10c each; 50c per dozen; \$5 per hundred.
- ✓ **Moore's Diamond**—(White). 20c each; \$1.50 per dozen.
- ✓ **Pocklington**—(White). 10c each; 50c per dozen; \$5 per hundred.
- ✓ **Martha**—(White). 8c each; 60c per dozen; \$4 per hundred.

HYBRID PERPETUAL ROSES.

Two year old bushes, 25c each; \$2.40 per dozen.

- Paul Neyron**—Bright shining pink, very double and full.
- Gen. Jacquemlot**—Rich velvety scarlet.
- Madam Masson**—Velvety crimson; large, full and double.
- Coquette des Alps**—White, faintly tinted, medium size.
- Lady Emily Peel**—White, occasionally edged carmine, and very double.
- Madame Chas. Wood**—Vivid crimson, a constant bloomer.
- Mrs. J. H. Laing**—Pink with a satin tinge.
- Madame A. Carvier.**

MOSS ROSES.

Red and White.

CLIMBING ROSES.

- Baltimore Belle**—White, double, beautiful and fragrant.
- Prairie Queen**—Bright rose color and strong grower.

JUNE ROSES.

- Harrison's Yellow**—Double, bright yellow, very showy and fine.
- Madame Plantier**—White, blooms in clusters.

HARDY CLIMBERS.

Large two-year-old plants.

Clematis Jackmanni—A very profuse blooming variety with flowers from four to six inches in diameter, of an intense violet purple color; borne successively in continuous masses. 40c each.

Jackmanni Alba—A fine variety of the preceding with pure white flowers. 50c each.

Coccinea—(Clematis). 25c each.

Halleana—(Honeysuckle). Nearly evergreen; flowers pure white, produced abundantly and very fragrant. 20c each.

Scarlet Trumpet—(Honeysuckle). Coral flowers; very vigorous and hardy, blooming all the summer. 20c each.

HARDY FLOWERING SHRUBS.

Hyderangea—Immense heads of white flowers changing to pink, July and August. Very Hardy. 25c each.

Snow Ball—25c each.

ASPARAGUS.

Conover's Colossal—The best variety grown; large, tender and early. 25c per dozen; \$1 per hundred.

PIEPLANT.

Linnaeus—Large, early, tender and fine; the very best of all. 10c each; \$1 per dozen.

APPLE AND CRAP GRAFTS.

These are cions and roots tounge grafted and tied together ready for planting

We take special care in selecting our cions and roots and never use any thing but good healthy stock that is free from all insects and diseases.

All grafts are made by experienced workmen, the same as for our own planting.

We will book orders any time and keep them in our cellars until spring, when it is desired.

LEADING VARIETIES.

20c per dozen; 50c per hundred; \$4.50 per thousand.

SUMMER.

- ✓ **Benoni**—Medium, striped; best of its season; late summer; tree hardy, erect.
- ✓ **Duchess**—Large, beautifully striped, tart; vigorous and immensely hardy; early and most profuse bearer. Russian.
- ✓ **Golden Sweet**—Large, pale yellow, very sweet and good. August.
- ✓ **Early Harvest**—Medium, yellow, harvest. Moderate grower and bearer. Not so hardy north. July.
- ✓ **Early Strawberry**—Medium, roundish, handsomely striped with red. Excellent. First of July.
- ✓ **Red Astrachan**—Large, very beautiful, crimson with bloom; hardy, productive and profitable. July and August.
- ✓ **Red June**—Medium size, red, flesh white, tender, juicy, sub-acid. An abundant bearer. Last of June.
- ✓ **Sweet June**—Pale greenish yellow, medium size. June to middle of July.
- ✓ **Yellow Transparent**—A beautiful yellow apple, said to be the earliest apple grown. Flesh fine grained, juicy, rich, sub-acid, an early and prolific bearer.

FALL.

- ✓ **Alexander**—Large, deep red or crimson, flesh yellowish white, crisp, tender, pleasant flavor, very hardy. October.
- ✓ **Bailey Sweet**—Fruit large, round, mottled and striped deep red, flesh yellow and tender with a mild, rich, sweet flavor; slow. September.
- ✓ **Famuse**—(Snow Apple). Medium size, roundish, oblate, whitish ground, striped with deep red; flesh very white, juicy and pleasant. October and November.
- ✓ **Fall Belleflower.**
- ✓ **Gravenstein**—Large, excellent, vigorous, productive; tardy in bearing here and not so hardy. September and October.
- ✓ **Maiden Blush**—Medium or above, clear yellow and red, juicy, tender and good, most popular of its season. Early and excellent bearer. September and October.
- ✓ **Rambo**—Medium, yellowish streaked with dull red, tender and good. September to November.
- ✓ **Wealthy**—An apple of fine appearance and quality, an early and profuse bearer. A good market apple. Tree hardy. In size and beauty it equals the Baldwin, and is a better dessert apple. October to December.
- ✓ **King**—Large and handsome, striped red and yellow, tree vigorous and productive. November and December.

WINTER.

- ✓ **Ben Davis**—(Baltimore Red or New York Pippin). Large, striped, showy, most superb, enormous bearer and a most profitable market north and south, but flavor moderate; better south than north. December to March.
- ✓ **Baldwin**—Large, roundish, deep bright red, juicy, crisp, sub-acid, good flavor. Tree vigorous, upright and very productive. November and December.
- ✓ **Domino**—Large, greenish yellow, striped red. December.
- ✓ **Eng. Golden Russett**—Medium size and of the best quality wherever tested. Tree very hardy north, vigorous and moderately productive. December to April

✓ **Esopus Spitzenburg**—Delicious, beautiful fruit. Tree vigorous, but not hardy or productive on prairies. Quality excellent. December to March.

✓ **Grimes Golden**—An apple of the highest quality, equal to the Newtown, medium to large size, yellow. Tree hardy, vigorous and productive. November and December.

✓ **Gano**—An improved Ben Davis, nearly covered with deep dark red. January to April.

✓ **Jonathan**—Medium, red, very beautiful and excellent. Tree slender, very productive, bears early, hardy and popular. November to February.

✓ **Jannet**—Well known and most popular western sort, medium with dull stripes. December to April.

✓ **Red Romanite**—Small, fine, red, popular for its great productiveness and long keeping till May. Tree hardy and very vigorous.

✓ **Lady Sweet**—A handsome red apple, juicy, sweet and good; one of the best; moderate. November to February.

✓ **Lawver**—Large, brilliant red, keeps well, flavor moderate. Tree vigorous, hardy. December to April.

✓ **McIntosh Red**—Rich red, flesh white, firm, very tender, juicy, mild, sub-acid and of the best quality, similar to Famuse but larger and vigorous. November to February.

✓ **Mann**—Tree hardy, vigorous, good bearer, large fruit, of a rich brownish yellow color and excellent flavor; keeps until April.

✓ **Missouri Pippin**—Medium, dark purplish crimson, striped; quality good; good grower, very early and prolific bearer. December to March.

✓ **Northern Spy**—Large, striped, magnificent and delicious. Tree beautiful, hardy, blooms late; late in bearing on some soils. November and February.

✓ **Paradise Winter Sweet.**

✓ **Pearmain, White Winter**—Medium, pale yellow and brown, mild, crisp. Tree moderately vigorous, productive, esteemed south. December to April.

✓ **Pewaukee**—Large, reddish, mottled, very vigorous, flavor moderate. December to March.

✓ **Roman Stem**—Fruit medium, whitish yellow, splashed with russett. Flesh tender, juicy, rich musky flavor, fine dessert moderate. November and December.

✓ **Rome Beauty**—Large, striped, showy and popular, vigorous, early and a great bearer; greatly esteemed south. November to February.

✓ **Salome**—Hardy, very productive and "the keeping qualities unsurpassed, having been kept entirely sound in a barrel a whole year." Fruit medium, yellow and red.

✓ **Talman's Sweet**—Medium, pale yellow, good, very hardy, vigorous and productive; most popular winter sweet; greatly esteemed north. December to April.

✓ **Walbridge**—(Edgar Redstreak). Medium, striped, good, tree hardy, an immense grower and good bearer. December to March.

✓ **Willow Twig**—Large, striped; hardy here; vigorous, splendid bearer and popular as a long keeper. December to April.

✓ **Wolf River**—An apple adapted to the west on account of its extreme hardiness; very large and handsome, flesh whitish, pleasant, sub-acid; a good bearer. November and December.

✓ **Wine Sap**—Medium, red, excellent; no tree more esteemed and generally planted west; hardy, early and most profuse bearer. January to April.

✓ **Yellow Belleflower**—Large, most delicious and popular. Tree vigorous, spreading, hardy; not so reliable a bearer. November to February.

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✓ **Yellow Newton Pippin**—Large, crisp, excellent, but not the most profitable and reliable everywhere; unequalled in certain localities; not hardy north. January to May.

SPECIAL VARIETIES.

✓ 25c per dozen; \$1 per hundred; \$5.50 per thousand.

Gideon—A new variety, of extraordinary hardiness, and of great value both for cooking and eating; originated in Minnesota with Peter M. Gideon, one of the most experienced fruit growers; "Iron Clad." October to March.

✓ **Northwestern Greening**—Hardy, yellow, rich, of good size, extra long keeper.

✓ **McMahan's White**—Fruit large and white; flesh fine grained and of excellent quality. January.

✓ **Utter's Red**—Large, round, whitish and striped, very beautiful and excellent, sub acid; tree vigorous, hardy and productive. September and October.

✓ **Mammoth Blacktwig**—Tree fine, upright, spreading grower; bears large crops and holds its fruit well; the fruit is fully one-fourth larger than the Wine Sap, which it resembles very much in color, flavor and keeping qualities. November to April.

✓ **Hyde's King**—Very large, handsome, yellowish green, good quality and a remarkable keeper, keeping all the year round.

✓ **Delaware Red Winter**—Medium to large, bright red, highly colored, flesh fine grained, crisp, juicy, sub-acid, excellent; remarkable for its long keeping qualities; thought by some to be identical to the Lawver

✓ **Winter Banana**—Tree hardy, good grower; fruit handsome.

✓ **Red Bietigheimer**—Large, yellow, shaded red; flesh white, juicy, with a brisk sub-acid flavor. September.

NEW VARIETIES.

✓ 30c per dozen; \$1.25 per hundred.

✓ **Bayard**—Above medium size, color very dark, firm, fine aromatic flavor; good bearer, good grower, straight, upright and good keeper.

✓ **Rohe's Favorite**—Medium size, slightly flattened, bright red with marble cheek, fine musky flavor, good bearer, fine upright grower with large leathery leaf. Long keeper.

CRAB.

✓ 25c per dozen; \$1 per hundred.

✓ **Hyslop**—A large, very handsome and popular crab; a fine grower, hardy and productive. Fall.

✓ **Martha**—Earlier than the Transcendant; very ornamental as well as a fine fruit, bears in profusion every year. September and October.

✓ **Transcendant**—Large, yellow, with red cheek; very beautiful and popular; a great bearer. Fall.

✓ **Whitney's No. 20**—Large, early; fine for desert and cooking; tree hardy and immensely productive.

✓ **Van Wick Sweet.**

✓ **Yellow Siberian.**

✓ **Red Siberian.**

✓ **Gen. Grant**—Fruit large, red to very dark red; flesh white, tender, mild, sub-acid, excellent for dessert. October.

In making up an order not more than 4 varieties will be sent in a dozen, 10 in a 100, 15 in a 1,000.

Apple Trees, 3 to 4 ft. \$6 per 100; 2 to 3 ft. \$4. Peaches the same price as apples. Cherries, sour varieties, \$1.50 per 12.