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# THE FITZWATER PEAR

ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING IS PAR-EXCELLENCE

Office of MID-CONTINENTAL NURSERY CO.

FAIRBURY, Neb., July 1, 1890.

Herbert A. Jones, Himrods, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—Sample pears was received November last in very fine condition. It is without doubt one of the finest pears ever introduced. Yours truly, ANDREW F. ROSENBERGER.

The tree is a **vigorous** and thrifty grower; better than Bartlett and next to Kieffer, producing in a block among other kinds under same conditions, Standards 1 year buds, 5 and 6 feet,  $\frac{5}{8}$  in., and Dwarf 1 year buds,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 feet,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., caliper.

Though buds are quite close they are very prominent, and the trees so far have all held their foliage as long as any. As the tree is an upright, stocky grower, they can be planted closer than most other kinds, and this alone adapts them to cities and towns where the space is limited and where people wish to grow a few fine pears for their own eating. We do not claim it will produce as many large pears as some other kinds; neither is it necessary for it to do so in order to be profitable, for owing to its season of ripening and exquisite quality, it will always command a high price, and on account of its hardiness and freedom from disease, it is almost certain to always yield a paying crop. Inasmuch as early pears are put in cold storage to gain in price, every one who plants the Fitzwater Pear can pick his pears and ship them in perfect order any time in October, and instruct his consignee to sell on a bare market in November and December without the aid of cold storage. Combining as it does, superb quality and beautiful canary color—a little flushed—great hardiness and freedom from disease, it is desirable for both home use and market, and in every part of the land, from the extreme north to the extreme south.



Combines more good qualities than any pear yet introduced. **GREAT** hardiness and freedom from disease, immense productiveness with exquisite sweetness and flavor. Ripening when it does, in its nature, when the market is *bare* of all kinds, it demands the place at the head of the list of American Pears, in quality, season and productiveness. The Fitzwater Pear is EUREKA.

## DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY.

In remembrance of my grand-mother, my great-uncle and aunt, whose name was Fitzwater, and who brought and planted some purely native seed of some variety, when they first come to this country—some fifty or sixty years ago. From the seed then planted, or from seed obtained from pears grown on the trees from seed planted first, the original and true Fitzwater Pear, now named, copyrighted and registered, from which propagation was started about five years ago, originated on what is now known as Homestead Farm, at Himrods, N. Y., near Seneca Lake, some fifty years ago, and is now in perfect health, bearing annually. Perfectly free from blight or other disease for over fifty years. The Fitzwater Pear is a beautiful canary or golden-yellow, of medium size (just right for dessert), slightly flushed on one cheek with a few freckles distributed evenly over the surface, mostly at the calyx; flesh juicy and melting to the core; flavor better than Bartlett Small core and seeds. Ripens November to January. Yours, etc., HERBERT A. JONES.

The best proof of the value of the Fitzwater Pear is the fact that several shrewd and enterprising fruit growers and nurserymen have already ordered largely of the trees, knowing as they do, the value of the fruit from their own testing in November, 1889. "The Proof of the Pudding is in the Eating."

In order to protect our patrons against fraud we shall attach a tag, having our trade-mark, and every tree sent out by us will have the same attached. See that every tree bears a trade-mark tag, with signature fac-simile of Herbert A. Jones, across face of trade-mark, as that is our guarantee of its genuiness.

# TESTIMONIALS.

## Think its use Should be General.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 1, 1890.

We were very much pleased with the Fitzwater pears you sent us last November, and think it a valuable addition to the pear list of this country, and think it should come into general use.

J. B. SPAULDING & SONS.

## Shipping and Keeping Qualities First-Class

LAKE CITY, Minn., Jan 4, 1890.

The sample of the pears came in *prime condition*, and the quality is first-class. They kept in good order until the middle of November.

THE JEWELL NURSERY CO.

## All we Claim for it.

DANSVILLE, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1890.

GENTLEMEN.—Basket of Fitzwater pears received in good condition. They are *all* you claim for them in circular dated Sept. 1, and deserve high rank in the list of choice fruits. Thanks for sample sent. Please state prices for two standard trees.

F. E. WILLIAMS NURSERY CO.

## It leaves Nothing to be Desired.

FREDONIA, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1889.

DEAR SIR.—Fitzwater came duly to hand in good condition some days ago. Must say that so far as the quality of the fruit is concerned, it leaves nothing to be desired. Very sweet and fine flavor, equal I think to the Seckle. Accept thanks for the same. How do you sell trees? Will you furnish me one for my sample grounds.

L. ROESCH.

## A Valuable Market Pear.

PARRY P. O., N. J., Dec. 12, 1889.

The sample specimens of pears were received in good condition. Size medium, about with Lawrence; color a beautiful canary, with small russet dots; quality excellent. Its appearance and quality with season of ripening will make it very saleable. Should the tree be a good grower, healthy and productive, it will be a valuable market pear.

WM. PARRY.

## Was Sick When Pears Arrived.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1889.

The pears you kindly sent arrived in good condition. Please accept our thanks. In appearance the seedling closely resembles Lawrence. Have you ever compared it with that kind? We were ill when the basket of fruit came and could not examine them critically as to flavor. Please send another specimen by mail and we will take some pains to compare carefully.

ELLWANGER & BARRY.

## Commendable.

GENEVA, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1889.

The package of Fitzwater pears shipped me on the 6th was received in good condition. Specimens were given members of the staff and to other employes of the station. All pronounced it to be a commendable pear with many good qualities.

PETER COLLIER, Director.  
N. Y. Agricultural Experiment Station.

## Good Eating Condition When Received.

ALMA, Ill., Dec. 5, 1889.

The sample of pears came to hand all O. K. We were much pleased with them; they were in good eating condition when we received them, and we kept some of them three weeks. The quality was good. Nearly, if not quite as good as Bartlett. They ought to be valuable for market, coming as they do, late in the season. If the tree is a good bearer and free from blight, the Fitzwater will be a valuable pear.

W. S. ROSS & SON.

## A Valuable Addition.

GENESE, Ill., Dec. 10, 1889.

The basket of pears you so kindly sent me came in fine condition Nov. 8th. They were of fair size and good quality. I believe it is destined to prove a valuable addition to our list of pears.

J. W. RICHMOND.

GENEVA, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1889.

I yesterday received from you a basket of very good pears, for which accept thanks. I should be glad to know the name of it.

S. D. WILLARD.

Before Horticultural Society in Rochester, in January, 1890, Mr. Willard said: "The Fitzwater is the finest pear I ever ate."

## How Uncharitable: We will Remember Mr. W. & L.

WARREN, Ohio, Nov. 11, 1890.

Pears received; express outrageous, 55 cents. Another *fraud*. Nothing under heaven but the old Lawrence pear, of which we have many bushels every year. Have them now side by side. *No question about it*. Nice sell! Are you ignorant or cheeky?

C. L. WHITNEY.

LITTLE SILVER, N. J., Nov. 8, 1889.

The samples of pear have arrived by express, charges 55 cents. If we are not very much mistaken, this is the old and well-known Lawrence pear; at all events, it is very much like it.

J. T. LOVETT & CO.

**The Printer gets some Gentlemen in Trouble Again.**

DAVENPORT, Ia., Nov. 15, 1889.

Basket of pears received, will say it's a good pear. You will see from slip enclosed what the printer thinks, as we sent him two of the pears. You will also see that he has got us in trouble unless you send us some buds next summer. Can you do this?

NICHOLS & LORTON.

**Found Pleasure in Giving to his Friends.**

SEDGWICK, Kan., Nov. 16, 1889.

I received the basket of Fitzwater pears. Thanks. I found them in good condition and have gave some of them to my neighbors in town, also gave one to the editor of the Sedgwick *Pantagraph*, and will say, the pear is a delicious one for winter, and I can recommend them. Hope to get a stock in the spring.

E. STONER.

**Finest Pear of its Season.**

PARSONS, Kan., Dec. 5, 1889.

I am in receipt of a sample basket of your new pear. I think it the finest small pear of its season. Flavor good, seems to be firm and has good keeping qualities, and fine appearance. If the tree is a prolific and constant bearer, you have an acquisition to our already long list of American pears.

LEWIS WILLIAMS.

**More Good Qualities than Any.**

BRIDGEPORT, O., Nov. 9, 1889.

We are in receipt of a basket of pears from you which we find very *fine* for this season of the year. They combine all the good qualities of a pear which ripens in the summer season, while the flesh is quite fine, together with sweetness. We would quote it very valuable, as there are few at this season, if any, that combine as many good qualities. We would like to learn something in regard to it, and would also ask you if you have stock of it. We only sampled one of the pears and think balance will keep until Christmas in our root cellar.

E. W. REID.

**Wants Some Stock.—A Great Boom.**

PLYMOUTH, Ind., Nov. 12, 1889.

Your basket of Fitzwater pears received, and were of very fine flavor, and is exceedingly a great boom for a late pear to our list of good pears. Please send price of your trees in fall of 1890, and oblige.

WM. HOLLAND.

**First-Class of all Others.**

PIQUA, O., Dec. 9, 1889.

Those pears you sent to me by express, I think are as good pears as we can get. I have several varieties of winter pears, even from Germany, but I call your pears first-class. If you sell any trees of the above, send me a price list.

F. X. HEMM.

**Will Have it at Any Cost.**

MADISON, O., Nov. 15, 1889.

The pears were duly received and I regard them as very fine, rich, melting and buttery, and if I was not going out of the nursery business, I should have it at any cost.

DANIEL LEE.

NURSERY, Ill., Feb. 20, 1890.

Perhaps I owe you an apology for not writing sooner; if so, please accept this as such without any further ado.

Samples of Fitzwater pear were received in due time after shipment. They arrived in good order, and I placed the basket containing them in the cellar and tested them on December 1st. They were of very fine quality indeed; rich, sweet, juicy; of good size and handsome appearance. If we could grow such fine fruit here, it would be very satisfactory indeed; but alas, we have tried about everything emanated from the east, in the pear line and not one variety found yet that we can depend upon. Now we are testing those "hardy" Russian sorts, but even those are not exempt from that terrible scourge "blight." Still we shall have to "dabble and peg away" at this question and perhaps we may yet succeed in getting hold of some blight-proof sort. Guess we shall have to get a tree or two at least for the experiment station.

J. V. COTTA.

**Kept until Xmas.**

LOCKPORT, N. Y., June 24, 1890.

Your sample of Fitzwater pears were duly received last November. They were kept until about Christmas and then eaten with much relish. It is of very good quality and a handsome little pear. When you have trees or scions to distribute, please send me price-list.

B. WHEATON CLARK.

**Thinks Tree was Loaded—(It had Five Barrels in 1889.)**

I received your sample of Fitzwater pears. It is a fine looking pear of medium size and fair quality. It is rather lacking in flavor, but I think from the specimens received that the tree was heavily loaded, and for that reason the quality would not be as good.

JAY WOOD.

**Valuable Addition to Late Pears.**

FLORADALE, Pa., March 1, 1890.

The Fitzwater pears were received in fine condition. I find it about medium size, of fine shape, color good and fairly good quality. Altogether I believe it will be a valuable acquisition to our list of late pears. I am confident I made a fuller report to you of it, at the time, and was surprised you had not received it. As I made no note of it, I cannot give any dates. I trust it will prove profitable for you.

C. L. LONGSDORF.

**The Smallest Pears of Any Sent Out in  
1889, and Just a Late Bartlett.**

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Dec. 18, 1889.

We have been a little tardy in thanking you for the basket of specimen pears, which came to hand all right. We sent samples around to all our friends, whose opinion we thought would be worth having. The general conclusion seemed to be that while it was a nice little pear to eat, the smallness of its size would prevent its selling readily, especially as its season would bring it into competition with the B. Clairgeau and some other pears of good quality and larger size. It seems to us to be just a late Bartlett, as far as flavor and quality are concerned. As to the claim of exemption from blight for the tree, our experience makes us fear that in other localities and under other conditions this claim might fail, at least that is what we have found to be the history of most blight-proof varieties. Upon the whole as you wish our candid opinion, we are inclined to think that while the fruit might sell fairly well in local markets, the good qualities of the variety are not sufficiently striking to justify introducing it as a valuable novelty. We all find that the list of varieties is already too long.

S. POCKOCK.  
Of D. W. Beadle Nursery Co.

SMITHVILLE, Ga., Nov. 11, 1889.

The pears received, but you did not state what kind they were. Looked something like the Northern LeConte. They were very fine indeed, for which please accept my thanks.

W. W. THOMPSON.

CAYUGA, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1889.

Sample of Fitzwater just received. We have eaten of them and pronounced them *delicious*, but cannot safely say that it supercedes in quality our old friend Lawrence, which it quite resembles.

WILEY & CO.

Fifteen days later:—We own up, you've got it.

W. & CO.

**Many Others Pronounce them Excellent.**

UNION SPRINGS, N. Y., Nov. 9, 1889.

I am in receipt of the basket of pears, and have tested them and invited others to do so, and all pronounce them of *excellent quality*, and a very agreeable flavor. I think them well worthy of cultivation and wish you success in their introduction.

H. S. ANDERSON.

**Very Good.**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 11, 1889.

The sample of Fitzwater pears were received last Saturday. The quality of the pear is very good; color a bright golden-yellow, size medium.

S. M. BAYLES.

**As Fine as They Ever Saw.**

PERRY, O., Jan. 13, 1890.

We received the sample of the Fitzwater pear in good shape. We like its season of ripening and think the quality as fine as we ever saw. Can we obtain a few buds of you next summer, and at what price?

L. GREEN & SON.

**A Long Trip—Good Condition.**

OMAHA, Neb., June 27, 1890.

The Fitzwater pears which you were kind enough to send us, last fall, arrived in good condition after their long trip, and we found the quality to be very fine indeed.

TAYLOR BROS.

**Worthy of Dissemination.**

SPRINGFIELD, O., June 30, 1890.

Replying to your favor of the 21st, we consider the Fitzwater a very fine early winter pear; quality about like Duchess. We consider it a valuable acquisition and think it worthy of dissemination.

FRANTZ BROS.

**A Nice Little Treat.**

OTTAWA, Kas., Nov 7, 1889.

The basket of Fitzwater pears were received O. K., and was a nice little treat. We consider the quality excellent.

BREWER & STANNARD.

**Deserves Prominent Place.**

GENEVA, N. Y., June 24, 1890.

Your sample of fruit of Fitzwater pear was duly received. It seems to be a fruit of superior quality, and I should consider it a variety that deserves a prominent place among our orchards.

H. E. MERRELL.

**Very Fine.**

BRIGHTON, N. Y., March 11, 1890.

The basket of pears came through all right, and were very fine indeed. What can you do on the trees next fall? Different grades. You have a fine pear, and I believe one that will take a foremost place among pears.

J. F. NORRIS.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., June 27, 1890.

Replying to yours of the 21st, we consider the quality of the Fitzwater pear very fine.

GEO. A. LIPPINCOTT.

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