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Dear Sir:

Leaflet No. 1 on Grapes and No. 2 on Flowers can be obtained for the asking. Many other fruits will grow here but the right varieties must be obtained or failure will result. I strongly advise against buying from northern nurseries. They do not know our conditions and cannot supply varieties suitable for this soil and climate. Buy from local or Florida or California Nurseries. Next to grapes, the most promising fruit for our Valley is

**PEACHES**

Northern peaches such as the Elberta, Crawford, Mamie Ross, etc., even though being well in central Texas, will not fruit here. It is money thrown away to plant them. Only peaches of the South China, Spanish or Oriental blood will do well here and of these, the South China type is the best. These peaches are not as large as the Elberta, though the Jewel approaches the Elberta's size, but their flavor is fine, color beautiful and shipping qualities good. I put first as the most valuable of these peaches, the

**Jewel,** medium to large, rounded to oblong, highly colored, flesh yellow but red about pit, juicy, melting, sweet, freestone, ripens May 10th to 20th, a good shipper, tree vigorous and healthy. I have two acres in peaches and nearly all are Jewel.

**Bidwell's Early,** Shape roundish, oblong with short recurved point, size medium, skin creamy white washed with carmine, flesh fine-grained, melting, juicy, sweet with slight almond flavor, clingstone, ripens May 20th to June 3rd.

**Bidwell's Late,** Similar to Early but ripens about three weeks later.

**Angel,** Large, rounded, slightly pointed, yellow washed with red, handsome, flesh, white, sweet, melting, juicy, sub-acid of exquisite flavor lacking in bitter almond flavor, freestone. Ripens June 20th to 30th. Tree bears early and very young.

**Dorothy N,** A seedling of Angel which it closely resembles but ripens July 5th to 15th.

**Victoria,** Very large, round, oblong, highly colored yellow and dark red, juicy, sweet and of excellent flavor, freestone, valuable for cooking and canning, ripens Aug. 5th to 10th.

**Power's September,** Fruit of medium size and good quality, flesh white, freestone, ripens Sept. 1st to 15th.

**Gibbon's October,** Medium to large size fruit, quality excellent, freestone, ripens Sept. 25th to Oct. 15th.

**Red Ceylon,** A good sized fruit of dull, green color, flesh blood-red, freestone, flavor too acid to eat out of hand but fine for cooking. Tree a heavy and annual bearer.

For commercial planting, I advise the Jewel; for home planting I advise some of each of above varieties. I can get many more, but have selected these so that you get a long ripening period and with them you can have ripe peaches from the middle of May to the middle of October, the only one not in this series is the Red Ceylon, which is so fine for cooking, it is included here.

Prices, 25c. each, 3-2.40 per dozen, $18 per 100.

**PLUMS**

It looks to me as if we could have as early ripening for the northern market and as long a ripening season for the home consumption and market, for plums as for peaches but as yet this is not sure. From the experience of Florida, it is safe to say that the luscious plums of pure Japanese breed, will not do well here but many of their hybrids will.

**Excelsior,** Probably the best all round plum for commercial planting here, tree strong and rapid grower, fruit 1 1/2 inches in diameter, deep wine-red with bluish bloom, skin firm, flesh yellowish, quality fine and a good shipper, ripens about June 1st.

**Terrell,** A seedling of Excelsior, which it resembles, but fruit larger, darker in color, a trifle more acid, pit very small. A splendid variety.

**Gonzales,** Tree strong and very productive. Fruit very large, red, good flavor, good shipper. Ripens June 10th to 20th.

**America,** The most beautiful of all plum trees. Fruit very large, bright golden ground with pink cheeks, flesh yellow, firm and delicious. Ripens June 20th to 30th.

**Golden,** Fruit large, nearly round and rich golden color, very prolific and satisfactory.

Price, 25c. each, 3-2.40 per dozen, $18 per 100.

**Santa Rosa Plum,** One of the latest of Burbank's creations Plum a deep purplish crimson each fruit averaging 6 inches in circumference, flesh purple shading to scarlet and amber at stone which is small, rich fragrant and delicious. Good shipper. The trees in my grounds have grown splendidly.

Price, 50c. each, 3-5.50 per dozen.

**PRUNES**

The prune is a species of plum; those planted by me last spring are doing well. So I can only advise trying.
French. Medium sized, egg shaped, violet purple, sweet, rich and sugary, very productive. The standard for drying. Ripens August.

Sugar. A Burbank creation. Ripens early in August and has a high percentage of sugar. Tree vigorous grower and enormous cropper, skin tender and dark purple when mature, flesh yellow, tender and rich, dries easily but good for shipping green.

Price, 50c. each, $5 per dozen.

PLUMCOT

This is also a Burbank creation and a cross between the plum and apricot. My trees planted last spring are doing well but have not yet fruited. Large fruit, brilliant red flesh, delicious subacid flavor, skin deep velvety purple. Worth experimenting with.

Price, 65c. each, $6 per dozen.

APRICOTS

This is another unproven but probably successful fruit. My trees planted last spring are doing well but have not fruited.

Helmskirkie. Fruit large, roundish but flattened, flesh bright orange, tender but with rich plum flavor.

Rentier’s Peach. Fruit very large, skin orange yellow, juicy, rich, highly flavored. Ripens middle June.

Price, 50c. each, $5 per dozen.

NECTARINE

This is simply a peach with a smooth skin and as it has adapted itself to all over California, there is no reason why it should not be grown here.

Price, 65c. each, $6.50 per dozen.

PEARS

Pears are still doubtful with the chances in favor of the Chinese pears and strongly against the Bartlett and that class.

Keiffer. Fruit large, yellow, very juicy, coarse grained but sweet. Ripens in September.

Garber. Resembles Keiffer but ripens later.

Le Conte. Same type but ripens still later.

PRICE, 30c. each, $3 per dozen.

QUINCES

The fruited of the quince here is still uncertain; it grows well and is so fine for cooking, a few should be tried.

Orange. Large, golden yellow fruit of firm flesh and excellent flavor.

PRICE, 50c. each, $3 per dozen.

APPLES AND CHERRIES

No one has been successful with apples or cherries here. I can get varieties most successful in the south for you to experiment with if you wish, but shall take out my only apple tree next winter. Apples 25c., cherries 35c.

CITRUS FRUITS

Early in its history, this valley was exploited for the growing of oranges, lemons, grape fruit, etc. So far, no growth of these fruits on a commercial scale has been a success, though many small lots have fruited well. I believe that citrus fruits can be a success when cared for as they are in Florida and California.

This means the growing of windbreaks if necessary every 300 feet, the banking of the trees early in the season, the thorough wrapping up of young trees the first winter and the use of smudge pots in large quantities, every winter after. This makes the commercial planting and growing to fruiting, expensive but then a citrus grove is very profitable. I do not advise the commercial planting of citrus fruit unless this is carefully studied, its expenses figured and definitely determined on. The planting of a few trees around your home where you can if necessary cover them with canvas and put a lantern under each one on very cold nights, is all right if you will do it. Up the valley, the temperature is in winter from 2 to 6 degrees lower than it is around Brownsville, San Benito and Harlingen, making citrus planting much more risky there than nearer the Gulf.

ORANGES

The Satsuma orange grafted on Trifoliate stock which grows well around Houston, will not grow well save in very exceptional soil; IT SHOULD NOT BE PLANTED. All citrus should be on sour stock. I can get you many varieties but have boiled down the list.

Washington Navel. The most largely grown orange in California. Fruit large to very large, somewhat oval, flesh meaty, tender, sweet and highly flavored. It has fruited here of fine flavor.

Pineapple. The most largely planted orange in Florida. Fruit medium to large, peel thin but tough, heavy, juicy and of excellent flavor. It has fruited here of fine flavor.

Dugat. Originated at Beeville, Texas, and the most hardy of the round oranges. It makes a vigorous growth, is prolific and bears early and fruit is of fine flavor.

Valencia Late. Another Florida favorite, fruit of good size, juicy and tender. Ripens in May or June but will hang on trees till August or September, making it very desirable for home orchards.


Tangerine. Fruit, flat small to medium, skin separates freely from flesh, juicy, aromatic, rich, of a deep red color, ripens December to January.

PRICE 70c. each, $7.30 per dozen. Special price by hundred.

POMELO OR GRAPE FRUIT

Duncan. One of the hardiest varieties. Fruit large size, peel tough and smooth, quality of the best. Strong grower, prolific bearer. Fruit will hang on trees in good condition till late spring or early summer.

Marsh Seedless. The most popular grape fruit grown, large size fruit, heavy, juicy and of fine flavor.

PRICE 80c. each, $9 per dozen.

LEMONS

Kenedy. Originated on the Kenedy ranch near Sarita in this valley. Fruit good size, almost seedless, thin rind, solid flesh. Tree considered hardy.

Ponderosa. An exceptionally large lemon; often single fruit weighs 2 to 2 1/2 pounds, very juicy and of good quality, bears very young and considered hardy.

PRICE, 70c. each, $7.80 per dozen.

LIMES

These are the tenderest of all citrus fruits but with protection, will grow and fruit here.

PRICE, 70c. each, $7.80 per dozen.

KUMQUATS

The smallest of citrus family as it is hardly more
than a shrub and one of the hardiest; its oblong fruit is very handsome and delicious. I advise planting a few.

PRICE, 70c. each, $7.80 per dozen.

FIGS

Figs can be made a success commercially if a canning plant is run in connection but everyone should plant some figs for home use as they grow easily, fruit abundantly and even if killed to the ground every year, still bear the same year. They are the only fruit tree bearing on the same year’s growth. Everyone has planted Magnolia figs; they are probably the best for preserving but not nearly as delicious to eat as other varieties. I advise an assortment.

Magnolia Fruit of large size, light colored, handsome, vigorous grower, prolific, excellent for canning.

Green Ischia Fruit medium size, long, pulp rosy red, soft melting, quality rich, sweet, a strong grower.

Brown Turkey Fruit large, pear-shaped, color copper brown, flesh white or amber solid and excellent quality.

Brunswick Fruit large, pear-shaped, dark brown, pulp thick, soft and highly flavored.

Celestial Fruit small, violet colored flesh rose colored, firm, juicy and very sweet.

PRICE, 25c. each, $2.40 per dozen, $18 per 100.

The genuine Smyrna fig can be grown and fruited here but it must be pollinated by the fig wisp with pollen from the Capri or wild fig and about one Capri fig tree should be planted to 25 of the Smyrna fig trees. These are now growing on the place of Mr. H. H. Banker near Brownsville. Prices on application.

PECANS

Plant near a ditch or where they will get much water.

Bradley Large, oblong nut with thin shell and kernel plump, rich and sweet.

Schley Medium oblong nut, shell thin, kernel full, yellow brown in color and a rich nutty flavor.

Columbia Said to be the largest of all varieties, kernel solid, sweet and highly flavored.

PRICE, 1 per dozen, 10c. 25c. each, $10.90 per dozen, and $85 per 100.

ENGLISH WALNUTS

These should be planted in the same sort of a place as the pecan as their long tap root needs to go down to water. They are better grafted on the California black Walnut root.

Santa Barbara Soft Shell Nut large, shell thin, kernel white full and sweet, the favorite in southern California.

Franquette Nut large, elongated oval, kernel full and sweet and of a rich nutty flavor; nuts command highest market price.

PRICE. On Black Walnut roots $2.50 each, $27 per dozen. On own roots $1 each, $10 per dozen.

ALMONDS

Some say almonds will not grow well here; mine have grown well though they have not yet fruited.

Sultana Large kernels, soft shell, tree strong upright grower.

PRICE, 35c. each, $1 per dozen.

JAPANESE PERSIMMONS

My success with these has been poor; Mr. Stan- ford at Lyford has succeeded better but the fruit is so delicious, I advise trying a few; mine have been grafted on the persimmon native in Virginia and this year, I intend to try some grafted on the native Texas persimmon which grows wild in this valley and hope for better success.

HYAKUME Fruit large to very large, skin buff, flesh dark brown, sweet, crisp, meaty, not astringent, good while still hard.

HACHIYA Fruit very large and oblong, skin reddish yellow, flesh dark yellow astringent till ripe and then very fine. The handsomest of all.

TRIUMPH Size medium, tomato shaped, skin dark red, handsome and showy, flesh yellow. Ripens in October but can hang on tree till January.

YEDDO-ICHI Large, oblate, skin very smooth and dark red, flesh dark brown, very seedy, not astringent, quality of best.

PRICE 35c. each, $3.50 per dozen.

OLIVES

My olives have grown well, some fruited this year near Kingsville; it seems to me the olive should do well here. It is a very handsome tree.

MISSION The old standard grown by the Spanish fathers. Fruit medium to large; good for pickling or ripe or for making oil. As an avenue tree it surpasses all others. Ripens late October.

MANZANILLO Fruit very large, deep black, very hardy and prolific, tree rather straggling grower.

SEVILLANO The largest of olives and exported from Spain as Queen olives; fruit deep bluish black mainly fit for pickles.

PRICE 90c. each, $8.50 per dozen.

POMEGRANATES

Those grow well here even if occasionally killed back slightly in winter and the fruit ripening in August and September, is very refreshing and valuable. It grows more a large shrub than a tree and can be planted as a hedge. There is a variety whose flowers are more handsome than the fruit and this is put in the flower list.

PRICE 40c. each 5c. per dozen.

GUAVAS

This is a little known fruit growing into an attractive shrub and some varieties are delicious to eat raw, most are used for jellies.

CATTLEY This is the hardest and if frozen down will produce fruit on the same year’s growth; its fruit is about an inch in diameter and mainly valuable for jellies and preserves.

PERICO A sub-acid sort of very large size, flesh thick and meaty, color pink, flavor the best, fine for dessert or canning. Needs same care as citrus trees.

GUINNESS The Guiana guava, fruit very sweet, large, and meaty, fine for dessert, sweet pickle or canning. Needs same care as citrus trees.

PRICE 35c. each, $3.50 per dozen.

LOQUATS

This should be planted everywhere; it is a very handsome, quick growing small tree and is not injured by our frost, an evergreen. Its fruit is the size of a medium plum, oblong, bright yellow, sub-acid good for eating raw but better for cooking and making a jelly. Fruit ripens in February.

Price 35c. each, $8.50 per dozen.
TARIFF OF CHARGES
FOR SHOWING
LA GRANJA, DONNA, TEXAS

June 1, 1913.

No charge less than $5.00.

For 5 to 10, $1.00 each.

For 10 to 20, $1.00 each for the first 10 and 50c each for balance.

60 or over, $25.00.

Drivers and managers accompanying parties not included in the count.

This includes a complete showing of the place, talks about the grapes and other plants, a showing of the house and of the maps of the place. Generally some little thing is given to visitors. At least an hour should be allowed to see La Granja and two hours could be well spent.

If notice is sent me beforehand, I will reserve certain hours for parties. Would prefer this reservation.

During fruiting season, will you kindly see that visitors do not pick fruit; I will have some at the house to give them.

ELTWEED POMEROY.
AVOCADO OR AGAVE OR ALLIGATOR PEAR
The fruit of this tree is said to be of the same species as the Alligator pear, replacing meat and it is certain that it is one of the most valuable fruits native to this country. Full grown trees stand much heavy very frosty of the high lands of Mexico. Young trees will require unusual protection for several years. The buds or small trees are as much superior to the seedlings as a fine apple is to a crab apple. You can get them for 10c each, but advise the grafted at 2.50 each.

MANGO
This is another tropical fruit of great deliciousness which grows around Matamoros in its poorer varieties and if protected for several winters, it coughs and grows fruit and grows fruit well here. There is the same difference with grafted mangoes and seedlings as with the Avocado and also the same difference in price. Seedlings 1c each. Grafted 2.50 each.

DEWBERIES
Dewberries do well here. Price 10c per dozen, 30c per 100.

MULBERRIES
Mulberrys grow rapidly here and make a fine windbreak tree because they branch low near the ground making a dense hedge. Yet if trimmed up they will grow tall and make a very attractive screen. JICK'S A profuse ripener of fruit which is very sweet and ripens for three weeks, the best for a potluy and fine as a hedge tree.

RUSSIAN Fruit small and does not drop from tree and some trees do not produce fruit, strippers do well and grow well here. ELLIOT OR WHITE: Large, very quick stem, very straight. Price 35c each. 2.50 per dozen. Cutting of Russian and White 100 each. About 20 large per 100. Do not advise.

ARBOR VITAE
The Chinese Arbor Vitae has been strongly recommended to me for an evergreen windbreak. It grows 2½ to 30 feet high with a narrow spread at bottom is dense, rapid growing and retains its foliage all winter. Price $2.50 each, $25.00 per 100.

GOLDEN PYRAMIDAL Foliage green with beautiful golden tints, grows tall and sooner; however, as this is a tough tree it does not seem to grow during our hot summer but does in fall and winter. Price 35c each, 2.50 per dozen.

BAMBOO, ARundo Donax
A beautiful reed attaining a height of 12 feet with immense flower plumes makes large clumps and has tall, hardy.

PRICE 90c. each, 4 per dozen.

PAMPAS GRASS
An immense grass growing in large clumps and with plumes often 2 feet long.

PRICE $1.00. each.

NORTHERN TREES
There are certain northern growth shade and wind-break trees which I can make to grow in most any part of this region. Just a few to name, the large size small size has to do with the cold that makes the trees so hardy and the other hardy. If the trees be well watered and retained the roots sound never be frozen off in moving.

PHOENIX DACTYLMUS, the commercial date palm, a beautiful, rapid-growing and hardy palm, only female trees fruit and then may not be true to their parent. The one way to get fruiting date palms is to get some of the fruiting date trees from Israel. I would advise the date palm can be brought in Arizona from $3 to $10 each. Seedling trees, small 15c, $1.50 per dozen.

PHOENIX CANARIENSIS: This is a variety of date palm whose fruit is not a date but is a long-waxing fruit. I have a few 2 year old trees at 1.50 each. Small plants 10c each, 10c per dozen.

WASHINGTONIA RUGOSA, Fan Palm. This is the beautiful palm, largest fan palm found in California, nice for avenue planting. Have the 2 year old plants at $1.50 each, small 40c, 40c per dozen.

PHOENIX SYLVIAE, Mission Palm. The wide date of India, tall, fast growing with trunk 12 to 14 inches in diameter and very hardy. The crown is composed of a large number of very long leaves, splendid for avenue planting, small 90c each, 90c per dozen.

COCCUS PLUMOSA: A magnificent palm resembling the Royal Palm but of smaller size and hardy, nice for avenue planting with great leaves from 10 to 15 feet long and dark shining green. After attaining some age it should be trimmed and not approach this C Canarianus for planting in semi-tropical regions.

PRICE 3.00 each, 30.00 per dozen.

COCCUS CORONATA: A tall, fast growing palm closely resembling C Plumosa but growing a little faster.

PRICE 2.00 each, 20.00 per dozen.

ELTWEED POMEROY, DONNA, TEXAS