Historic, archived document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.
CATALOGUE
OF
FRUIT TREES,
AND OF
ORNAMENTAL TREES, SHRUBS,
HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL PLANTS, &c.

CULTIVATED AND FOR SALE AT THE NURSERY OF

J. J. THOMAS,
MACEDON, WAYNE COUNTY, N. Y.

PALMYRA, N. Y.
PRINTED BY P. MORLEY, AT THE PALMYRA COURIER OFFICE.

MDCCCXLVI.
This nursery, containing nearly 200,000 trees in different stages of growth, is situated two miles S. W. of the village of Macedon. A considerable portion of the trees are already of suitable size for transplanting, and have all been propagated from bearing trees, whose genuineness or excellence, and fitness for the climate, have been thoroughly proved by the proprietor.

It has been an object to avoid the confusion resulting from a numerous list of varieties, and to present only a moderate collection of the very finest kinds. Above all, it has been the aim and determination of the proprietor, to sell no fruit on the recommendation of others; and to avoid that most fruitful source of mistake and disappointment, the propagation of varieties for sale from unproved trees. To accomplish these purposes, many years have been occupied, and selections have been made from several hundred sorts in bearing, originally obtained from various nurseries in the United States and elsewhere; and all have been chosen after a thorough examination and trial.

It will be perceived that the Ornamental Department comprises some of the finest and most splendid hardy species and varieties of shrubs and perennial herbaceous plants, and were chiefly selected from the very extensive collection of David Thomas, of Cayuga County, the finest only, and those best adapted to the climate, being chosen.

The characters of most of the fruits are given for the convenience of those not familiar with the varieties.

All orders, directed, "J. J. Thomas, Macedon, Wayne Co. N. Y." postpaid, and accompanied with remittances, will be faithfully
and promptly attended to, and the trees sent by the Erie Canal, or by the Auburn and Rochester Railroad. Orders for trees by Railroad should not be received later in Autumn than the 1st of 11 mo. (Nov.) nor after the 10th of 4 mo. (April) in spring. The trees or plants will be well packed with wet moss in mats, with muddled roots, so as to be sent to any part of the United States. Bundles thus packed at the nursery, have been repeatedly forwarded in safety to distances extending from New England to the Mississippi valley. Forty or fifty trees may be packed in a bundle, and from fifty to seventy-five cents charged for packing, including mats.

Trees, delivered at the nursery, or packed and sent according to order, are then at the risk of the purchaser. Little or no risk, however, usually attends ordinary public conveyance, none thus sent having ever been known to be lost by the way.

The inconvenience of widely extended debts, renders payment in advance necessary in all cases where trees or plants are forwarded by public conveyance.

The invariable rule, of selling fruit trees raised only at this nursery, and of varieties of known and proved genuineness or excellence, precludes the supply of exhausted kinds from the nurseries of others, and as a consequence, purchasers may be occasionally disappointed in procuring some varieties ordered. Hence in all cases, where orders cannot be wholly filled, the balance of remittances will be at once returned to purchasers.—unless special discretion has been given to the proprietor to supply such deficiencies by other sorts.

The proprietor attends in person at the nursery during the selling season, except from 10 to 2 o'clock on Fifth-day (Thursday) of each week.
CATALOGUE OF FRUITS.

Peaches.

These have been selected by the proprietor from his personal examination of nearly one hundred different varieties in a bearing state; those only being chosen which were found best fitted, by their time of ripening, fine quality, and productiveness, to rank among the most desirable. A large portion of the trees are two years from the bud, and trained to handsome heads, and have been fitted, by previous transplanting, for removal with safety. They are named in the order of ripening, the time being for the average of seasons in Western New-York. They furnish a succession for more than two months, commencing the early part of 8 mo. (Aug.) Price 25 cts. each, $20 per 100.

FREESTONES OR Melters.

Early Tillotson—medial size, very fine, great bearer—tree of slow growth when young.
Slocum's Early—medial size, fine, good bearer—tree of free and vigorous growth.
Honest John—medial size, yellow fleshed, good—good bearer—tree of free growth.
Large Red Rareripe—large, very fine, great bearer—tree of slow growth when young.
Early York—large, red, sweet, juicy, and rich—nearly unequall-ed—tree of vigorous growth.
White Imperial—large, nearly white, sweet, juicy, and rich—tree of very strong growth.
Yellow Alberge—large, yellow fleshed with red cheek, fine, great bearer—tree very hardy.
Kensington—fruit large, of rare excellence—tree of free and vigorous growth.
Seabolt's—large, dark red, fine-fleshed, of delicious flavor—good bearer and free grower.
Yellow Melacaton—rather large, golden yellow, rich and delicious.
Hills' Chili—large, long, yellow fleshed, of fine flavor—one of the best late peaches.
NECTARINES—APPLES.

CLINGSTONES OR PAVIES.

**Old Mixon**—large, nearly white, one of the best clingstones—early in 9 mo. (Sept.)

**Heath**—very large in favorable seasons, and when thinned on the tree—10 mo. (Oct.)

Nectarines.

The Nectarine is merely a glossy-skinned peach—and the crops will be nearly always destroyed by the curculio, unless protected from its attacks by the confinement of pigs early in each season, to pick up the fallen and wormy fruit; or by jarring down the insects daily on sheets while the fruit is young, by the blow of a mallet, and destroying them. Price 25 cts. each.

**Early Yellow**—yellow fleshed, of fine flavor—ripen the latter part of 8 mo. (Aug.)

**Early Violet**—fruit rather small, of very fine flavor—latter part of 8 mo.

**ElrUGE**—medial size, fine flavor—early in 9 mo.

Apples.

When trees are quite small in size, or in small quantity, they are designated by a star. They are named in the order of ripening. Price 25 cts. each, $20 per 100.

SUMMER AND EARLY AUTUMN FRUIT.

**Yellow Harvest**—medial size, sub-acid, fine, good bearer. Ripens at wheat harvest.

**Summer Rose** (or Woolman's Early)—hardly medial size, red, sub-acid, excellent flavor and texture. Moderate bearer.

**Sine qua non**—medial size, sub-acid, tender and excellent—of slow growth, but a great bearer.

**Bough**—large, greenish yellow, tender, rich, and sweet. Good bearer. Ripens from wheat harvest till mid-autumn.

**Early Joe**—medial size, almost unequalled in delicacy of texture and flavor—great bearer. 37 cts.

**Toole's Rareripe**—large, white, sub-acid, fine—a moderate bearer.

**Buffington's Early**—scarcely medial size, light yellow, exceedingly delicate and fine. Very moderate bearer.

**Summer Queen**—rather large, red, rich, spicy, acid—excellent for cooking—best on light soils.

**Strawberry**—medial size or large, red, sub-acid, of great excellence. Great bearer. Mid-autumn.
**Siberian Crab**—very small, rich brilliant red, rich austere flavor—ornamental and fine for preserving.

**LATE AUTUMN AND EARLY WINTER FRUIT.**

**Gravenstein**—large, red, very rich acid—fine bearer. One of the most valuable of all new apples.

**Rambo**—medial size, dull red, slightly sub-acid, of a rich aromatic flavor. Good bearer.

**Ribston Pippin**—medial size, yellow, slightly russet, a rich acid, aromatic flavor.

**Fall Pippin**—very large, sub-acid, rich flavor—one of the finest of all cooking apples.

**Bellflower**—large, very tender when ripe, acid, fine. Keeps till spring.

**LATE WINTER AND SPRING FRUIT.**

**Esopus Spitzenburgh**—large, red, very rich, acid, spicy—an excellent table apple, and one of the best for the kitchen.

**Rhode Island Greening**—large, green, fine, great bearer, well known and very popular.

**Swaar**—rather large, yellow when ripe, very rich, scarcely equalled as a winter apple.

**Jonathan**—medial size, fine red, flavor sub-acid, very fine, always fair—abundant bearer.

**Peck’s Pleasant**—large, greenish, fine sub-acid flavor, always fair, and a good bearer.

**Tallman Sweeting**—medial size, light yellow, very sweet, rich, fine—excellent for baking.

**Black Gilliflower**—rather large, oblong, blackish red, rather dry, but always fair.

* **Newtown Pippin**—large when fair, greenish yellow, fine keeper and excellent flavor. Requires good culture and warm seasons.

* **Northern Spy**—large, handsome red, slightly sub-acid, fine, retains its flavor remarkably—long keeper.

* **Roxbury Russet**—medial size, flattish, greenish russet, sub-acid, good, celebrated as a long keeper.

**Cherries.**

The Cherry, eminently valuable for its hardiness and early maturity, is, when of fine varieties, a truly delicious fruit, and some of the larger sorts are often an inch or more in diameter. They are too often gathered when small and half ripe, and when they have not attained half their flavor. The following list embraces some of the best in Europe and America, and nearly all are selected as the result of many years trial in a bearing state in Western New-York. The trees are mostly large, straight, thrifty, and with
handsome heads. They are named in the usual order of ripening. Price 40 cts. each.

*May Bigarreau*—small or medium, nearly black, good flavor, very early. 1st of 6 mo. (June.)

*Early Purple Guigne*—scarcely later than May Bigarreau, nearly black, good, moderate size. Trees yet small.

*China Heart*—resembles Madison Bigarreau—medial size, light red, fine, good bearer, and early.

*Black Tartarian*—very large, black when ripe, good flavor, great bearer—middle of 6 mo.

*White Tartarian*—small or medium, light red, great bearer, fine flavor.

*Black Heart*—medium or large, black when ripe, fine flavor, good bearer.

*Mayduke*—large, nearly black when ripe,—red when usually picked—excellent. Ripens from middle of 6 mo., often for several weeks. Trees yet small.

*Black Eagle*—large, one of the finest flavored of all black cherries.

*Large White Bigarreau*—early and delicious—one of the largest and finest.

*Ellon*—large, light red, first rate—late in 6 mo.

*Yellow Spanish or White Bigarreau*—very large, first rate, late in 6 mo. A great favorite.

*Downton*—large, light red, first rate—late in 6 mo. Unexcelled.

*Elkhorn*—large, firm, rich, slightly bitter until fully ripe.

*China Bigarreau*—medial size, light red, high flavor, abundant bearer and great grower.

*Carnation*—large, light red, high and fine flavor. One of the finest late cherries.

Knight's Early Black, Downer's Late Red, Florence, Napoleon Bigarreau, Madison Bigarreau, American Heart, and American Amber, are in a state of propagation, and will probably be for sale in the autumn of 1847.

---

**Apricots.**

The Apricot, on a dry soil, is as hardy a tree as the peach. The young fruit requires the same protection from the curculio as the nectarine. Price 37 1-2 cts. each.

*Breda*—yellow-fleshed, fine flavor, early, hardy and productive.

*Black*—dark colored, of second-rate quality, but perfectly hardy and very productive.

*Moorpark*—large, deep yellow, of excellent flavor.

*Brussels*—rather large, pale yellow—has for many years proved very excellent.
RASPBERRIES—STRAWBERRIES—GRAPES, ETC.

Raspberries.

Red Antwerp—large, fine, and hardy—75 cts. per dozen.
White Antwerp—large, fine, slightly tender—$1.00 per dozen.
Franconia—very fine, resembles Red Antwerp—12 1-2 cts. each.

Strawberries.

Duke of Kent—small, fine flavor, the earliest strawberry—25 cts per doz. $1.00 per 100.
Large Early Scarlet—very fine and productive—25 cts. per doz.
$1.00 per 100.
Hovey's Seedling—very large, fine, and productive—50 cts. per doz.
Ross' Phoenix—very large, fine, very productive and hardy—50 cts per doz.
Prolific Hautbois—large, rich and musky, productive—50 cts. per doz.
Scotch or Dundee—large, rich and high flavor—late. 25 cts. per doz.

Grapes.

Isabella—rather large, sweet, rich, and highly productive. Often picked before ripe. Hardy.
York Madeira—rather small, very fine flavor—very hardy.
Catawba—large, fine, handsome, and productive—hardy.
Black Cluster—rather small, productive, fine—a hardy exotic.
White Sweet Water—medial size, very sweet, and excellent—tender, needs winter protection—37 cts.

Filberts.

The fruit or nut of the filbert is well known in many places and highly esteemed. The trees must be kept pruned at the bottom to a single stem, to be productive. Price 37 cts. each.

Red Kerneled.

Spanish.

English Cob.

Miscellaneous.

Orange Quince, 25 cts.
Hard-shelled Almond, 25 cts.
Large White Currant, 12 cts.
Black Walnut, 25 cts.
Pie Plant, 20 cts.
American Hedge plants, of the Buckthorn and Washington thorn, at $10 per 1000.

The supply of Pears having been nearly exhausted by former sales, very few, and only those of small size, can be furnished; several thousand are in a state of propagation, and will be for sale in a year or two, embracing chiefly the following varieties, well proved in Western New-York, and ripening in the order named:—Amire Joannot, Madeleine, Skinless, Dearborn’s Seedling, Bloodgood, Bartlett, Washington, Andrews, Rostiezer, Seckel, Urbaniste, Virgalieu, Beurre Diel, Winter Nelis.

The same general remark will apply, nearly, to Plums.
ORNAMENTAL TREES AND SHRUBS.

The letter l indicates trees or large shrubs; t somewhat tender, needing some protection in winter, if in low, warm, and frosty valleys. \[\] Price for all ornamental trees and shrubs 25 cts. except otherwise marked. (The Latin or Botanic name is followed by the common or English.)

Æsculus Hippocastanum, l. large white Horsechestnut.

----- pavia, l. scarlet or orange flowering do.

----- macrosachya, dwarf do. Beautiful.

Ailanthus glandulosa, l. Chinese Ailanthus.

Amorpha fruticosa, Indigo shrub.

Amygdalus nana, double-flowering Almond. Very fine.

Aralia spinosa, Hercules' club.

Berberis vulgaris, Barberry.

Calycanthus glaucus, Sweet-scented shrub. Very fragrant.

Colutea arborescens, Bladder-Senna.

Cornus Mascula, l. Cornelian Cherry.

Coronilla emerus, Scorpion-Senna.

Cydonia japonica, Japan Quince. Splendid. 50 cts.

Cytisus Laburnum, l. Laburnum or Golden-Chain. Fine.

Daphne mezereum, Pink Mezereon. Earliest flowering shrub.

Genista tinctoria, Dyer's Broom.

Hippophae rhamnoides, Sea Buckthorn.

Hydrangea quercifolia, Oak-leaved Hydrangea.

Hypericum Kalmianum, laurel-leaved Hypericum.
Hypericum hircinum, large-flowered Hypericum.
Jasminum humile, yellow Jasmine.
Koelreuteria paniculata, l. Chinese Koelreuteria.
Maclura aurantium, l. Osage Orange.
Philadelphus coronarius, fragrant Syringa.

grandiflorus?, large-flowered do. Very fine.

Populus alba, l. Silver Poplar or Abele.
Rhus cotinus, Purple Fringe-tree. Greatly admired. 37 cts.
Ribes aureum, Missouri Currant.

var. large-flowering do. do. 37 cts.
Rhus cotinus, Purple Fringe-tree. Greatly admired.

Salix babylonica, l. Weeping willow.
Shepherdia argentea, l. Buffalo berry.

Spiraea salicifolia, Willow-leaved Spiraea. Showy.
Spiraea salicifolia, Willow-leaved do.
Sorbus aucuparia, l. European Mountain Ash. 37 cts.

american, 1. American do.

Symphoria racemosa, Snowberry.

Tamarix gallica, t. French Tamarix.
Viburnum opulus, Snowball.

Xylostemon tartaricum, l. Tartarian Honeysuckle. Two distinct varieties—very beautiful both in flower and fruit.

EVERGREEN.

Cupressus thyoides, l. White Cedar of the South. 37 cts.
Juniperus Sabina, Savin.

Pirus balsamea, l. Balsam Fir. 25 to 50 cts.

alba, l. White Spruce. 37 to 50 cts.

Mespilus pyracantha, pyracantha thorn.

Buxus arborescens, Tree box, 50 cts.

TWINING AND CLIMBING SHRUBS.

Aristolochia tomentosa, Pipe wort or Dutchman's pipe, very curious.
Bignonia radicans, Trumpet flower, dark crimson.

grandiflora, t. large do. do. Splendid. 37 cts.

Clematis viticella, purple running Clematis.

flammula, sweet scented do.
Lonicera sempervirens, Scarlet Trumpet Honeysuckle. Very fine.
— *flexuosa*, Chinese Honeysuckle.
— *peryclymenum*, Woodbine. Fragrant.
Periploca græca, Periploca.

**HARDY ROSES.**

Price 25 cts. except otherwise marked. The higher prices are charged on account of newness or variety, fine qualities, or else difficulty of propagation or increase.

**Labrador,** semi-double red, tall growing and profuse flowering.
**Tall dbl. white,** delicate blush centre, 6 to 8 ft. high.
**Double Sweet-Briar,** fine rose-colored, marbled.
**Crimson velvet,** bright crimson, changing to dark purple.
**Burning Coal,** very double, bright crimson.
**Caroline,** delicate reddish pink, semi-double, cupped, fine.
**Violet,** dark violet, loose double, large, singular.
**Royal Provence,** very large, double red, splendid.
**La Tourterelle,** double, delicate soft pink lilac, very fine. 50 cts.
**Bonne Genevieve,** very double, beautiful purplish rose. 50 cts.
**Perpetual White Moss,** flowers rather irregular. 50 cts.
**Red Moss,** flowers large rose-colored and very fine. 50 cts.
**Black Rose,** dark rich velvet purple.
**Countess of Denmore,** (Scotch,) double delicate blush.
**Painted Lady,** (Scotch,) dbl pink, pencilled with red.
**Double Yellow or Harrison—**50 cts.
**Victor Tracy,** large purple crimson, rich and fine. 37 cts.
**Grand Purple,** large, loose, dark red and dark purple. 37 cts.
**Ornament de Parade,** large growing, rose colored.
**Volidatum,** fine double rose colored.
**Miralba,** dark or blackish purple, beautiful, 50 cts.
**Belle Aurora,** changeable light red, very double, pretty. 37 cts.
**George 4th,** large, rich, velvet purple. 50 cts.
**Reine Caroline,** large, light red. 37 cts.
**Light red double,** bright, compact, and very fine.

**HARDY CLIMBING ROSES.**

**Detroit or Michigan,** single, rapid grower, very showy.
**Queen of the Prairies,** or double Michigan, very splendid. 50 cts.
**Baltimore Belle,** delicate double blush. 50 cts.
**Pallida,** fine double blush. 50 cts.
**Pink Boursalt,** fine semi-dbl. 50 cts.
**Blush Boursalt,** large, profuse flowering. 50 cts.
**Crimson Boursalt or Maheka,** reddish purple, beautiful.
**New Crimson Boursalt,** light red, loose, delicate. 50 cts.
SELECT HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL PLANTS,
OR, BORDER FLOWERS.

A large portion of the following are of large size and suitable for door-yard scenery, and all of them are finely adapted to the ornament of gardens, not requiring yearly renewing as is the case with annual flowers, and also affording a display from early spring till autumnal frosts. All are hardy and endure winters without injury, except a few marked $t$, which need the cover of an inverted sod, or the protection of evergreen boughs. Those of larger size, taller growth, or of the most showy flowers, are marked $L$. Price 20 cts. except otherwise marked.

Achillea ptarmica, pl. Double white millfoil.
Aconitum ——, var. album, white Aconite.
——— uncinatum, American Aconite.
——— japonicum, Japan do.
Adonis verna, Early Yellow Adonis.
Baptisia caerulea, l. Blue Baptisia.
Campanula persicifolia, peach-leaved Campanula, blue:
——— albo, single and double white do.
——— grandiflora, large-flowered Campanula.
Centauria phrygia, Austrian Centaury.
Chelone barbata, l. Scarlet Chelone.
Clematis erecta, upright Clematis, white.
——— integrifolia, broad leaved Clematis, blue.
Coreopsis lanceolata, large-flowered Coreopsis.
Coronilla varia, Rose Coronilla.
Corydalis formosa, Red Corydalis.
——— nobilis, Yellow do.
Delphinium elatum, l. Siberian Bee Larkspur.
——— chinensis, l. Chinese Larkspur.
Dictamnus Fraxinella, Red Dictamnus, fine. 30 cts.
——— albus, White Dictamnus, fine. 30 cts.
Digitalis purpurea, Purple Foxglove.
——— albo, White do.
Dracocephalum virginianum, Virginian Dragon's Head.
Fritillaria imperialis, Crown Imperial.
Funkia lancifolia, Lance-leaved Day-lily. Blue.
Funkia carulea, Broad-leaved Day-lily. Blue.


Geranium sanguineum, Crimson Geranium.

---- striatum, Striped do.

---- lancastriense, Lancashire do.

Glaucium communis, Purple sword-lily.

Helianthus Multiflorus, pl. double sunflower.

Hemerocallis flava, 1. Yellow Day-lily.

---- distioha, 30 cts.

---- fulva, pl. 1. Double orange do.

---- gracilis, Slender do. 30 cts.

Hibiscus Carolinense, 1. Carolina Hibiscus, red, very showy.

----, white do. very fine.

Iris Germanica, 1. Common large blue and purple Iris.

---- var. pallida, l. Large pale blue Iris. Very fine.

---- lutescens? 1. Yellow German Iris.

---- Siberica, Siberian tall Iris.

---- pumila, Small early blue Iris.

---- xiphium, Spanish Iris.

---- xiphioides, Spanish do.

---- cristata, Small pale blue, do.

Lathyrus latifolius, Perennial rose pea.

Liatris spicata, l. Spiked Liatris, fine late purple flowers.

---- scariosa, l. Large-flowered Liatris. Late showy purple.

Lythrum Salicaria, Rose spiked Lythrum, handsome.

---- virgatum, delicate Lythrum, very pretty.

Papaver orientale, l. Oriental Poppy, bright orange, very showy.

---- bracteatum, l. Caucasian do., very large, deep crimson.

37 cts.

Pardanthus chinensis, l. Blackberry Lily.

Pentstemon digitalis, White Pentstemon.

---- ovatum, broad-leaved do.

---- argutum, Reddish do.

Peonia officinalis, l. common double crimson Peony, 25 cts.

---- var., Sabine's crimson Official, 37 cts.

---- var. rosea, l. Large dbl. rose Peony, 37 cts.

---- var. albicans, l. Pink-stripeddbl. do. 37 cts.

---- albiflora, var. candida, Single white do. 37 cts.

---- var. rubescens, l. single blush do. 37 cts.

---- var. Humei, l. Chinese dbl. crimson do. 50 cts.

---- var. Whiteii, Chinese dbl. white do. 50 cts.

---- var. fragrans, Chinese rose-scented do. 50 cts.

---- var. Pottsi, Potts' new dark crimson do. 75 cts.

---- var. Reevesii, Reeve's new do. 75 cts.

---- rosea, single rose do. 25 cts.

---- tenuifolia, fennel-leaved do. Very early. 25 cts.
Phlox paniculata, l. Red panicled Phlox.

--- subulata, common Moss Pink.

--- setacea, delicate, do. do.

--- var. nivalis, white do. do.

Saxifraga crassifolia, Thick leaved Saxifrage.

Silene regia, Splendid Silene, 30 cts.

Spiraea ulmaria, White Spiraea.

--- filipendula Drop-wort do.


Statice armeria, Thrift.

Stenactis speciosa, Showy Stenactis.

Tradescantia virginica, var. alba, White Spiderwort.

--- var. rubra, Red do.

Tulipa gesneriana, Tulip, many fine varieties.

Veronica gentianoides, Gentian-leaved Speedwell.

--- spicata, Spiked do.

--- australis, Southern do.

Viola odorata, Sweet violet.

Vinca minor, common Periwinkle.

--- major, large do.

Yucca flaccida, Profuse-flowering Yucca, 37 cts.

An additional collection of fine ornamental plants, is in a state of propagation, and will be for sale another year.