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BOOKS.—Prince's Treatise on Horticulture, 2d. edit. Treatise on the Vine, &c. Treatise on Fruits, or Pomological Manual, containing descriptions of 500 varieties of Fruits, &c. Prince's Manual of Roses, containing descriptions of 1000 varieties, 50 cents.
NEW CATALOGUES.—No. 1. Tree and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs and Plants. No. 2. Root, Tubers, Bulbous and Herbaceous Flowering Plants, &c. No. 3. Extra Large Fruit Trees, &c. No. 4. Fruit and Ornamental Trees and Shrubs. No. 5. Wholesale Catalogue for Nurserymen and other Vendors. No. 6. Catalogue of Garden, Agricultural, Flower, Tree and Ornamental Trees and Shrubs. No. 7. Descriptive Catalogue of Nurseries. No. 8. Catalogue of Rare American Trees and Plants suitable for sending to Europe. Orders sent on per mail are attended to by express. No. 9. Orders should be addressed to us at Flushing, and sent direct per mail. These Catalogues (14th edition), when applied for, are sent to purchasers of Tree grafts, and to others who require stamps.

PRINCE'S LINNEAN BOTANICAL GARDEN AND NURSERIES, Flushing, Long Island, near New York, U.S.

Wm. R. PRINCE & CO.

Hon^{ble} Wm Lucas

Wall Town

Jeff City Va

Aug 15/55

Dear Sir, I am enclosing herewith
Trees &c. I did a great & tedious labour
to take up & select a long list of
Single Specimen Trees &c. in the pressure
of business we could not find time
to do it—as we have such masses of
orders where from 5 to 20 of a kind
are wanted & where the labour
& time is so much less in proportion.
Nevertheless however attending to you
and all the Deciduous Trees & Fruit I should
be send you in March or by 10th April all
the Evergreens before the 1st May.
We have overlooked the Fruit Trees & small Fruits
& enclose you a Schedule of prices for them &
in point of fact many you have selected are so
rare that they are worth much more than the low
prices we have rated them at in our Catalogue—
The Fruit Trees at prices we have stated will
am^t to about \$162. exclusive of Raspberries, which
as they vary so much in value & as you did not say,

how many dozen you want - we leave to you to
say the number of kinds we shall send a dozen
each of - We could select a dozen varieties that
we think you ought to have in your Collection -
Strawberries, much to our astonishment you have
not named & yet your Collection of them is superior
to all you can possibly have seen any where -
D. A. M. Ornamental Trees & Shrubs

As to the Ornamental Trees & Shrubs we can only
refer you to the reduced prices of our last yrs Catalogue
(40th Edition) & in regard to Evergreens you must be aware
that a low price will buy but a petty plant - You had bet-
ter therefore not limit us to the lowest prices named for
them in the Catalogue as often such would not suit you at
all & in fact in many cases we could not send them at all -

do for you as we
say you propose remitting, you might
remitt \$150. on acct of the evergreens & all
other Ornamental Trees & Shrubs &c - & had
we will make out everything separately priced, we
can readily settle the balanced as it may be at the
conclusion - Yours very truly Wm. Prince & Co

how many dozen you want - we leave to you to
say the number of kinds we shall send a dozen
each of - We could select a dozen varieties that
we think you ought to have in your Collection -
Strawberries, much to our astonishment you have
not named & yet your Collection of them is superior
to all you can possibly have seen any where -

As to the Ornamental Trees & Shrubs
we can only say you will be reduced to
your list of 100 (1st Edition) & in regard
to evergreens you must be aware that almost
none will be sent by us - I think you had
better send for such and send us the lowest prices
names of the trees in the Catalogue as often
such would not suit you at all - In fact
in many cases we could not send them at
all - We mean such prices as 25^{cts} or 50^{cts} &
If you will give us some opinion on the
subject - the same as we are glad to do
when ordering such from Europe, we will
do for you as we would for ourselves -
If you propose remitting, you might
remitt \$150. on acct of the evergreens & all
other Ornamental Trees & Shrubs & so on & so
we will make out everything separately & you
can readily settle the balance as it may be at the
conclusion - Yours very truly Wm. Prince & Co

BOOKS.—Prince's Treatise on Horticulture, 37 cents; Treatise on the Vine, \$1; Treatise on Fruits, or Pomological Manual, containing descriptions of 800 varieties of Fruits, \$1.50; Prince's Manual of Roses, containing descriptions of 1000 varieties, 30 cents.
 NEW CATALOGUES.—No. 1. Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs and Plants. No. 2. Rose, Dahlia, Bulbous and Herbaceous Flowering Plants, &c. No. 3. Extra large Fruit Trees, &c. No. 4. Wholesale Catalogue for Nurseries and other Vendors. No. 5. Catalogue of Hard-wood, Agricultural, Flower, Fruit, and Ornamental Trees and Shrubs, &c. No. 6. Descriptive Catalogue of Foreign Trees. No. 7. Catalogue of Rare American Trees and Plants, suitable for sending to Europe. (Orders sent in per mail are executed and forwarded by very rapid despatch. No. 11.—Orders should be addressed to us at Flushing, and sent direct per mail. These catalogues (10th edition), when applied for, are sent to purchasers of trees gratis, and to others who enclose stamps.

PRINCE'S LINNEAN BOTANIC GARDEN AND NURSERIES, Flushing, Long Island, near New York.

WM. H. PRINCE & CO.

38 Apples of the largest size
 at 40 Cts

23 Pears either on Pear or Quince } or same
 of the dollar size for 75 Cts } ratio for larger
 sizes

7 Plums assorted 50 C

6 Cherries of 1st size for 75 C

All the Peaches we can spare at 25, 30 cys as
 priced in the catalogue but we cannot
 supply all the varieties this spring, would
 oblige you as far as possible —

Nectarines 37 1/2 to 50 C — They are scarce also
 but we can supply them —

Apricots — at Cat's prices — They are very scarce
 but we can supply the most of them —

Quinces, the 5 varieties for \$2.00 Cts
 Madeira Wines, ^{extra dry} Spanish & French ^{extra dry} Chestnuts,

Herbs & Medlars & Pomegranates

Figs precisely as priced in the Cat

Grapes, 21 Foreign Var at 50 Cts, some worth 75 & 80 Cts

— Do — 16 Native Do precisely as priced

Raspberries one dozen each, precisely as priced

Currants one dozen each at 20 pcts each
 from the retail Cat's prices —

Gooseberries as per Cat's prices exactly
 we have some most splendid 3 year old plants
 trained as trees that we sell at an extra price, but will put
 yours at only \$2.50 per dozen.

Hall Town Jefferson Co. Va
Jan'y 25th 1855

Myr: Mr R. Pennell Esq:

I have been absent
from home and just returned and
received your favor of the 15th Inst.,
stating the terms upon which you
will furnish me, the fruit trees &c.,
and the ornamental Evergreen trees
and shrubs and deciduous trees
shrubs &c., contained in the list
which I sent you a short time ago,
checking some of the peach trees
named which you have not at
present to share - My object in
ordering but one of each variety, was
to be able to find places in my garden
or courtyard, for as many ^{varieties} as possible
my space being already pretty well occupied with various
of each variety. - It did not occur to
me that it would occasion much
additional trouble to you. Moreover
I have already nearly every one of
the kinds named, but I have been
deceived by nurserymen in some instances
^{and fear I have been in others}

that knew from your high personal
Character and ~~reputation~~ ^{and long standing of your celebrated nursery}
your ~~business~~ ^{that I should be} ~~Bogus~~ ^{Genuine} and all true to name -
^{now} Sure to get ~~what you recommended~~
the genuine. I have between twelve
and fifteen acres of land enclosed
by a paling fence seven feet high
within my yard, which secures me
from the depredations of man & stock
and I shall hardly find place for
all I have ~~planted~~ without crowding
too much, and you know in the
country it is useful to plant without
having such a guard of protection -
Beside the ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~road~~ ^{road} ~~center~~ ^{center} and
Harper Ferry R Road runs about
a mile and three fourths through
my farm which leave me the
more exposed. In consequence
of the annual drought here in
June I would prefer sowing
the fruit and ~~deciding~~ ^{deciding} ^{by shrubs}
by the 1st of April at furthest, and
the Evergreen^s by the 10th of April.
From experience I have found trees
succeed best when thus early planted
as this land this summer brought better.

I accede to your suggestion
in reference to the ^{size of the} evergreens
and will ^{therefore} ~~therefore~~ ^{about} ~~this~~ and the 25th
of March send you my check
for three hundred and twelve
dollars. The 162-th for the fruit trees
set, and the 150-th for the evergreens
which ^{you state} will pay for all ^{around my trees}
I shall ~~therefore~~ rely ^{on your} ^{aid of put}
your judgment in ^{the} selection ^{of}
"Size? evergreens" ^{as you recommend} from experience
I know small plants will not
live after I have bought & paid
for them - Please answer this
letter, and inform me if you will
send the trees &c. so as to arrive
at the time above mentioned
1250th of ^{copy of} ^{the check} ^{is sent} ^{to you}
about 15th of March.

Wm. Lucas

Wm. P. B. B. B. B.

BOOKS.—Prince's Treatise on Horticulture, \$4 cents; Treatise on the Vine, \$1; Treatise on Fruits, or Pomological Manual, containing descriptions of 800 varieties of Fruits, \$1.50; Prince's Manual of Trees, comprising descriptions of 1000 varieties, \$5 cents.
NEW CATALOGUES.—No. 1, Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs and Plants. No. 2, Roses, Dahlias, Bellmans and Herbaceous Flowering Plants, &c. No. 3, Extra large Fruit Trees, Evergreens, and other Ornamental Trees and Shrubs. No. 4, Wholesale Catalogue for Nurseries and other Vendors. No. 5, Catalogue of Garden, Agricultural, Flower, Fruit, and Ornamental Trees and shrubs. No. 6, Descriptive Catalogue of Strawberries. No. 7, Catalogue of Rare American Trees and Plants suitable for planting in Europe. Orders sent us per mail, are expedited and forwarded by any route designated. N. B.—Orders should be addressed to us at Flushing, and sent direct per mail. These Catalogues (both editions), when applied for, are sent to purchasers of trees gratis, and to others who enclose stamps.

PRINCE'S LINNEAN BOTANIC GARDEN AND NURSERIES, Flushing, Long Island, near New York.

Hon^{ble} Wm Lucas

WM. R. PRINCE & CO.

Wall Town Laffayette
Dist Virginia

May 1/55

Answer to you on the 15th inst
which we have thought you may
have misconstrued our remarks
about your submitting in advance

We have not asked if of you, &
should not do so, but you made a
proposal to that effect & stated you
"would send your check with the order
on the Valley Bank in Charlestown."
We make this explanation as due to you
in courtesy. We have made no enquiries
as you urged us, as we can generally tell
an honorable man by his correspondence.

In regard to this matter you will please
permit such amt as you think proper with the
order & the balance can be paid afterwards.
We will allow 5 pcts on the amt prepaid.
Your order is so special an one & comprises

so many new species & varieties that it
will require our personal attention through-
out in the careful execution, & we
will endeavour to give you satisfaction
in every respect - the cost & time part
of the articles the single end of
the present month is desirable.

Yours truly
W. W. Hunt & Co

BOOKS.—Prince's Treatise on Horticulture, 51 pages; Treatise on the Vine, 41; Treatise on Fruits, or Pomological Manual, containing descriptions of 500 varieties of Fruits, 41 pp.; Prince's Manual of Roses, comprising descriptions of 1000 varieties, 50 cents. No. 2, Roses, Dahlias, Balsams and Herbaceous Flowering Plants, 4s. No. 3, Extra large Plant Trees, Evergreens, and other Ornamental Trees and Shrubs. No. 4, Wholesale Catalogue for Nurseries and other Venders. No. 5, Catalogue of Fishes, Agricultural Plants, Fruit, and Ornamental Tree and Shrub Seeds. No. 6, Descriptive Catalogue of Strawberries. No. 7, Catalogue of Rare American Trees and Plants suitable for sending to Europe. Orders sent to per mail, are executed and forwarded by any route designated. N. B.—Orders should be addressed to Wm. E. Prince, and sent direct per mail. These Catalogues (20th edition), when applied for, are sent to purchasers of trees gratis, and to others who enclose stamps.

PRINCE'S LINNEAN BOTANICAL GARDEN AND NURSERIES, Flushing, Long Island, near New York.

WM. E. PRINCE & CO.

Wm. E. Prince

Stall Town Jeffersburg Va May 1855
 Yours of 25th ult. recd. in reference to ours
 of the 15th & you propose remitting as there
 suggested \$162 for Frank Trees & \$150 on account
 of evergreens about the 1st of Oct. We
 will pack & forward you the respective
 Clashes of Trees to arrive at the period
 you name as nearly as we can calculate
 say the 1st & 10th of April. Will you be kind
 enough to state by what route you
 wish them sent & how many days they
 will probably be on the route. We have
 sent Fresh Charlottown in your City some
 years since, but forget now whether
 they were sent via Baltimore or some
 other town. The Raspberries were not
 included in the Calculation of Struts you
 will please to say how many dozen we
 shall send. All will be priced specially in
 detail, so you will have at plain & explicit

Yours very truly
 Wm. E. Prince & Co.

BOOKS.—Prince's Treatise on Horticulture, 64 cents; Treatise on the Vine, \$1; Treatise on Fruits, or Pomological Manual, containing descriptions of 100 varieties of
 Apples, \$1.50; Prince's Manual of Trees, comprising descriptions of 1000 varieties, 50 cents.
 NEW CATALOGUES.—No. 1, Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs and Vines. No. 2, Roses, Dahlias, Bellmans and Herbaceous Flowering Plants, &c. No. 3, Extra
 large Fruit Trees, Deciduous and other Ornamental Trees and Shrubs. No. 4, Wholesale Catalogue for Nurseries and other Venders. No. 5, Catalogue of Garden, Agricultural,
 Forest, Fruit and Ornamental Trees and Strain Seeds. No. 6, Descriptive Catalogue of 2000 varieties. No. 7, Catalogue of Rare American Trees and Plants suitable for sending
 to Europe. Orders sent us per mail are executed and forwarded by any route designated. N. B.—Orders should be addressed to us at Flushing, and sent direct per mail. These
 Catalogues (4th edition), when applied for, are sent to purchasers of Tree grafts and to others who enclose stamps.

PRINCE'S LINNEAN BOTANIC GARDEN AND NURSERY, Flushing, Long Island, near New York.

WM. R. PRINCE & CO.

Dear Mr. Lucas

Call Town

July 12/55

Sir

Jeff City Va

We wrote you 3 or 4 days since in
 reply to your last—Since then we have
 thought that from your devotion to Pomology
 you would be the most proper person for
 us to communicate with on a matter we
 have thought much—I (W. R. P.) am
 so occupied with my 2 sons with being engaged in
 other pursuits—My grounds are all eligible
 for planting lots—I am closing up my
 business gradually—There are in our
 Collection a very considerable number
 of very estimable & peculiar varieties
 of Fruits that neither Nursery has
 which they don't seem even to be aware of
 & I have felt assured in my mind that
 they would be lost to the world if I don't
 mention some persons who had lovely
 taste for Pomology enough to perpetuate
 them by their names in his grounds—There
 are some Peaches of most astonishing
 character—Christy's large Nursery that

Can be obtained elsewhere in the Union -
The Red Hood for one the largest in the
World - Some extraordinary Pears &
Apples - The Lafayette Apricot - twice
the size of any other & as large as a good
sized Peach - This a seedling that grew
in a new york yard & I named it - So I
could go on & recount these to you, but
I have not time at present - Some
I have dwindled down to a single tree &
I must have it budded from - In the
summer I would perfect the list - *Chinai*
Excelsior, *Marie de Pomponne*, *Cottier*,
Scarlet or *Marie tartier* - *Leeks Maximian*
& *Nectar* *Harripe* Peaches are some of them.
Of some we can spare a tree now - of
others not till budded from as the Ball
Road cut up the square they were contained
in - I now can only call your attention
to the subject - Yours in haste

Wm. H. H. H.

I have a peculiar feeling that the fruits
that my father hunted up throughout all
creation & that I have also hunted up
should not be lost & unknown to the
world as they are gone -