

Great Central Fair

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THE UNITED STATES SANITARY COMMISSION,

FOR THE RELIEF OF SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS,

To be held in Philadelphia in June next.

FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT, PHILADELPHIA, March 29, 1864.

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DEAR SIR:

We write to ask of you a donation of Nursery Stock, such as Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Plants, Grape Vines, &c., to be sold at the Great Central Fair in this city; and as it is highly desirable in a movement of this kind to have the co-operation of every calling and class, in the way that they may deem most convenient and least onerous, we suggest for your consideration the following mode of contributing to this highly laudable undertaking, which (as the planting season will have passed at the time of holding the Fair) will, it appears to us, be the ONLY one by which contributions can be made by Nurserymen, except in money, which may not always be convenient.

You will find enclosed four blanks or certificates, one or all of which may be filled up by you with the quantity, description, price, and value of any nursery stock you may be willing to give to the Fair. The object in enclosing four of these blanks is, in cases where a number of trees and plants are given, to divide them into small lots, so that each certificate may be more easily disposed of. In this way a number of persons may make your acquaintance, and perhaps prove regular customers for the future. In the description of the trees and plants, the average size and age should be given. The purchaser of these certificates to specify when the trees, &c., are to be delivered, provided that he calls for them during the succeeding twelve months. It will not be necessary to fill up these blanks, unless you prefer to do so, until your spring sales are over. So that they reach us by the first of June it will answer. Contributions of growing plants, grape vines, &c., in pots or tubs, farm produce, fruit, vegetables, or articles of any kind, for sale at the Fair, or donations of money, will also be thankfully received, and may be addressed to the Chairman of this Committee.

On behalf of the Committee on Florists and Horticulture.

D. RODNEY KING, CHAIRMAN,

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