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The American Exotic Nurseries,
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100,000 New Crop Suckers
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OR SOME years past parties in California have been making a series of experiments which have fully demonstrated that in the near future the culture of the Pineapple is destined to be a most valuable addition to the resources of California fruit growers.

At the present time the great markets of the Pacific coast receive nearly their entire supply of fruit from the Hawaiian Islands, and a glance at the market reports showing the figure at which this fruit is sold will give some idea of the profits which may be derived from its extensive cultivation.

The Pineapple thrives best in a sandy, well drained loam, although it is not particular as to location or soil, provided it receives good cultivation, and a moderate supply of ammoniated manure. Closely allied to the Agaves, they require but little water, and will flourish for months without a drop of moisture after they are once established.

Plants should be set 2x3 feet (7,260 per acre); we prefer this distance, as if given more room the leaves spread too much and do not afford the necessary support to the fruit stem. They should be planted where they are to remain, as transplanting from nursery after roots have been formed is detrimental.

The Pineapple fruits in from eighteen months to two years from planting, and the suckers which spring from the roots succeed the old plant each year, requiring but twelve months to grow and perfect fruit. The plantation will not need renewing oftener than once in eight to ten years, while the sale of surplus slips and suckers, for which there is always a ready demand, will add materially to the income.

We know of no plant that will yield such large returns in so short a time, and at such small outlay as represented by first cost. Concerning varieties, our experience leads us to believe that the Red Spanish is the best all-around pine for commercial purposes, the plants being hardier, and the keeping qualities of the fruit unsurpassed. The Sugar Loaf and Porto Rico are unexcelled in flavor, and while somewhat tender, they are undoubtedly among the best for home consumption.

We have for a number of years given the subject of Pineapple culture in this state special attention, and can assert with confidence that our stock is the largest and finest in the country, being grown under our special supervision in the most favorable locality for their full development, and with a view to producing strong and vigorous plants.

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Select Pineapple Suckers and Slips.

Varieties and Prices.

**RED SPANISH.** Plant medium size; very strong upright growth; leaves dark green, turning to blackish red toward the center of plant. Fruit medium size, nearly round; pips large, with but slight protuberance; clear bright yellow when fully ripe; while very solid and a good keeper, it is juicy and very aromatic. Very strong suckers, 12 to 16 inches, $5 per 100, $45 per 1,000; strong slips, 8 to 10 inches, $3 per 100, $25 per 1,000.

**SUGAR LOAF.** Leaves very long, of clear light green, shading to yellow toward the center; fruit pyramidal in shape; pips small, conical and prominent, light green, changing to rich dark yellow when fully ripe. This variety brings the highest price in the eastern markets. Very strong suckers, 12 to 16 inches, $20 per 100, $185 per 1,000; strong slips, 8 to 10 inches, $11.50 per 100, $100 per 1,000.

**PORTO RICO.** One of the largest growing pines, full plants attaining a height of four to five feet, and consequently requiring more space than others. Leaves very broad, bluish green, mealy on under surface; fruit very large, often weighing ten or twelve pounds; pips broad and flat. When fully ripe the fruit is very aromatic and juicy, and the flavor considered by many superior to all others. Supply limited. Very strong suckers, 20 to 24 inches, $12 per dozen, $95 per 100; strong slips, 12 to 14 inches, $5.40 per dozen, $42 per 100.

A limited quantity of the following choice varieties will be supplied at the following prices, as long as the stock lasts:

- Abakchi, Black Jamaica, Smooth Cayenne, Trinidad. 80 cents each, $9 per dozen.
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