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July 31, 1915.

George E. Fatters,  
Fair Oaks, California.

My Dear Fatters:

I have received from the Water Company a statement that it will furnish water to customers in rotation. I have not the document with me now, but I presume you have one and you will notice when I can have water. It is early in August, and then again not until very late in August.

When the days for irrigation at my place come, the probability is that the water will be very slack, indeed, and it may take three, or four, or five days to irrigate my land and the few acres of Mr. Saffholm's adjoining.

Why could not my man, Mr. Milner, do this irrigating? You could tell him what you wanted irrigated and how much to irrigate. It was different, of course, when I had no man out there; but, now that I have, I do not see the necessity of paying the services of another man sent out there to do the thing that anybody could do -- namely, to turn on the water and to see that it goes in the proper places, as suggested by you.

Besides that, my experience has been lately that the water is often off again and on again like the renowned Finnegan; and that the most of it is there in the very early morning and in the early evening after 6 o'clock or so. Now, my man could attend to that water without any trouble, and with much more convenience.

I notice also that in cultivating the ground the last few days the weeds were not cut at all -- not one-sixth of them probably. And, after all the cultivation, the tract does not look in good condition. Why not have a weed cutter go over this place? It is done in other places, which look very superior to mine; and, as I understand it, the weed cutter is a cultivator also.

I gathered somehow that no care was to be taken of those walnut trees which had not sprouted up above the bud -- that is to say those that only give signs of being California walnuts. Now, while I want those California walnuts taken out of the Franquette Tract, I want as much attention paid to them as to the other walnuts. For I propose to save every one of those California walnuts and have them transferred. I do not want to lose one single one of them if I can help it.

Quite a number of walnut trees are dead a considerable way down from the top -- some of them, the California walnuts which have not sprouted above the buddings. I spoke to one of your men the other day, but he did not have time to attend to it. Why could not Mr. Milner do that as well as any body else?

Kindly let me know about these things.

Yours very sincerely,

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Chas. M. Clatchy



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September 6, 1915.

Fancher Creek Nurseries,  
Fresno, California.

Gentlemen:

I notice in your illustrated price catalog for 1913-1914 on Page 13, under the head of "Walnut Trees For Timber", a description of two varieties, namely: The Paradox and the Royal.

Each of these is grafted on California Black. Concerning the Paradox, it is stated that it grows fully a third faster than the California Black. It is very hardy and free from pests. Of the Royal it is stated that it is a stately, symmetrical tree with all the good qualities of the California Black, exceeding it by far in the rapidity of its growth.

What I would like to know is this: Which is the more rapid growing tree? Which is the better and better looking shade tree? Do both of these trees grow what we know as California walnuts? Can these trees be set out now, or after the first rains, if they are well boxed?

An early answer will oblige

Yours very sincerely,

Chas. K. McCarty

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September 6, 1915.

William Vortriede,  
Head Gardener,  
State Capitol,  
Sacramento, California.

My Dear Mr. Vortriede:

I have a couple of banana trees at my little ranch up on one of the Carmichael Colonies, and am preparing to have <sup>them</sup> cared for during the coming fall and winter. They are growing remarkably well, being surrounded with burlap attached to tall posts. I understand, however, that that will not be sufficient; that much more protection will be necessary when the winds and possible frosts come.

Will you let me know what is the best way to treat them?

Yours very sincerely,

Chas. A. M. Cady

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Sept. 10, 1915.

Mr. A. B. Humphreys,  
Mayhew Station,  
Sacramento County, Cal.

My dear Mr. Humphreys:

Pardon me for imposing upon you, but I know that you know as much about grapes as any man in the country and I want you to do me a favor.

I enclose you certain pages from a nursery circular concerning grapes. I should judge from looking over this that by careful selection a man could have grapes ripening for at least four months in the year. Would you kindly suggest to me the names of about a dozen varieties that you could recommend from the enclosed list.

You might also have the names of others that are not in this list that you could recommend. What I would like would be a selection which would give me grapes out on my little ranch for home purposes for at least four months in the year.

Will you kindly return the enclosed when you have finished.

Yours very truly,

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Chas. H. M. Bachy



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September 13, 1915.

Fancher Creek Nurseries,  
Fresno, California.

Gentlemen:

In reference to your Paradox and Royal Walnuts, grafted  
on California Black:

Does the Royal produce any nuts at all? You say of the  
Paradox that it very rarely produces any quantity of nuts. I  
would not care very much to have either of these trees unless they  
produce some nuts.

Yours very truly,

Chas K. McClatchy

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September 15, 1915.

George Milner,  
c/o Charles K. McClatchy,  
Sacramento, California.  
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My Dear George:

I wish you would take a trip around the walnut trees, both on my  
place and that adjoining belonging to Mr. Safholm, and take what few cater-  
pillar worms there are on the leaves and kill them. You probably won't  
find more than three or four dozen all together. I intended to tell you  
about it today.

I fear I will not be able to see you now for two or three days,  
as Mrs. McClatchy and Eleanor will be using the automobile all the time  
prior to going east on Saturday.

Yours very sincerely,

Chas. K. McClatchy

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Oct. 8, 1915.

Mr. John J. Avis,  
President California Ripe Olive Association,  
Sheldon Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

You will pardon me for not answering before your letter of the 28th of September, but I was in San Francisco visiting my mother, who has been quite ill.

It is true that I was very much taken by what Mr. Underhill had told me concerning your Association and that I told him I thought I would join it; but I told him also that I intended to look into the matter a little.

I understand now that some of the statements made by your Association are not true; or rather, to put it more correctly, misleading. I have not your printed matter before me, nor the notes left by your Mr. Underhill. They are at home in my desk, so I am dictating from memory.

If my memory serves me right, your Association states that a very large percentage of last year's olive crop remains unsold--I think it said practically one-half. And your Association argues from this that the olive growers must get together in order to protect themselves and advance their interests, or they will practically go to smash.

Now my understanding is that it is not true that any such percentage of the olive crop of last year remains unsold.

Whatever percentage does remain unsold is of a character that never should be sold; that it was picked unripe in order to meet contracts which expired at a certain date and was doctored--in fact, you might say practically painted--in order to deceive the buyer. This, as I understand it, was also done the year before last.

These are the kind of olives that remain unsold and which ought to be unsold--for it is a shame to California that they were ever tried to be palmed off on the public.

That, as I gather, is one reason why the olive market is in such a bad state today. Those who have been the buyers of California olives are wary; and if they buy them they intend to buy them at reduced figures as practically they have the growers at their mercy because of these bad and decidedly unwise tactics.

I am told that all the olives of last year's crop that were fit to sell have been sold and that those growers who are known to have played fair have the coming crop purchased already.

I am told also that notwithstanding probably the majority of the growers in and about Groville and vicinity joined your Association, many of them are not going to take any further part therein and have become convinced they made a mistake.

Other things have come to my attention which impelled me to write



the letter in which I stated that I did not think I would  
of your Association.

One of them is that I cannot see the reason why I should pay \$15 now--  
the same that is demanded from the man already producing olives for the  
market--when my crop will not be ready for some four years to come.

My idea upon this olive proposition is that the way to advance the  
ripe olive industry of California is to advertise in the East; to make  
it known that ripe olives are about as fine and palatable and nourishing  
a food as can be produced. I understand from one of your publications  
that <sup>only</sup> a very small part of the population of the East--as I wrote in  
putting it down as one-half of one percent!--knew anything at all about  
the excellence of the ripe olive. I have been told also that the market  
for the ripe olive is no greater than it was five years ago. Therefore  
the thing to be done--when Californians are augmenting the supply--is to  
do something to increase the demand.

I am willing to be taxed upon my acreage for this purpose--to be  
taxed afterwards at so much per acre when the olive trees are bearing, or  
so much per ton of fruit produced--none of said fund to be expended on  
the Pacific Coast but only in the great centers.

You asked me a plain question and you are entitled to a plain  
answer.

Yours very sincerely,

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