

[Letter from Lucy Rhodes to Arno Knight and family thanking them for sending the Delicious apple grafts she requested; she is possibly a cousin to Arne Knight]

101 N. Main St.
Rockland, Maine
April 29, 1923

Dear Friends, -

The box of nice grafts which you so kindly sent in response to my request, arrived safely and now two of my trees look like a porcupine, in places.

I had the man who did the grafting for me put several into each tree, so if some did not take, others might. You know that little jingle about planting corn, "Two for the cut-worm, two for the crow; Two for the chipmunk and two to grow", led me to think it was a good theory to apply to grafting a tree.

The trees are healthy and so were the grafts, so I can see no reason why I shouldn't get some Delicious apples in time.

I am trying now to get some one to spray the orchard for me, but no one does it professionally and very few do it at all. In these days of bugs & worms it is of no use whatever for one to expect to raise perfect fruit unless he sprays his trees.

You may be interested to know that I am having the house arranged for two families and intend myself to live up stairs. I hope to be able to get in by the middle of May at the latest, but the plumbers are not in high gear all the time I find.

While the weather is so cold however, I don't mind quite so much because it is not suitable to put bedding out of doors or to be very far away from a fire.

I am enclosing some stamps to reimburse you for the postage on the box and will gladly pay for the grafts if you will say how much they are.

I thank you very much anyway for your kindness in sending them.

Uncle Ed was having a cold the last time I heard from him but I hope it has left him by this time.

Nearly everybody I know here in R- either have had, or are having heavy colds and no wonder when we were really buried in snow for so many weeks.

With best regards to you all

I am,

Sincerely

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