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THE "LOUDON"
RASPBERRY.

C. E. Whitten's
NURSERY,
Bridgman, - - Michigan



TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS

I TAKE PLEASURE in again handing you my Annual Catalogue of Fruit Plants.

My trade increased so much last year (more than double) that I have been obliged to increase my packing facilities. I have just finished building a plant cellar 16x24 feet, with packing room above which gives me very convenient service.

The past season has been *extremely dry* consequently very unfavorable to the best growth of fruit plants and especially trying to Strawberries.

But with an increased acreage and by giving *extra* cultivation I have succeeded in growing a *large* stock of *very fine* plants.

On account of the scarcity of some kinds I have been obliged to raise the price of these somewhat from last season's list while others which have become more common are lower. I have tried to give a *truthful* description of each variety listed and will not knowingly recommend a *worthless* sort.

One more word as to *quality* of my stock and then I will have done "tooting my own horn." My strawberry plants are all dug from beds set last season expressly for plants and are *large, well rooted and thrifty*. Not at all like those grown on Jersey sand.

MY PRICES Are as a general thing very low, but on large lists we are sometimes able to give better rates, and invite all wanting large lots to write for estimate.

I can sell as cheaply as any one can sell stock of equal merit and will not be undersold by any *responsible nurseryman*. By this I do not mean to compete with *southern* stock which is offered as low as one dollar per thousand. This class of *stuff* should never come into competition with Michigan grown plants; as at our season for transplanting, strawberries in the South are generally ripening their fruit and are in no condition to transplant, unless they may have been held in cellar several weeks which will not improve their chances of growth to say the least.

WHEN TO ORDER. Early by all means. The rule generally is "First come, first served;" also the early orders find full stock while later some varieties are liable to be exhausted. On all orders received during the month of January and February with cash in full I will make a discount of 5 per cent., or for every dollar sent during these months, you may order stock to the amount of one dollar and ten cents.

TERMS. One-half cash with order, balance before stock is shipped. Or I will ship C. O. D. if one-half the amount accompanies the order and purchaser will agree to pay return charges on the money.

REMITTANCES. May be made either by New York or Chicago Draft, Postoffice or Express Order, or where none of these can be had, by Registered Letter.

RATES. One-half dozen, fifty, and five hundred, at dozen, hundred, and thousand rates. Where an order amounts to ten dollars it may be counted at lowest rates given regardless of quantity taken.

MY SHIPPING FACILITIES Are good, being located on Chicago & West Michigan Railway, but few hours ride from Chicago. While I can send plants by Mail when desired, I always advise shipping by Express, as larger and finer plants can be sent in this way. Stock delivered free to forwarders here, after which my responsibility ceases. If there should be any delay I will do my best to hasten delivery.

Shipping season begins about April 1st or possibly last week in March and continues until 1st to 10th of May.

MY PACKING is done in *best possible* manner (see testimonials) and under my personal care. I use light crates or baskets, with plenty of moss, for which I make no charge, and can ship safely by Express to the Atlantic or Pacific seaboard. *Early* in the season before *new growth* starts, I can ship by *Fast Freight* with *perfect safety* and this is a great saving in transportation charges especially on large orders. Later in the season there is too much danger from heating to risk long distances by Freight. If stock should be frozen when received bury the package unopened in well drained ground or place in a cool cellar so that it will thaw out gradually without being exposed to the air. If not ready to set strawberries on arrival *do not pour water on them* in the package or in the bunches as they will surely heat and spoil. They may be spread out thinly in shallow trenches with their crowns even with the surface and their roots covered firmly with soil. If ground is dry they may be watered and shaded for a few days.

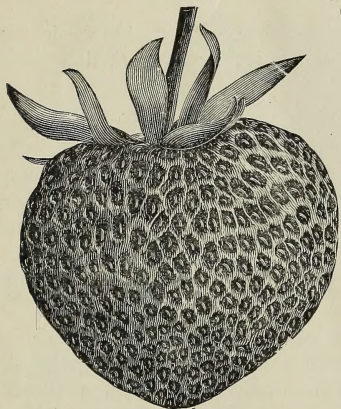
GUARANTEE. While I take great pains to have stock true to name, and hold myself ready upon proper proof to refund the money or replace any that may prove untrue, it is mutually agreed that I shall not be liable in greater sum than the amount paid for such stock.

REFERENCES. I refer to the American Express Agent or Postmaster at Bridgman, R. G. Dunn Commercial Agency, Detroit, or Union Banking Company, St. Joseph, Mich., as to my standing and reliability. Parties writing either of the above please enclose stamps for reply.

STRAWBERRIES

Culture. The blossoms of all varieties are bi-sexual or perfect, except those marked with the letter P, which are destitute of stamens are termed pistilate or imperfect. Pistilate varieties must have perfect-flowered sorts planted near them to pollenize their blossoms. It is best to have every third row planted with some perfect flowering sort that will bloom at the same time. When properly fertilized the pistilate varieties are the most prolific.

If by mail add 25 cents per one hundred for postage. At dozen rates post free. At thousand rates by express or freight.



Price, Dozen \$1.00; Hundred, \$5.00.

Dayton. This is a far more valuable variety than many suppose and its great merit seems to have been singularly overlooked, for too little has been said about it. Last year, in a season of the severest drought, it produced a fine crop of large berries, and the plants remained as vigorous and green as a field of clover. This season it was equally satisfactory and the yield immense. The plant is a robust, compact grower with bright clean foliage, and excessively productive. The berries are large, oblong-conic with blunt apex, regular in size and shape, of a bright, attractive crimson color, excellent quality, firm and solid. Season early. We can confidently recommend it and feel sure that it will give entire satisfaction. It is one of the few varieties that has fully borne out the claims and predictions of its disseminators and its great productiveness renders it most profitable and desirable. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 60 cts; thousand \$3.50.

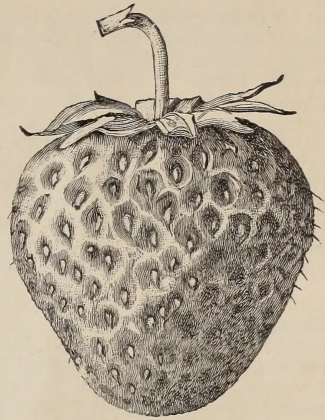
Bisel. P. The Bisel is a seedling of the Wilson propagated in 1887. Blossoms are pistilate. Plant healthy, vigorous growers and abundant plant makers. They have long, fine matted roots which enable them to stand severe drouths. The fruit is very large, luscious and firm. Color, a deep glossy red with a double calyx. Very productive. Season same as the Crescent but continues to fruit later and very uniform in shape and size. The fruit is held from the ground by large fruit trusses but is protected from frosts by its large foliage. One of the best plant makers. Runners large and long and sets its plants wide apart. Can be set $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet in the row and make a solid row sufficient to produce a full crop. Dozen 35 cents; hundred \$1.00; thousand \$9.00.

Leader. From Reading, Mass. This will be a favorite with those who want to raise fine berries either for home use or market. It has made a good record as far as I have heard, is a strong healthy plant and abundantly productive. The fruit is very fine, dark glossy red, of good form, excellent quality and quite firm. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 60 cents; thousand \$3.50.

Belle. One of Thompson's seedlings, first introduced as No. 51. Plant a thrifty grower, berries of peculiar shape, long and very slender, season late. Dozen 35 cents. Hundred \$1.00.

Brandywine. This new variety is first offered for sale this season and the stock is controlled by M. Crawford, of Ohio. The Rural New Yorker gives following description: "Of immense size and fine quality, quite firm and shapely for so large a berry. Foliage of the largest and thriftiest, entirely free of scald or blemish. The average size is as large as any ever raised and the shape is more uniformly good than that of any other of the largest varieties. In general it is heart shape, often broadly so, without neck. Its most pronounced irregularity inclines toward a Sharpless shape, occasionally as of two berries joined together. Medium red, flesh red, firm and solid for so large a berry—none more so. Quality not the best but fully as good as Sharpless and better than Bubach. Vines exceedingly prolific. Brandywine continues a long time in fruit and is of superior shape, quality and size. Foliage perfect."

Eleanor. The earliest large strawberry yet produced. There is nothing earlier, and nothing so early except Crystal City, which is so very small as to render it of little value. In size it ranks with Sharpless, Gandy and other large varieties, and retains its size well to the last picking. In color, form and firmness it resembles the Wilson, coloring evenly all over, with no white tips, but is of excellent quality. The plant does one good to look at, being large and of vigorous growth, with abundant foliage and not a sign of rust or other disease about it. It is exceeding productive and the past season bore a very profitable crop of fruit under the most unfavorable conditions, viz: extremely dry weather while the fruit was forming, followed by an excessive rain fall during the first ten days of ripening. Its blossoms are perfect. The signal merits of the Eleanor are earliness, productiveness and large size. It is offered this year for the first and is a good thing. Dozen \$2.00; hundred \$10.00



Greenville. P. A large, showy berry that will certainly bring rich returns to those who will give it the treatment it merits. It somewhat resembles Bubach, being of vigorous plant and bearing a large berry none too firm for shipment, but it is a profitable berry to grow for a near market and will give good returns under liberal treatment. The berries are large and fine, bright crimson in color, and of excellent quality. It is only moderately firm but of fine appearance and sells readily at sight. The plant is large, robust and productive, with healthy clean foliage. It is much better than Bubach in quality and rather firmer in flesh; a decided improvement. Mid-season. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 60 cents; thousand \$7.75.

Iowa Beauty, or Childs'. This I have not as yet fruited on my grounds. The introducer says: "This has been well named, for beautiful it is in form and color. Beauty, however, is not its only merit, for it is of large size, exceeding firm and of the highest quality. The berries are regular in form, of conical shape, and exceptionally uniform in size. Color, brilliant crimson and so glossy as to have the appearance of having been varnished, with golden seeds laid upon the surface. Plant of very vigorous though not rampant growth, with perfect blossoms and yielding abundantly. Ripens in midseason." Dozen 25 cents; hundred 60 cents; thousand \$3.50.

Timbrell. P. The plant resembles that of the Bubach, but is a more luxuriant grower and a better bearer. The fruit is very large, nearly always of regular conical form, reasonably firm, and of very superior flavor. The color is crimson to the center. Those who have the best means of knowing say that it will endure more wet weather without injury and will keep longer before or after picking than most varieties. It is very late—the best late variety. Dozen 50 cents; hundred \$2.00; thousand \$15.00.

Enhance. Where it succeeds, this will prove a profitable market berry for shipment. Plant is vigorous, a good grower and productive. Fruit large, rather irregular, dark crimson color, firm; quality good, slightly acid. It is said to be a cross between Sharpless and Windsor Chief but resembles neither of them. It possesses the necessary qualifications for a profitable market berry. Midseason to late. Dozen, 25 cents; hundred 60 cents; thousand \$3.00.

Barton's Eclipse. P. A variety from Kentucky; has done remarkably well with us; one of the finest kinds we have; luxuriant grower, with dark green, perfectly healthy foliage; strong roots, standing extreme drought or wet; one of the most productive; berries very large, bright scarlet, uniform size, excellent quality, firm, carries to market well and brings the highest market rates; well worthy trial everywhere, for either home use or market. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 60 cents; thousand \$3.25.

Wilson. The popular old market sort. Still retained for its many good qualities. To obtain best results it should be grown upon rich, heavy soil, and the beds renewed often, when it is large and productive. Dozen 25c.; hundred 50c.; thousand \$2.75.

Muskingum. Fruit is large, obtusely conical in form, nearly round toward the end of the season, regular in outline, and fine looking. Its color is dark, glossy red, with red flesh, and firm enough to carry well to a distant market. Quality good for a market berry. A strong grower; continues green and luxuriant through the season. Claimed to be more prolific and profitable than the Crescent. Doz. 30c.; hundred 75c.

Princess. P. Plants are hardy, vigorous and enormously productive. Its roots deep and stands drouth well. The fruit is very large, uniformly perfect in form, ripens all over at once, and holds up its size well to the end of the season. Whenever it has been exhibited in competition it has been awarded a first premium over all others. The yield of fruit in 1888, upon two square rods of ground, was at the rate of 825 bushels per acre. Its strong points are its wonderful productiveness, large size and attractive appearance. Dozen 30 cents; hundred 75 cents.

Robinson. A new berry from Kansas, originated by crossing Crescent with Chas. Downing, possessing good points of both without the faults of either. The plant resembles the Crescent, but is darker green. Its fruit is larger than Crescent; perfect bloom more than equalling Captain Jack in pollen. It is a week later than Crescent, but continues in bearing as long as the latest varieties, and will produce more perfect berries than Crescent, while the fruit is large and of superior quality. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 60 cents; thousand \$3.50.

Gov. Hoard. The plant is strong and healthy, free from rust and very productive; the blossom is perfect and the fruit ripens quite early; berries large, roundish, conical, slightly flattened and usually necked; color deep, brilliant red. The flesh is firm and of a rich, agreeable flavor. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 60 cents.

Parker Earl Is one of the leading new strawberries. It has been tested over a wide range of country. Probably no other berry has received so many favorable and so few adverse reports. Flowers are perfect, always setting perfect fruit. This has proved disappointing to some in this section. Its one failing is over-production. It sets more fruit than it can possibly ripen under ordinary treatment. It needs rich soil and high culture, when it will give satisfaction. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 60 cents; thousand \$4.50.

Beder Wood. This is generally conceded to be one of the best early varieties for home use or a near market. It is a splendid grower, making a large number of strong runners. It has a perfect blossom and is immensely productive. Fruit of good size, round, light red, of medium firmness and good quality. One of the best to plant with early blooming, pistillate varieties. Doz. 25 cts.; hundred 50 cts.; thousand \$3.

Lovett. No person need hesitate to plant this variety for either home use or market, as it succeeds generally in any soil or locality. It is one of the tough, hardy varieties that never disappoint the grower. It has a perfect blossom and bears heavily. The fruit is from medium to large size, conical, firm, and of good color and quality. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 50 cents; thousand \$2.75.

Bubach No. 5. P. Fruit large and handsome, roundish conical, bright scarlet, moderately firm, of fair quality. Plant a strong grower, with large, healthy foliage, and very productive. Succeeds on light or heavy soil. Desirable for home use and near market. One of the best of the later introductions. Season early to medium. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 50 cents; thousand \$3.25.

Haverland. P. Plants very large, healthy, vigorous and ripen their fruit evenly and early, holding out through the season. Berries are fine, uniform in shape, very large, excellent flavor and bright red color. One of the best market varieties. Doz. 25 cents; hundred 50 cents; thousand \$3.00.

Crescent P. Medium to large, conical, slightly depressed at the apex; color bright scarlet; flesh soft, quite acid; plant very vigorous and hardy, and for productiveness has scarcely an equal; very profitable for home market; season early to late. Dozen, 25 cents; one hundred, 50 cents; one thousand, \$2.00.

Jessie. A seedling of the Sharpless; berry of very large size, continuing large to the last picking; bright handsome color; flesh firm, of a delicious pineapple flavor. Plant a luxuriant grower, healthy and productive. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 50 cents; thousand \$2.75.

Cumberland. One of the very best for the home garden and profitable for market in some sections. Large vigorous plant, and under rich culture, productive. The berries are very large, almost round, regular and uniform in both size and shape, of pale scarlet color and fine quality. Early to midseason. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 50 cents; thousand \$2.75.

Warfield. P. It is not immensely large, but its great beauty, firmness, earliness, good flavor, productiveness and vigor, combined with good size, make it exceedingly popular. Ripens with Crescent, and is superseding that variety for a reliable market berry. Dozen, 25 cents; hundred, 50 cents; thousand \$2.25.

Gandy. A cross between Jersey Queen and Glendale, possessing some of the good qualities of each, making a valuable late variety; berries bright crimson, uniform size and shape, large, firm and ripen late; plant healthy. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 50 cents; thousand \$2.75.

Sharpless. Demands rich, strong soil, without which it is apt to prove disappointing in yield. The plant is exceedingly large and vigorous and quite free from rust or blight. Berries large to very large, somewhat irregular in shape, crimson, moderately firm and of good quality. It is a profitable variety for a near market on account of its large size. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 50 cents; thousand \$2.75.

Michel's Early. The earliest variety, resembles Crescent, but ripens several days earlier and is much firmer. Planted largely and giving the best of satisfaction as a market berry south. Not prolific enough for standard market variety in the north. Good as a fertilizer. Dozen, 25 cents; one hundred, 50 cents; one thousand, \$2.00.

Louise. Its large size and attractive appearance renders this a very desirable berry; quality good and produces well. Dozen 25c.; hundred 50c.; thousand \$2.75.

Burt's Seedling. Similar to Wilson's Albany; as firm for shipping, better flavor, equally as productive, and a much healthier plant. Being planted extensively in Northern New York as one of the best shipping sorts. Dozen, 25 cents; one hundred, 50 cents; one thousand, \$2.75.

Jucunda Improved. A decided improvement, for the old Jucunda in its palmiest days never possessed the vigor and endurance of this noble variety. And the berry itself is no less fine; large, regular and uniform, firm and solid, rich crimson in color and sweet in flavor; it is one of the finest for the home garden and profitable for markets where large fancy fruit is in demand. It is a good bearer and delights in a rich moist soil, given which, there are few varieties that will exceed it in beauty, uniformity and solidity of flesh. Lovers of the old Jucunda who are now mourning the absence of that capricious favorite may well be consoled by the advent of this fine variety. Midseason. Dozen, 35 cents; one hundred, 75 cents.

This finishes my list of Strawberries. I have discarded several as unworthy of dissemination; notable, "Oregon Ever Bearing," "E. P. Roe," "Cloud Seedling," "Vineland," "Bessie," "Manchester," Etc.

In ordering please state whether I shall *substitute* some other variety in case the kind ordered should be exhausted. If not forbidden I claim the right to substitute something of equal value, but will always label true to name.

I shall be glad to give estimates on large orders and will make prices as low as any responsible nurseryman will offer.

All questions as to desirability of varieties, etc., answered to the best of my knowledge.

It will be a great help to me if my *friends* will speak a good word for my trade if they have an opportunity, and will be thoroughly appreciated.

If more than one Catalogue is received please hand to some one who you think will be interested in Small Fruit.

C. E. WHITTEN :

ITHACA, Jan. 24, 1894.

Dear Sir—I shall want some strawberry plants for my own use next spring. I should like to have you name some of your best kinds. I shall give you my order for plants. Those we got of you last spring were the *best plants we ever received*.

Respectfully yours, E. E. FREEBORN.

RASPBERRIES

Culture. Any soil that will produce good field crops is suitable for Raspberries. Pulverize the ground thoroughly and manure liberally. The red or sucker variety should be planted in rows six feet apart with the plants four feet apart in the rows, requiring 2,400 plants per acre.

The Cap varieties for field culture should be planted in rows seven feet apart with the plants three feet and six inches apart in the rows, requiring 1,775 plants per acre. In garden culture plant four feet apart each way.

Our customers will find our plants well rooted and first-class in every particular. If to be sent by mail add 10 cents per dozen; 40 cents per hundred; at one thousand rates by freight or express only.

Loudon. New Red Raspberry from Wisconsin, (See cut on front page), being first offered for sale this season. E. C. Carman, editor of the *Rural New Yorker*, than whom there is no better authority in the United States, says: "The Loudon is the best hardy late Red Raspberry we have ever tried, ripens with Cuthbert, averages larger, very firm, continuing later, and among the heaviest yielders we have tried." Mathew Crawford, of Ohio, says: "After watching the Loudon four seasons, I believe it to be decidedly the most valuable variety that I ever saw." The entire stock of plants is controlled by C. A. Green, who has fixed the price at 50 cents each; \$2.75 for 6, or \$5.00 per dozen.

Cuthbert, or Queen of the Market. A remarkable strong, hardy variety; stands the Northern winds and Southern summers equal to any. Berries very large, measuring three inches around; conical; rich crimson; very handsome, and so firm they can be shipped hundreds of miles by rail in good condition; flavor is sweet, rich and luscious. The leading market variety for main crop. Dozen, 25 cents; one hundred, 75 cents; one thousand, \$4.50.

Brandywine. A bright scarlet berry, firm, large and beautiful. Bush hardy and productive. A good market variety. Dozen, 25 cents; one hundred, 50 cents; one thousand, \$4.00.

Hansell. The earliest red raspberry. Profitable on account of its extreme earliness, bright attractive color and firmness. Canes rather small, but exceedingly hardy and productive; with tough, healthy foliage, enduring the hottest suns with impunity. Berries of large size, bright crimson, good quality and firm. Upon strong soil the yield is very large and in some locations it is regarded the best of all. Dozen, 25 cents; one hundred, 50 cents; one thousand, \$4.00.

Shaffer's Colossal. Fruit large, purple, soft, with a sprightly sub-acid flavor; plant very vigorous, hardy and productive. Much esteemed in some localities. Season medium to late. Dozen 35 cents; hundred \$1.00.

Golden Queen. This may be termed a golden Cuthbert, as it is a seedling or sport of that popular variety. Its leading characteristics are large size, great beauty, high quality, hardiness and productiveness. This superb new raspberry is destined to more than fill the place of that old luscious yellow raspberry, Brinkle's Orange, as it gives us the same handsome large golden berries, without the nursing and care the Brinkle's required to bring the canes alive through the winter. The canes are of the strongest growth. It is wonderfully productive, ripening in mid-season, and will be planted extensively for market, and no home garden should be without it. Dozen 35 cents; hundred 75 cents; thousand \$6.00.

Gregg. The leading late Black Cap, and a popular market sort. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 75 cents; thousand \$5.75.

Palmer's Seedling. It ripens at the same time as Souhegan, but yields much more fruit at first picking, completes ripening its crop in shorter time, and commands the highest price in the market. What we claim for the Palmer is iron-clad hardiness, early ripening, large size, good quality of fruit, and wonderful productiveness, often bending the canes to the ground under the weight of the fruit. The Palmer has been tested from the Atlantic to the Pacific, receiving the highest commendation from all sources, and fully establishing it as the best and most productive Early Black Cap yet introduced. Dozen 35 cents; hundred \$1.00; thousand \$7.00.

Older. The first thing noticeable about this excellent blackcap is the fact that it is entirely distinct from any other variety and differs in cane, foliage, and fruit. The Older is not an early berry compared with some other sorts, but ripens the bulk of its crop about with the Ohio. The berries are large approaching very nearly to Gregg in size, but are destitute of bloom and present a shining, jet-black appearance. The seeds are smaller than in other varieties. The quality is sweet and rich. Canes are of good strength, always vigorous and free from disease, and bear an immense crop. It is a profitable market sort to follow an early variety, and it is valuable for sections subject to extremes of cold and drought, by reason of its hardy cane, tough foliage, and wonderful endurance in a drought. It is also highly desirable and equally satisfactory in the home garden for family use. Dozen 65 cents; one hundred \$1.50; thousand \$10.

Kansas. For a good second early blackcap there are none better than this. It possesses all the valuable attributes of a profitable market sort and its large size and handsome appearance insures for it always a ready sale and good prices. The fruit is almost as large as Gregg and with much less bloom, handsome, firm and of fine quality. Its canes are of strong growth, entirely hardy and prolific; with tough, healthy, clean foliage. Its season is about second early—later than Souhegan but much earlier than Gregg. By reason of its greater hardiness, less bloom and ripening earlier it is a great improvement upon Gregg. Dozen 35 cents; hundred \$2.00.

Turner. Medium size, red, moderately firm, juicy and sweet; vigorous and prolific if suckers are kept down, of which it is very productive. Much esteemed for its good quality and the extreme hardiness of the plant. Season early. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 50 cents; thousand \$4.00.

Souhegan or Tyler. One of the earliest black raspberries, and leading early market sort. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 75 cents; thousand \$5.50.

BLACKBERRIES

Should be planted in rows six to seven feet apart, three to five feet in the rows. Keep the ground light and rich. Pinch the canes back when they have reached the height of from 2 to 3 feet. If to be sent by mail, add 15 cents per dozen or 50 cents per hundred for postage.

Early Harvest. This is one of the earliest in cultivation; a compact dwarf grower; fruit medium size and fine quality; an enormous bearer. It is so early and it bears so well, eats so well, and ships so well, and sells so well, it is of very notable value to a large portion of our country. Not perfectly hardy here, in this latitude, and needs protection during winter. But the past season proved it to be the hardest in the bud of any variety of Blackberry we grow, for while Kittatinny, Lawton and others were badly hurt by the "Easter freeze" the Early Harvest did not show a single blossom blasted. I have several thousand of very nice sucker plants. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 75 cents; thousand \$5.50.

Kittatinny. Commences to ripen after the Wilson's Early and continues longer in bearing; is ripe as soon as black; and much earlier, sweeter and better in every respect than the Lawton, which it resembles in plant and fruit. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 75 cents; thousand \$5.50.

Lawton. (New Rochelle) An old favorite. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 75 cents; thousand \$6.00.

Wilson's Early. Of good size, very early, beautiful dark color, of sweet, excellent flavor and very productive. Ripens the whole crop nearly together. Dozen 25 cents; hundred 75 cents; thousand \$7.00.

Taylor. One of the largest blackberries grown. Fruit of the best quality, melting and without core; productive, hardy as the Snyder, which renders it very valuable. Root cuttings. Dozen 35 cents; hundred \$1.00.

Erie. A chance seedling but recently brought to the notice of the public, and considered a valuable acquisition, being perfectly hardy and very productive; fruit of first quality, large size, and ripens early. Dozen 50 cents; hundred \$2.00.

Lucretia, Dewberry. The bush is of low trailing habit, hardy, healthy, and great bearer; fruit large, black and glossy, without hard core and very delicious. Ripens with early blackberries. Transplants, dozen 50 cents; hundred \$2.00.

GOOSEBERRIES

Downing. Very large, handsome, pale green and of splendid quality for both cooking and table use, bush a vigorous grower, and usually free from mildew. One of the best for both home use and market. Two years. Dozen 75 cents; hundred \$6.

Houghton. The old well-known sort; small, pale red, sweet and good. Bushes vigorous, productive, and reliable. Two years. Dozen 50 cents; hundred \$4.00.

CURRANTS

Red Dutch. An old well-known sort, good quality, berry medium, long branch. Very productive. Two years. Dozen 50 cents; hundred \$3.00.

Victoria. Large, bright red, bunches extremely long, berries medium size, of excellent quality. Good erect grower; very productive. Ripens late, making it one of the most valuable sorts. Two years. Dozen 75 cents; hundred \$3.50.

GRAPES

Concord. The most popular market variety. Dozen 50 cents; hundred \$2.50.

Worden. A splendid, large grape, of the Concord type, but earlier, larger in bunch and berry, and of decidedly better quality; vine hardier than that old stand-by and every way as healthy. A very popular sort, planted largely for market; next to Concord in number used. Two years. Dozen 75 cents; hundred \$4.00.

Niagara. Vine hardy, an unusually strong grower; bunches very large and compact, sometimes shouldered; berries large or larger than the Concord; mostly round; light greenish white; semi-transparent, slightly ambered in the sun, skin thick, but tough and does not crack; quality good; very little pulp, melting and sweet to the center. Two years. Dozen 75 cents; hundred \$3.50.

EVERGREENS

I have a few hundred Norway Spruce and Arbor Vitae growing on my own place that are 5 years old and twice transplanted. They must be thinned out and I will sell very low.

Norway Spruce, 2½ to 3 feet at 10 cents each.

Arbor Vitae, 1½ to 2 feet at 10 cents each.

SEED POTATOES

A fine lot of Rural New Yorker seed potatoes at \$1.00 per bushel or \$2.50 per bbl.

TESTIMONIALS

DECATUR, Ill., April 14, 1894.

C. E. WHITTEN :

Dear Sir :—Plants received all O. K. I have had plants from C. A. Green Nursery Co. also J. T. Lovett Co. and will say that I never received finer plants or in better condition than those *received from you*. Thanks; and you will hear from me again.

JAMES M. H.—

JESSUP, Iowa, April 21, 1894.

C. E. WHITTEN :

Dear Sir—Plants arrived all right today in fine condition. I want to *compliment* you on your *packing*.

Yours truly,
B. F. STODDARD.

SILVER LAKE FRUIT FARM, April 27, 1894.

C. E. WHITTEN :

Dear Sir—The three boxes of plants came to hand the 25th inst. I am much pleased with the appearance of all the plants, and the manner in which they were put up could not well be improved.

Yours truly,
J. B. ADAMS.

YELLOW SPRINGS, April 9, 1894.

C. E. WHITTEN ;

Dear Sir—Strawberry plants came on Friday morning O. K. ; accept thanks for prompt attention to my order, also extra Muskingum—shall give them fair trial. The plants were *all very satisfactory and packed in the best manner.* Yours truly,

E. PETERSON.

CASSOPOLIS, Mich., April 18, 1894.

C. E. WHITTEN :

Dear Sir—Plants came all right. I think they are *first class* stock. Thanks for the care with which they were put up. You may expect future orders from me.

Yours truly,
JNO. R. MELLING.

PRAIRIE CENTRE, April 16, 1894.

C. E. WHITTEN :

Dear Sir—The plants you sent to me April 10, I received on the 13th, in fine condition. They were as fine plants as I ever saw, and extra count.

J. P. WYLIE.

NEENAH, April 13, 1894.

C. E. WHITTEN :

Dear Sir—The boxes and barrel arrived today in O. K. order and the plants, Strawberry, Raspberry, and Currants, are good to my *entire satisfaction.* I shall probably send for more Raspberries so keep the credit I have. You shall have my future orders.

Yours respectfully,
ANDREW ANDERSON.

GLENWOOD, Mich., Nov. 1, 1894.

C. E. WHITTEN :

Sir—Will you please send me your catalogue of strawberry plants. You will accept my thanks for the best plants ever I bought. Think I can get you orders in spring.

Yours,
C. ADAMS.

FLOYD KNOBS, Ind., April 24, 1894.

MR. C. E. WHITTEN :

The strawberry plants arrived on excellent time. Money not gone but six days when the plants arrived and in fine order. Thanks for promptness, extra good count and *extra fine plants.* You will hear from me again when I need plants. I can't see how you can sell so cheap.

Truly yours,
J. F. HANCOCK.

May 10, 1894.

Dear Sir—The strawberry plants were received all O. K. They were as nice as I ever saw.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN VOTAW.

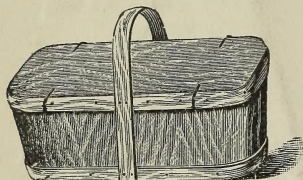
HIGHLAND, Ill., May 7, 1894.

Dear Sir—Strawberry plants arrived all in good order. Thanks for good packing and good plants. They are doing fine.

Yours truly,
EUG. L. HOLLAND.

I CAN heartily recommend the Wells-Higman Company, whose advertisement appears below, having had satisfactory dealings with them for several years.

C. E. WHITTEN.



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