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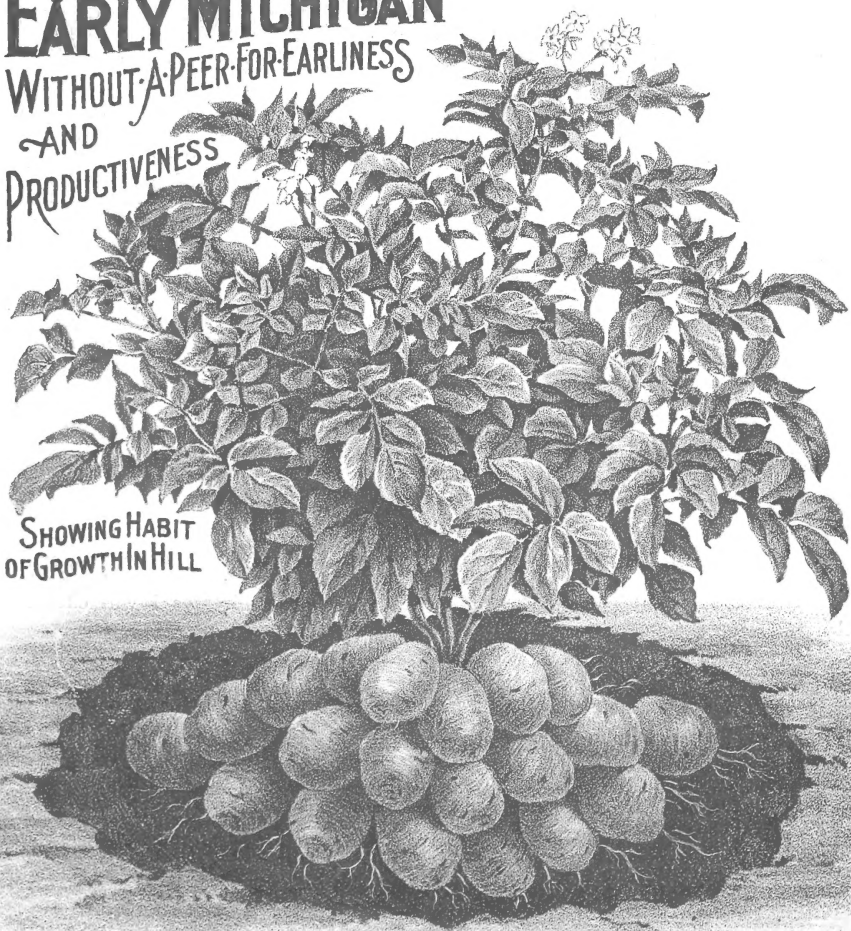
SEASON 1897.

Annual Catalogue
OF HARRY N. HAMMOND
SEEDSMAN.

LARGEST GROWER OF SEED POTATOES AND FARM SEEDS IN THE WORLD.

EARLY MICHIGAN
WITHOUT A PEER FOR EARLINESS
AND
PRODUCTIVENESS

SHOWING HABIT
OF GROWTH IN HILL



A HILL OF EARLY MICHIGAN FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.

Decatur, Van Buren Co. Mich.



1897.



Dear Friends and Patrons.

In presenting to you my 1897 catalogue, I take the opportunity to thank my customers, one and all, for the generous patronage of the past, especially the past season, the worst the American seed trade ever experienced. Owing to the enormous crops of seed potatoes and other seeds harvested the past season, together with the existing hard times, caused the very best seeds to be sold at a loss if sold at all. As I grew my own stock of seeds, I felt the pressure less than the city seedsman who pays high prices for contract stock and must necessarily sell the same varieties I offer, at double the prices I ask, in order to pay high city rents and necessary expenses.

My advice to my patrons was to plant heavily of potatoes in 1896. A great many who took my advice and purchased my new muck land seed potatoes are now thanking me for the advice which gave them enormous yields of potatoes and sold at prices satisfactory to themselves. The probability is, potatoes will bring satisfactory prices for a number of years to come. The spring of 1891, potatoes sold as low as 10 cents per bushel. In sharp contrast to this, from 1892 until 1896, the average price of potatoes in the spring was 85 cents per bushel. History will repeat itself, and we may look for satisfactory prices for a number of years to come.

First of all, I wish to urge upon my friends to change seed often. There is no crop so much benefited by the introduction of fresh, new seed, as the potato. They prosper wonderfully if the change is to my Northern Grown New Muck Land Seed. These potatoes, planted on any soil, in any climate, produce double the number of bushels that can be grown from high land seed. This seed was planted in forty-six states the past season, and gave wonderful satisfaction everywhere.

This catalogue will fall into the hands of thousands who have never planted my muck land seed potatoes. To those I would say, give me a trial order and be convinced of their superior merits.

MY PEDIGREE SEED POTATOES.

First, I am the largest grower of seed potatoes and farm seeds in America. I exercise the greatest care in selecting my Seed Potatoes. I plant only large, handsome potatoes of desirable shape, discarding every prongy one and those showing the least sign of disease. By this painstaking care of several years, I have established the finest strains of all varieties I sell. Grown as they are, upon these Michigan new muck lands, especially fitted by the Creator for potatoes, and from pedigree seed, no wonder they produce earlier and larger crops than those from any other section of our country. The varieties I offer are the choicest quality, largest yielding sorts ever offered the American potato grower. No amount of money has been spared in the purchase of choice novelties for my customers, and as my original stock came direct from the introducers, I can guarantee all seeds I sell, to grow and prove true to name, which few seedsmen can do. Grown here, under my immediate supervision, I know everything I offer to be as represented.

REFERENCES.

To those with whom I have had no dealings and not knowing whether I am reliable or not, I would respectively refer you to the following as to my standing: First State Bank and Postmaster, Decatur, Mich., or editors of any of the leading agricultural papers, whose addresses I will cheerfully furnish upon application.

TEN REASONS WHY MY MICHIGAN GROWN NEW MUCK LAND SEED POTATOES ARE SUPERIOR TO ALL OTHERS.

- 1st. My seed is carefully hand sorted pedigree stock, free from all disease.
- 2nd. They are grown on new muck land, that was never cropped before.
- 3rd. The potatoes on this soil never blight, no matter what the season may be.
- 4th. This soil is so rich that they mature in the shortest possible time.
- 5th. Potato bugs were never known to injure potatoes grown on this soil.
- 6th. The growth is so rapid and the foliage so large, that the bugs and blight have no chance to injure them.
- 7th. The varieties grown are the best seedlings that can be obtained, regardless of price.
- 8th. The average yield per acre exceeds 400 bushels.
- 9th. Sufficient moisture is always available to carry the crop to maturity, regardless of dry weather.
- 10th. The seed thus produced is so perfect in every respect, that when planted beside your home grown seed, it will mature its crop two weeks earlier, and produce double the number of bushels of marketable potatoes that can be produced from your home grown seed or seed grown on any other American soil.

I only ask a trial order to convince you.

Yours to command,

HARRY N. HAMMOND.

\$500 IN CASH PRIZES, FOR THE FIFTEEN LARGEST CLUB ORDERS.

✿✿✿✿✿✿ JUNE 1st, 1897. ✿ ✿ ✿ ✿ ✿

I DO NOT employ agents to sell my seeds on commission. Instead, I intend to give away to my club agents, \$500 in Cash Prizes, to those who will devote a little spare time this winter in securing orders for Hammond's Seed Potatoes and Farm Seeds. Without a doubt, I think the order that secures first prize will not amount to as much as the prize itself, but nevertheless, I think this method the best in introducing Hammond's Seeds in all parts of America, as a club agent will call the attention of thousands to Hammond's Seeds who have never planted them before. I trust the coming winter every one receiving this catalogue will make an effort to secure one of the cash prizes I offer. Every order you send me, large or small, at catalogue prices, will be counted June 1st, when the prizes will be awarded as follows:

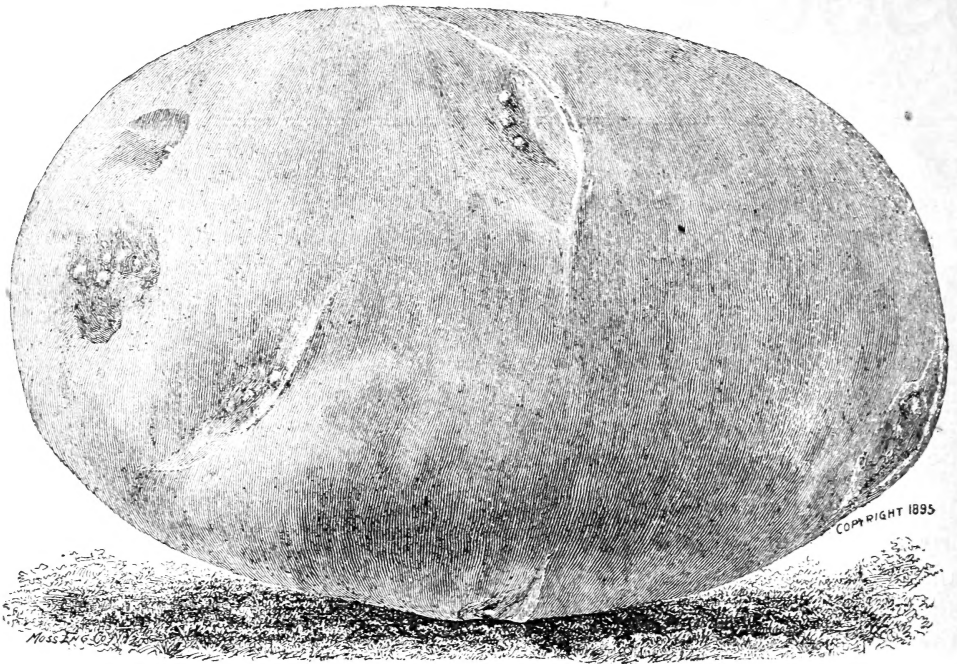
For the largest Club Order of Seed Potatoes, Farm and Garden Seeds	\$300	The winners' names and addresses will be published in Michigan Gardening and Fruit Journal, July 1st next, and also in my 1898 catalogue. With but little effort you can secure one of these fifteen prizes, but you should work for the \$300; it may take little effort to secure it.
For the Second Largest Club	\$100.00	
For the Third Largest Club.....	25.00	
For the Fourth Largest Club.....	15.00	
For the Fifth Largest Club	10.00	
For the next Ten Largest Clubs, each \$5.00.	50.00	
Total	\$500.00	in 15 Cash Prizes.

TERMS AND RULES OF SHIPPING.

Cash must accompany all orders. In ordering, state whether to ship by freight or express, and be sure to give both postoffice and railroad station, also county and state. Please use order sheet and return envelope. Remit by postoffice order, bank draft or other safe way. Letters of inquiry receive prompt attention. New barrels, boxes and bags free. All goods delivered f. o. b. Decatur, when my responsibility ceases. I use large size apple barrels, which hold three bushels, or 180 pounds net. If you use five or more barrels of potatoes, state varieties wanted and I will quote you special prices. With every order of \$1.00 or more, at catalogue prices, I will give a year's subscription to *Michigan Gardening and Fruit Journal*, the best and most practical monthly, devoted to gardening and fruit culture, published in America.

DISCOUNTS.

In order that I may, in a measure, bridge over the rush at the busy season, I allow discounts on early orders. All orders sent me with pay, during January, may be discounted 7 per cent.; during February, 5 per cent. In addition to above, persons who order to the amount of \$50 or more, may keep back 5 per cent. therefrom. All early orders are carefully packed and marked ready to ship, and are sent as soon as weather permits. Do not overlook my wonderful collection offers. Note low freight rates from Decatur, on the inside of back cover page. Decatur is on the main line of the Michigan Central railroad, twenty-five miles southwest of Kalamazoo.



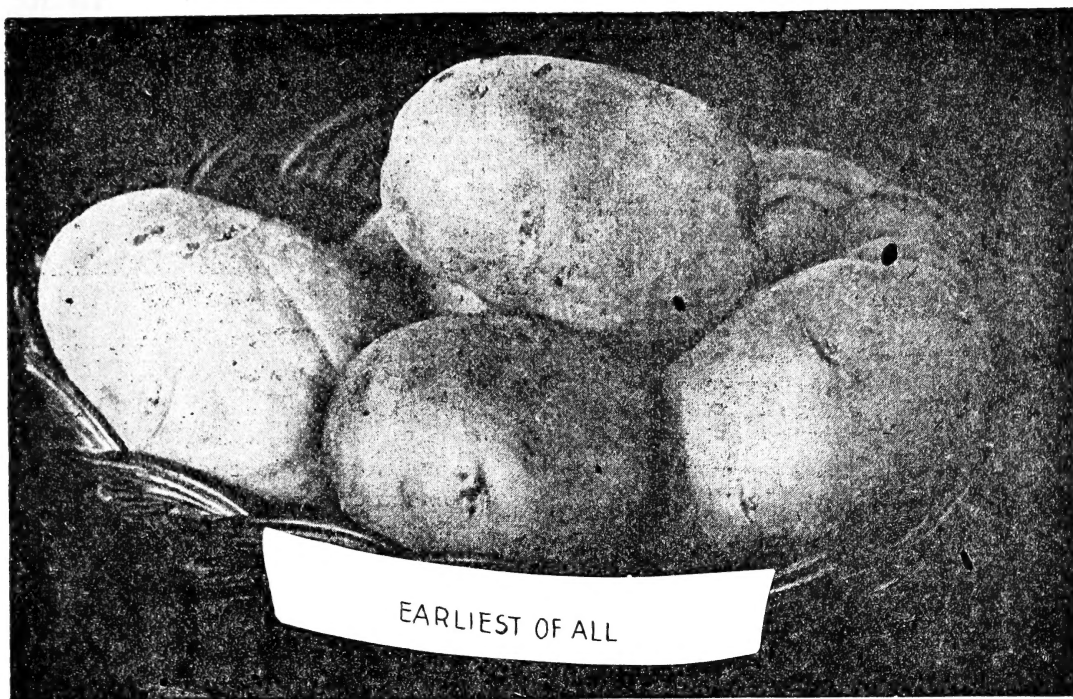
EARLY MICHIGAN POTATO.

THE PRIZE TUBER GROWN IN MICHIGAN. WEIGHT, 1 LB. 7 1-2 OZ.
GROWN IN 43 DAYS FROM PLANTING.

This is the second year I have offered this, the largest yielding, finest quality, extra early white potato ever introduced. No praise is too strong for the merits of the Early Michigan potato. Offered last year for the first time at \$2.00 a peck. Although I thought I had sufficient stock, I learned early in the season that I would run short of seed myself, and was compelled to return several hundred dollars to disappointed customers in order to save any seed for my own planting.

This new seedling is, without exception, the coming extra early potato. It is about one week earlier than Early Ohio, of far better quality, and planted beside that variety, will outyield it three to one. The Early Michigan, without exception, is the handsomest potato I have ever grown. When dug, they are snowy white, making them the market gardener's most valuable extra early market variety. Although the Early Michigan excels in handsomeness and great yields, yet it has no superior for quality. In point of exquisite flavor, fine grain and other table qualities, it does not suffer by comparison even with that old standard for quality, the original Snowflake. Indeed, I think the Early Michigan excels the Snowflake in point of delicate flavor, and in point of yield the Snowflake is simply distanced. The flesh is snow white, and whether boiled or baked, has the same fine table qualities, always cooking dry and floury. It takes a long while, in a country with a population of over seventy millions, for any one thing to become thoroughly introduced, no matter what its merits may be, but if given time, Early Michigan is bound to get there.

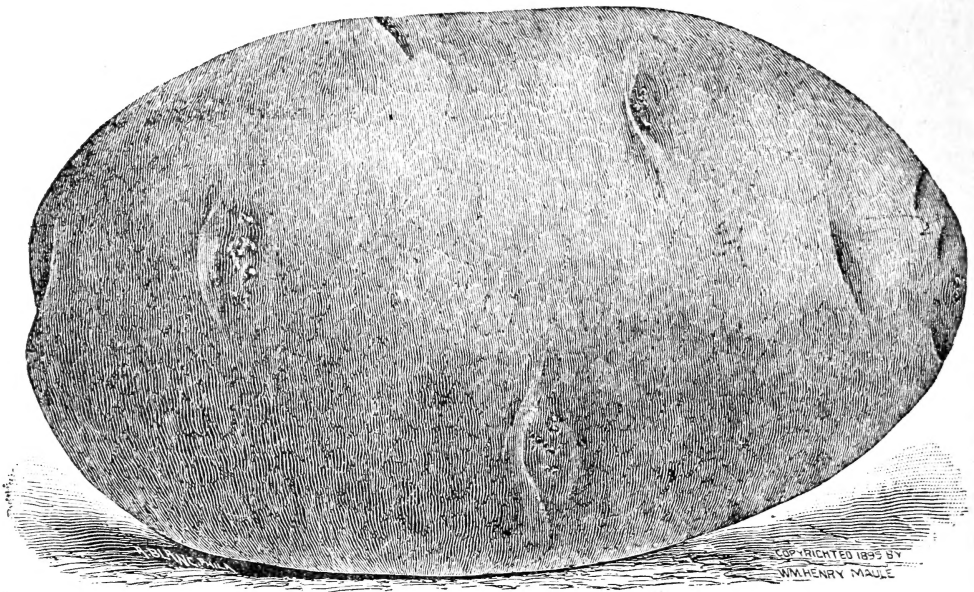
A new variety like the Early Michigan appears at intervals of a quarter of a century, and is not an everyday occurrence, but something so unusual that every dollar invested in Early Michigan this year, should next year readily make a money return to every purchaser of over 1000 per cent. How many of my customers are going to let this opportunity slip through their fingers? While I have no doubt that every potato could be sold at last year's prices, still it will be noticed that I have reduced the price considerably.



A PLATE OF EARLY MICHIGAN.

The Early Michigan on my grounds the past season, made a most wonderful growth, surpassing in this respect any early variety grown. The Early Michigan is none of your weakly, dwarfish seedlings. We have in it vigor, strength and health, such as I have not seen elsewhere in many years. It is certainly the coming potato. I am so sure of this that I feel like throwing all my other seedlings away, and begin with the Early Michigan, raising seedlings from it just as soon as I can get seed balls of the variety. Last year was the first season Early Michigan potatoes were offered, and in peck lots only. Not more than one peck was sold to any one person. Owing to the enormous demand, hundreds of orders had to be declined and money refunded. The Early Michigan potato, tested beside ninety other varieties at the Michigan Agricultural College the past season, made a wonderful showing, yielding $299\frac{3}{4}$ bushels per acre, the most productive early variety tested, and also outyielded Carman No. 3 and No. 1, Sir William, Great Divide, Rural New Yorker No. 2 and many other well known sorts, by fifty bushels per acre. That the Early Michigan will have as great a run as the Early Rose, is conceded by all who have tested this wonderful potato. For lack of space, I publish only a few of many hundreds of testimonials.

Although I do not introduce one-fourth as many varieties as do some seedsmen, yet when I send out a new variety, it goes out to find a welcome and a home with every grower. My greatest claim for the Early Michigan is for its superb quality. I do not think there is another potato in America that can approach it in delicate flavor. If you would be sure of simon pure stock, I would advise you to order direct from headquarters; and by headquarters, I mean Harry N. Hammond. Prices for 1897: By mail, postpaid; one pound, 35 cents; three pounds, 75 cents. By express or freight, not prepaid; one pound, 25 cents; half peck, \$1.00; peck, \$1.50; half bushel, \$2.50; one bushel, \$4.00; barrel, \$9.00; three barrels, \$25.00.



MAULE'S EARLY THOROUGHbred.

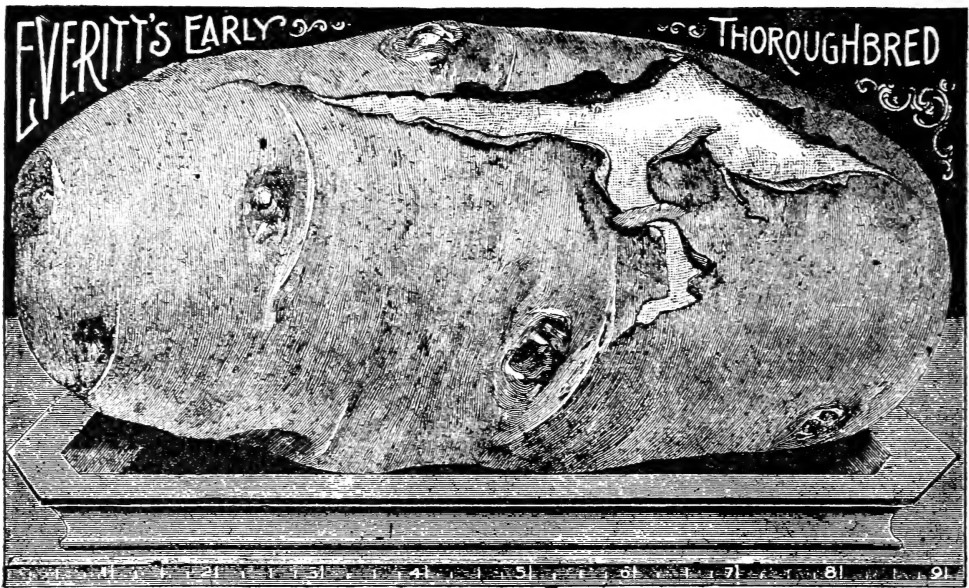
This new extra early potato, introduced last season by Wm. Henry Maule, is without exception, in my estimation, the finest potato of its class ever introduced, even surpassing its parent, the Early Rose, when first introduced. This potato is bound to have as large a run as any sort ever introduced, it having more desirable qualities than any other potato I know of, excepting Early Michigan. Early Thoroughbred is a seedling of the Early Rose, though it outyields that old sort three to one, and is ten days earlier. Besides being so early, it is of handsome appearance, superb quality, an enormous yielder, and in fact, all who have tried it consider it a perfect potato. Mr. Maule, in last year's catalogue, said: "No customer who purchased Freeman and Irish Daisy, but made an enormous profit on the transaction. To everyone I have to say that the profit on Thoroughbred will equal the combined profit made by my friends on Freeman and Irish Daisy together." I do not doubt but every dollar invested in Maule's Thoroughbred this spring will bring 1000 per cent. on the investment. I have grown something over five hundred different varieties of potatoes since I have been in the business, but never before have I grown so many potatoes from a barrel of seed as I grew the past season from one barrel of Maule's Early Thoroughbred.

I received the barrel of potatoes from Mr. Maule, April 5. The barrel contained just 165 pounds net, which cost me \$27.25 delivered here. A big price it seemed to some, when common potatoes were selling for ten cents a bushel. Knowing the demand for this wonderful sort during the next few years would not be supplied, and having one acre of extra fine new muck land, I decided to use every effort to grow as many bushels as possible from that barrel of Thoroughbreds. Well, as soon as the barrel was opened, I poured them out upon our barn floor and spread them so no two potatoes touched one another. They had just begun to sprout a little when opened. My object, to save all vitality, now was to keep those potatoes from sprouting farther until I was ready to plant, and in order to do this, the potatoes were exposed to the light and turned over, one by one, every day. In this way I kept the sprouts back

until May 15, when the sprouts (by this time being short and stubby,) having become greened and so toughened that there would be no possible danger of injuring the sprouts in handling. May 15 the potatoes were cut to single eye pieces, and in many cases we split the eyes. The potatoes were yet very solid and firm, which convinced me they were an excellent keeper.

As before stated, I had one acre of extra fine new muck land that had never been cropped, but had been pastured for several years, and was very rich. My object was to spread the barrel of Thoroughbreds over the acre, as I was working for bushels and not for a great yield per acre, which generally cannot be secured by such light seeding. The ground was furrowed out, three feet apart each way, and one piece dropped in a hill. I was very anxious to spread the seed over this acre and had figured how far the seed would go. I can tell you I was happily surprised to learn after dropping the entire acre, we had just enough seed and six pieces to spare. The ground had been worked to perfection and was in excellent condition. In about ten days they made their appearance above ground, and cultivation was immediately commenced. I never allow weeds to even make an appearance. The cultivation was continued until July 2, when the vines completely covered the ground, making further cultivation an utter impossibility. The cultivation had been so thorough, and as the vines occupied all the space, no weeds made their appearance.

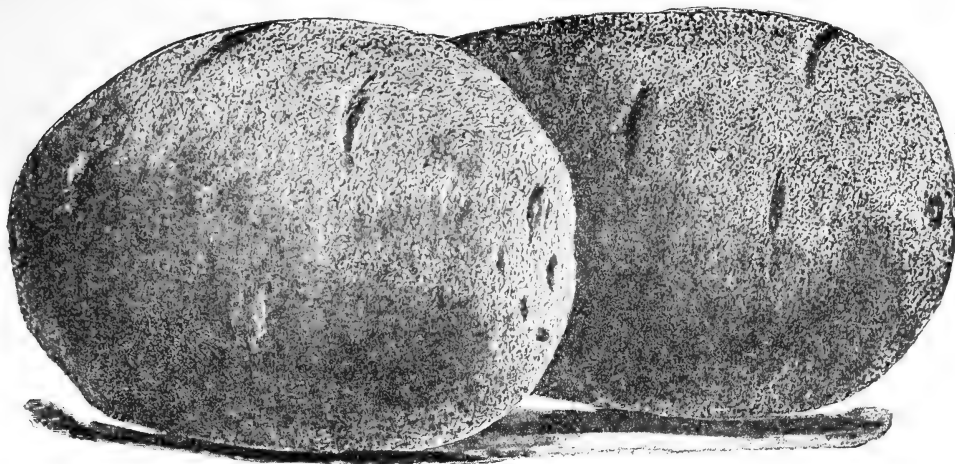
Remember, this was July 2; at this time the field was a sea of green, not a vacant spot in the field, and this from seed cut to one eye and planted three feet apart each way. I think I never saw as grand a sight. This was a case which convinced me that blood would tell. Of course the season here was favorable, and as the bugs and blight never injure our potatoes on new muck land, I can say they had every chance and best of attention to make a showing, and they did. September 21 the digging began. Our neighbors, for miles around, came to witness the digging of the wonderful Thoroughbreds, which they had been watching during the summer's growth, and which seemed a miracle to them. I had several men digging and picking up, as they were yielding enormously; great, large, handsome pink-tinted tubers of two or three pounds were common occurrences. From twenty to thirty marketable potatoes were found in every hill. There were no small ones; on the entire acre I think there was not one bushel of unmarketable potatoes. They were picked up in sacks and drawn directly to the scales and weighed, and then put into the potato cellar. We were just two days harvesting this acre of Thoroughbreds. When they were all drawn and carefully weighed, I was completely surprised and thunderstruck to find that we had just 45,840 pounds, or 764 bushels of marketable Thoroughbred potatoes from that one acre. Never before in the history of my business have I had such a yield from the same amount of seed and such beautiful, perfect shaped potatoes, of the finest quality. In fact, they give my Early Michigan a hard push in every way except earliness. Although an extra early potato, they ripened about one week later than Early Michigan. They differ from the Early Michigan by being of a pink color, while Early Michigan is pure white. I have already booked orders for 165 bushels of Maule's Thoroughbred from parties that witnessed the digging. As I wish every one of my friends to get a start of this wonderful novelty, you will notice I have made prices very low. It will be a money maker for you; do not fail to get a start this spring. Possibly you may be offered potatoes for Thoroughbreds at lower figures, but I can assure you that genuine stock will not be sold for less. If you would be sure of simon pure seed, send me your order. Prices: By mail, postpaid; one pound, 30 cents; three pounds, 75 cents; By express or freight; one pound, 20 cents; half peck, 80 cents; peck, \$1.40; half bushel, \$2.25; bushel, \$3.50; barrel, \$7.50; three barrels, \$20.00.



EVERITT'S EARLY THOROUGHbred.

This new early potato was introduced last year by Everitt, and claimed by him to be the same as Maule's Thoroughbred. I procured a quantity of the seed from Mr. Everitt, and after careful trial, I pronounce it a very valuable early potato of the Rose class, although it is not identical with Maule's Thoroughbred, as claimed by Mr. Everitt. In order to prove this, I planted this variety near Maule's Thoroughbred. Although they made a wonderful growth and produced a large crop, yet on my soil it proved about one week later than Maule's and did not yield as well. Mr. Everitt says of this variety: "Well does the writer remember the first crop of Early Rose; the good old Early Rose my father raised. We lived in a small town then, and had several acres to garden truck. The seed was obtained at a fancy price, and that crop was the hope and pride of the whole family. No potatoes were more thoroughly weeded, and great square hills were formed around each plant for the potato to grow in, and they did grow. The day for digging them was a great event in the town; never did potatoes receive more praise than that crop. Great, large, smooth, handsome tubers, rolling out by the basketfuls. There was no work picking up those potatoes; it was all play, and we were sorry when the job was done."

How many readers of this catalogue can recall a similar experience? We want all who have grown the Early Rose potato in its prime, to recall, if possible, how good it was, and then you will know just what we offer you in Everitt's Early Thoroughbred. This new potato starts where the Early Rose did. It is every iota as good and desirable as a profitable variety to grow. We thank good fortune we have it, and the public may be thankful we are offering it. We would like to see Everitt's Thoroughbred grown on every farm in the country. But this will not occur this year, as there is not seed enough to go around. Customers of this year will supply their neighbors at good prices and the desired results will soon be accomplished. Prices: By mail, postpaid; one pound, 25 cents; three pounds, 60 cents. By express or freight, one pound, 15 cents; peck, 80 cents; bushel, \$2.50; barrel, \$6.00; three barrels, \$15.00.



ACME.

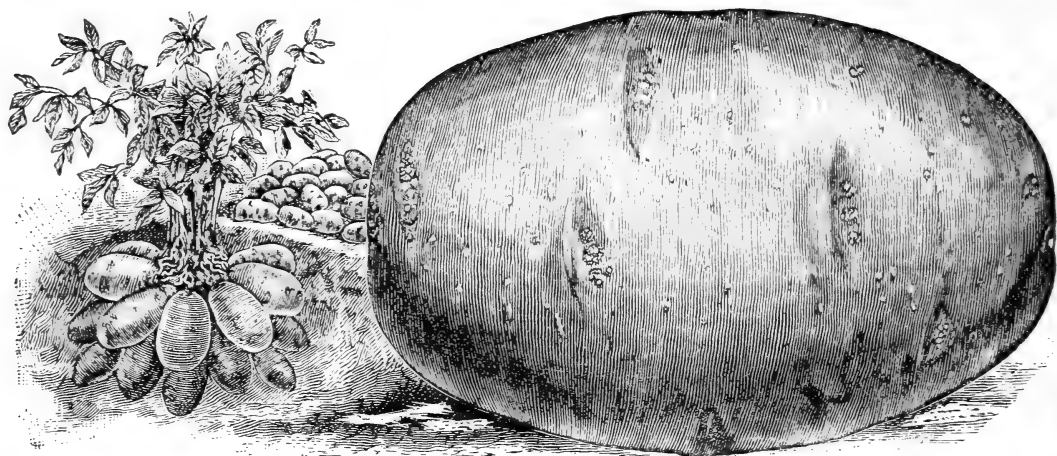
THE BEST KNOWN SUCCESSOR TO THE EARLY OHIO.

Claimed by the producer to be the earliest and most productive potato in cultivation. The introducer says: "We made a strong claim for this remarkable potato, based upon experiments with all other first earlies, but the astonishing results of our planting, made in the droughty season of 1894, so strikingly confirmed our faith in this variety that we are now more convinced of its general market value. The objection heretofore to extra early kinds for profitable field culture, has been their shy yielding qualities. Even the good old Early Ohio can no longer compare with the later kinds. The Acme is fully a week in advance of any other kind in earliness. It can always be marketed at least ten days before the top dies, as the new potatoes commence to grow before the tops are six inches high, and produces as largely as late strong growing kinds. Another great merit for the Acme lies in its great keeping properties, remaining solidly fresh until the new crop is dug, and will often remain in the cellar without sprouting, until June 1. Hills of new potatoes, of fit size for table use, can be dug in five weeks from time of planting.

"The Acme was produced from a seed ball taken from a vine of the Snowflake, growing between Early Rose and Early Ohio. Quality, vigor and earliness, in a remarkable degree, have been the result of this parentage. Tubers are oblong, beautiful shape; skin flesh color, flesh white; upright, strong vines with tubers growing compactly in the hill, in this respect similar to the Early Ohio. It is a grand successor to Early Ohio, surpassing that variety in uniform and large sized potatoes, and outyields the Ohio two to one."

It ripens with Early Michigan and is one of the best extra earlies grown. Prices: By mail, postpaid; one pound, 20 cents; three pounds, 50 cents. By express or freight; one pound, 10 cents; peck, 50 cents; bushel, \$1:30; barrel, 3.25; three barrels, \$9.00.

CLAYTON HALL, Stark Co., Ohio, Oct. 1, 1896, writes: "*Your Early Michigan Potato outdone Maule's Early Thoroughbred. From one pound of each variety planted, I grew 100 pounds of Early Michigan and 92 pounds of Maule's Thoroughbred. I weighed them when well cured, several weeks after digging. Will give them further trial side by side, next season.*"



KING OF THE EARLIEST.

This excellent new potato, introduced by the largest seed company in the north-west, is indeed a marvelous potato. I secured a quantity of the seed and am pleased to offer it to my customers as one of the best extra early potatoes now offered. The introducers, in their catalogue, say: "We are not going to say much about this potato this year. Our stock is not large. It will do its own talking; it is simply wonderful. Hundreds tested it last year and without exception, report eating potatoes in twenty-eight to thirty-five days, or as Jackson Brown, Alpena Co., Mich., says: 'King of Earliest beats everything. I planted mine May 25, and dug potatoes of good size June 24, but I took great care of them.' Think of it; in four weeks. Marvelous, Marvelous, Marvelous! Everybody believes this potato will produce eating tubers in twenty-five days. Where will it end?"

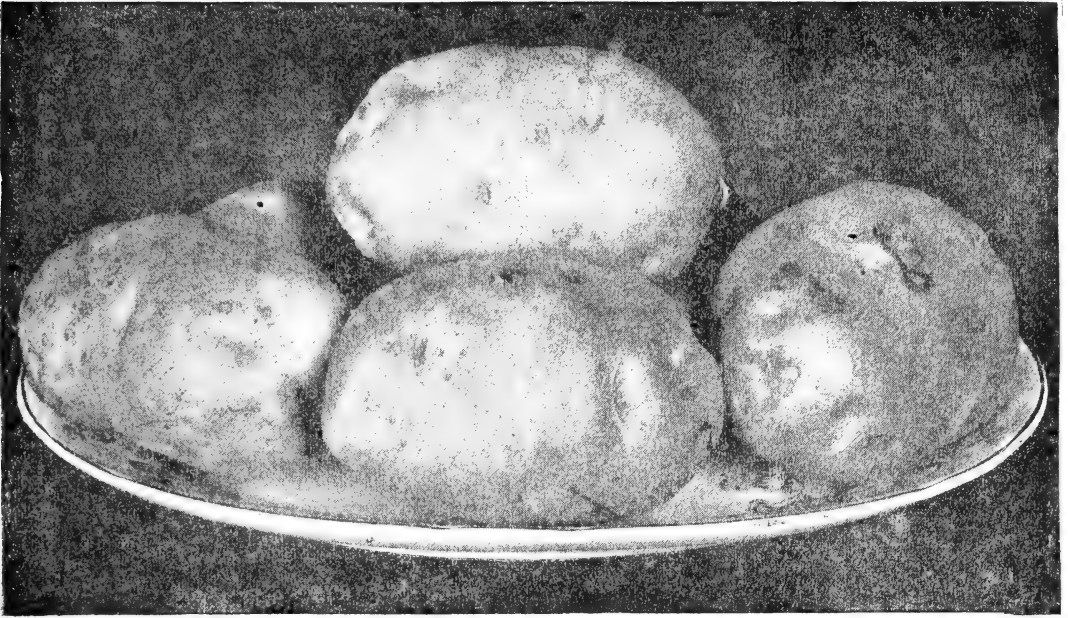
The above claims may seem to some a little strong, but King of the Earliest, on my new muck land, is extra early and an enormous yielder. It is a seedling of Early Ohio, of better quality, far more productive and a few days earlier. It resembles Early Ohio somewhat, but is lighter in color. I have a fine stock of this extra early potato, which I offer at following low prices, while my supply lasts. Prices: By mail, postpaid; one pound, 20 cents; three pounds, 50 cents. By express or freight; one pound, 10 cents; peck, 50 cents; bushel, \$1.30; barrel, \$3.25; three barrels, \$9.00.

W. R. ADAMS, Scott Co., Ind., Oct. 16, 1896, writes: "*From the three pounds of King of Earliest purchased of you last spring, I grew 295 pounds of as fine potatoes as I ever looked at. They are perfect in form, wonderful in yield and not surpassed by any variety on earth in quality. The Acme is also a fine extra early potato. Your muck land seed produces an earlier and larger crop than any other seed I have ever planted.*"

N. S. ROSE, Ringgold Co., Iowa, April 27, 1896, writes: "*I received the barrel of potatoes to-day. They are fine; accept thanks for extras.*"

JOS. EVANS, Marion Co., N. J., April 15, 1896, writes: "*The twenty barrels of potatoes arrived safely and are all planted. They were all satisfactory, nice potatoes, and in nice condition. I found a surprise in one of the barrels—two fine Carman No. 3 and the Early Michigan, for which accept many thanks.*"

J. O. BUCHANAN, Miami Co., Ohio, April 4, 1896, writes: "*I received the bushel collection of potatoes and am well pleased with them.*"



BURR'S No. 1.

This excellent new early white potato, introduced last year by R. D. Burr of New York, is described by him as follows: "It is with a feeling of satisfaction in results obtained that I call your attention to this very promising Early Seedling Potato, and in presenting its points of merit, descriptive outlines, and record to date, my aim will be to state facts, and support the facts stated.

"First. It is one of the handsomest large early potatoes ever grown.

"Second. It is the first up, the first to blossom, and one of the very earliest in maturity of crop

"Third. It will, under like conditions and surroundings, outyield any other Early Potato, and with favorable season, 90 per cent. of the crop will be of marketable size.

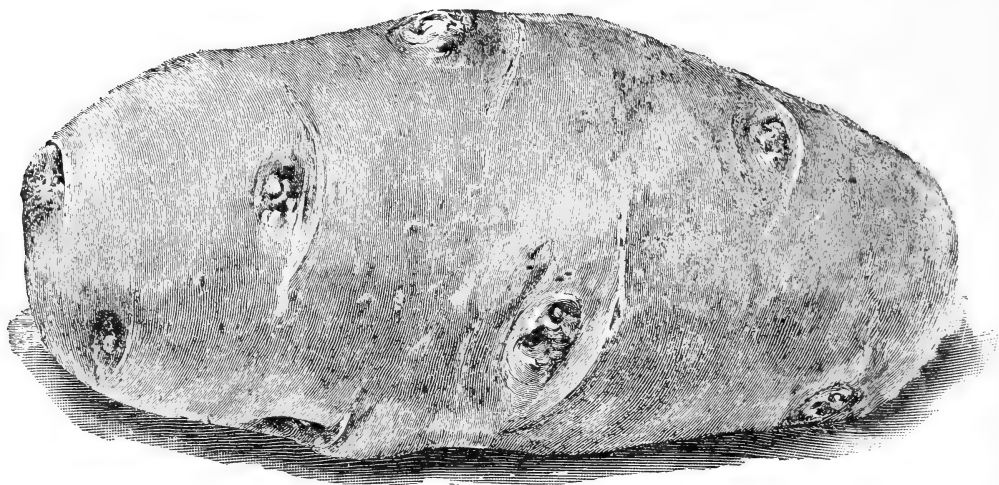
"Fourth. Its table qualities are of the highest order; it has no hard parts and no hollow hearts.

"Fifth. I am fully convinced that the near future will find it the most profitable Early Potato for field cultivation "

Burr's No. 1 is oblong in shape; the skin is light buff, inclined to russet; eyes strong, few, and shallow; flesh white, dry and floury; heavy yielder, season early. Vine large and stocky. Tubers grow compactly in the hill, average large, entirely free from scab or disease of any kind. I have a good stock grown from seed obtained of Mr. Burr. Prices: By mail, postpaid; 1 pound, 20 cents; 3 pounds, 50 cents. By express or freight; 1 pound, 10 cents; peck, 50 cents; bushel, \$1.50; barrel, \$4.00; 3 barrels, \$11.

A. F. ROBINSON, Geanga Co., Ohio, April 10, 1896, writes: "*The potatoes came to hand on the 6th all in good condition. I was somewhat doubtful about their condition until I opened them, but your manner of packing is excellent. I am much pleased with them. Many thanks for those you sent gratis.*

B. W. PAGE, Madison Co., N. Y., April 10, 1896, writes: "*The potatoes were received the 7th. I thank you very kindly for your prompt and fair dealing and hope we may have more in the future.*"



EARLY FORTUNE.

The Early Fortune, introduced in 1893, is making a wonderful record wherever planted. This is the second year I have offered this most valuable early potato. Last spring the demand for this variety was so great I had some difficulty in saving enough seed for my own planting. Early Fortune has made such unusual development, both as to early ripening qualities, enormous productiveness, and strong, vigorous growth, that no praise is too strong for its merits. It is handsome in form and the color is similar to the Early Rose, of which it is a seedling. Early Fortune will prove a grand successor to the Early Rose as soon as its sterling qualities are known. It is well adapted to any kind of soil. It is very early, ripening several days ahead of Early Rose, and is twice as productive as that old sort.

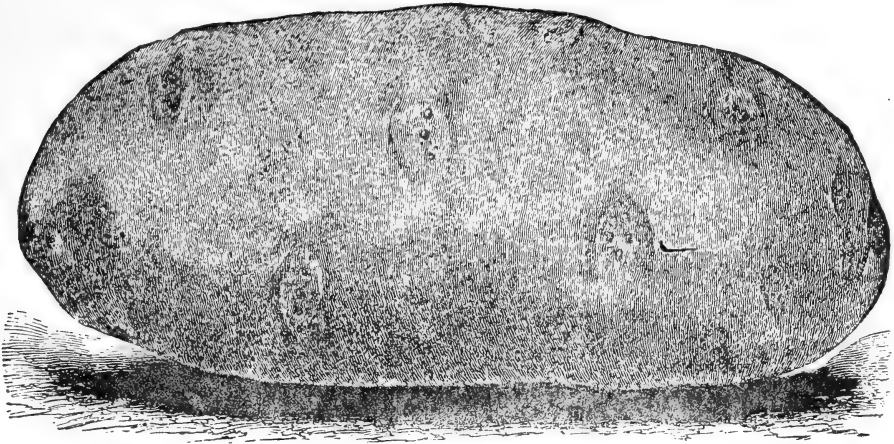
Early Fortune is becoming very popular in the southern states. I have hundreds of testimonials from my customers in the South, saying the Early Fortune is the best potato they have grown for market in several years. A leading trucker and gardener in Virginia, writes: "The Early Fortune under same cultivation yielded three times more than Early Rose from same amount of seed planted."

I have a large stock of Early Fortune's and hope to be able to supply all this spring. Prices: By mail, postpaid; 1 pound, 20 cents; 3 pounds, 40 cents. By express or freight; 1 pound, 10 cents; peck, 35 cents; bushel, \$1.10; barrel, \$2.75; 3 barrels, \$7.50.

JOHN VASEY, Morgan Co. Ill., Oct. 21, 1896, writes. "*Last spring I ordered 7 varieties of potatoes from you. The Early Fortune beat any of the seven varieties I grew. They are a tremendous cropper, and good size and quality, and extra early on my soil.*"

RICHARD REESER, Harris Co., Pa., Oct. 25, 1896, writes: "*The Early Fortune potatoes purchased from you last spring, yielded 60 bushels to the barrel and were very fine. The Early Michigan yielded 5 bushels from ½ peck planted, and the Carman No. 3, four bushels from ½ peck.*" Mr. Reeser, April 26, 1896, wrote. "*I received the 9 barrels of potatoes yesterday, and find them first class in every respect and hope to be able to patronize you again.*"

JAMES ANDERSON, Lake Co., Ohio, writes: "*The Early Fortune potatoes received of you last spring have made an enormous yield. They are a beautiful potato. The Corrosive Sublimate Compound is a great acquisition. I do not think I have a scabby potato in my entire crop that I treated.*"



THE ALGOMA.

Another potato that came from the Northwest, originated in Minnesota. The Algoma is a new early white potato of the Hebron class. From one year's trial I am satisfied it will prove a valuable early market variety. Algoma is certain to take the lead with growers desiring a first class early market variety that is productive and sure to yield a good crop even in the most unfavorable seasons. Market gardeners and all others growing potatoes for market cannot afford to overlook this wonderful variety. Its certainty to produce a big crop, together with fine appearance and enormous yields called forth testimonials from some of the most experienced potato growers in America. I have grown a good stock of large, smooth, handsome tubers, which I offer my customers at following low prices: By mail, postpaid; 1 pound, 20 cents; 3 pounds, 50 cents. By express or freight; 1 pound, 10 cents; peck, 35 cents; bushel, \$1.25; barrel, \$3.00; 3 barrels, \$8.00.

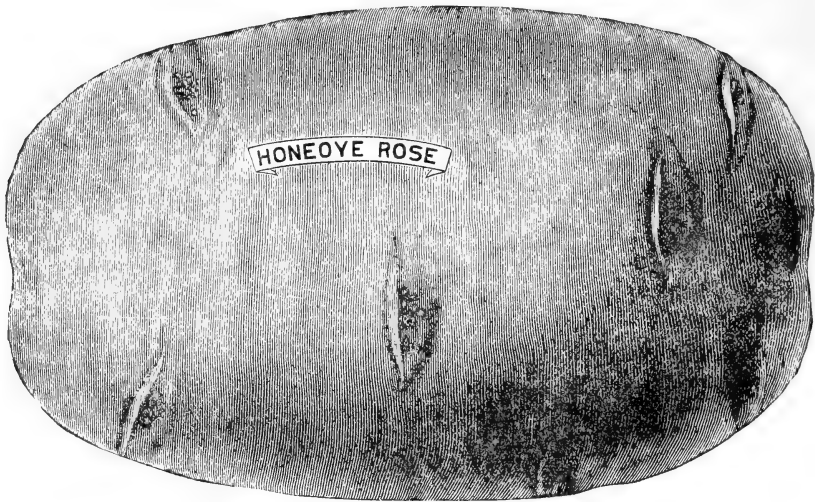
HUMPHREY'S CONCAVE POTATO KNIFE.

The blade is very thin, and just the right shape to divide Potatoes to one, two or three eye pieces, rapidly, and not crack the tuber or injure the vitality of the germs. It is necessary to have proper tools; use system to accomplish the most work. Can furnish the knife by mail, postpaid, for 30 cents; not prepaid, 25 cents.

My exhibit of 50 varieties of Seed Potatoes at the Grand Rapids State Fair last fall was awarded first premium as the best and largest display.

If you want the 5 best potato novelties, varieties that contain new, fresh blood and capable of producing enormous crops of the choicest quality, plant Early Michigan, Country Gentleman, Maule's Early Thoroughbred, Acme, and Uncle Sam.

J. O. GIBBS, Peoria Co., Ill., Aug, 1, 1896, writes: "*I dug my Early Michigan potatoes July 28th. They are fine, no very large ones and very few too small for market. There was 74 lbs. 2 oz. all together from the one pound of seed. All the other sorts received from you seem to be doing well. Early Fortune is ripe, not dug yet.*"



HONEOYE ROSE.

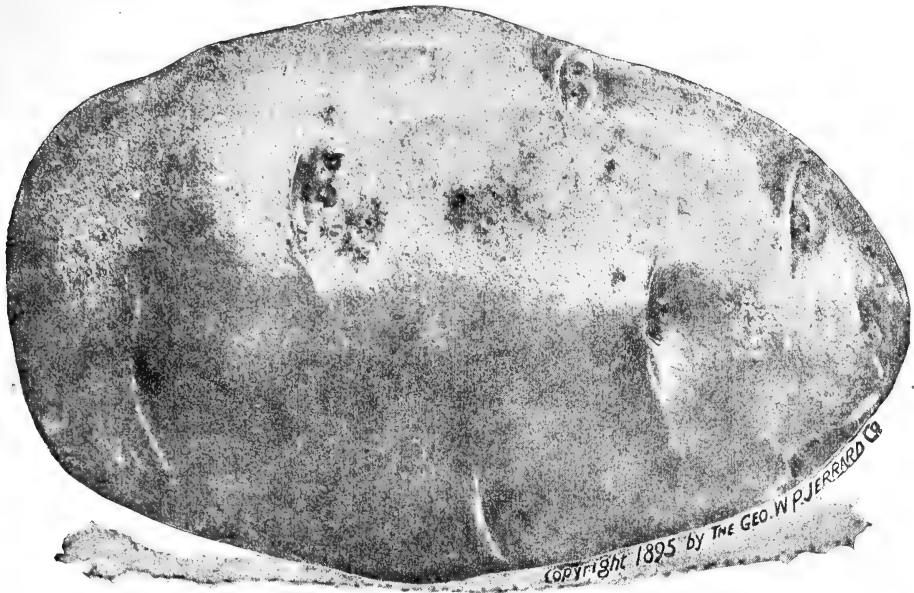
The Honeoye Rose was introduced last year by the largest seed firm in Western New York. In their catalogue they describe it as follows: "Now we offer you a new Early that we have named after our beautiful town. A Rose potato was never offered that had such ancestry as this. It is a seedling of the Victor Rose, which in turn was a seedling of Reeves Rose, in our opinion the best direct offspring of its worthy parent, the genuine early Rose. The Honeoye Rose is an early, of better shape, and more productive than the Early Rose could be grown under the most favorable circumstances. To continue, the Honeoye Rose has the most beautiful color ever painted by the kind hand of nature upon a potato. The main color is a pale pink, around the eye, like the eyebrows, the color changes and deepens into a light, but brilliant red. The Honeoye is a strong grower; grows from the start and keeps at it, sending out a good, stocky, spreading vine. The yield, though, is the main thing. In 1894, it made 400 bushels per acre with ordinary field culture. This variety will prove a boon to southern growers, who usually prefer just such a potato as the Honeoye Rose. Everyone wanting an enormous yield should give it a trial." Prices: By mail, postpaid; one pound, 20 cents; three pounds, 50 cents. By express or freight; one pound, 10 cents; peck, 40 cents; bushel, \$1.20; barrel, \$2.75; three barrels, \$7.50.

I am headquarters for the choicest Celery, Cauliflower and Cabbage plants in their season. My prices will suit you.

W. W. FULLER, Ironwood, Mich., July 3, 1896, writes: "*The celery plants were received last night in good condition. They are fine ones. Thanks for your promptness.*"

FRANK M. LUTTS, Lake Co., Ohio, April 4, 1896, writes: "*I received the potatoes all O. K.; was well pleased with them, especially Carman No. 3. I can recommend your stock to anyone wanting what you have. I thank you for the prompt and businesslike manner in which you have dealt with me.*"

W. T. MILLER, Fremont Co., Ohio, April 11, 1896, writes: "*The barrel of potatoes arrived all right and have them all delivered. The parties who ordered with me were well pleased. They are a fine lot of seed potatoes.*"



THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN.

This wonderful new potato was originated and introduced last year by a Maine seed company, at \$10 per bushel. From their description, I was satisfied it would prove a valuable variety, and so ordered a quantity of seed. It resembles the New Queen and Beauty of Hebron, only that the coloring is more marked than in either of these varieties. The blush and white markings cover the skin of this potato in a peculiar mottled manner, making it one of the most strikingly handsome varieties. It is a medium late kind, about half way between the New Queen and White Elephant in time of maturing; the eyes are shallow, with numerous sprouts to the eye, and is a very large yielder.

The introducers say: "We have had the Country Gentleman under our personal supervision for the past five years, and during this time it has not shown the least inclination to rot or disease of any kind, and seems less affected by drought than the average. We unhesitatingly recommend this superb new potato as the very best of all the main crop or medium late sorts and worthy the name of America's foremost agricultural journal, for which it is christened. In view of the superior merits and scarcity of seed, the Country Gentleman is bound to sell at high prices for a number of years to come." I heartily recommend it to all my customers. It yields enormously on my new muck lands. Prices: By mail, postpaid; one pound, 30 cents; three pounds, 65 cents. By express or freight; one pound, 20 cents; peck, \$1.00; bushel, \$2.75; barrel, \$6.00.

JOSEPH BRECKONS, Allegheny Co., Pa., April 28, 1896, writes: "*The three barrels of potatoes came to-day. They are well packed and handsome potatoes.*"

W. A. COPELAND, Morris Co., Iowa, April 27, 1896, writes: "*I received potatoes and corn to-day. Thanks for extras. I hope you will get many orders from here. I will give you other orders when I can.*"

W. J. ELLSWORTH, Livingston Co., Mich., March 29, 1896, writes: "*I received box of potatoes to-day. They are all right and fine ones. Accept thanks for promptness.*"

PEERLESS JUNIOR.

Another valuable second early potato from Western New York. Peerless Junior is a hybrid of the Peerless and Snowflake; yields like the old Peerless when at its best; with the eating qualities of the renowned Snowflake. Form, round to oblong; russet white skin and large size. The vines grow rank and stocky, dark rich green in color, and blight proof. Peerless Junior was introduced as an early variety, but ripens with Carman No. 1. Peerless Junior grows all large tubers, absolutely no small ones. 1300 lbs. were raised from one pound of seed last year. My stock of this variety is very fine. Prices: 1 pound, postpaid, 20 cents; 3 pounds, 50 cents. By express or freight; peck, 30 cents; bushel, \$1.00; barrel, \$2.75; 3 barrels, \$7.50.

CARMAN No. 1.

Carman No. 1 originated with E. S. Carman, Editor of the Rural New Yorker. It is a seedling from seedlings raised through several generations, with the object of developing good and suppressing undesirable qualities. Intermediate in ripening; resembles R. N. Y. No. 2 in shape; has very few and shallow eyes; flesh peculiarly white and quality good. Grows to large size, scarcely any small ones. Sometimes the eyes are quite deep, and liable to grow rough on some soils. Not as desirable a variety as Carman No. 3. Prices: 1 pound, postpaid, 20 cents; 3 pounds, 50 cents. By express or freight; peck, 30 cents; bushel, \$1.00; barrel, \$2.50; 3 barrels, \$7.00

LIVINGSTON'S BANNER.

This popular variety was introduced by Livingston's Sons; is not surpassed by any variety in handsome appearance. The skin is light cream colored, and very slightly russety in texture, which latter fact is always regarded as an indication of fine table qualities. Its shape is a little oblong and slightly flattened on the sides. Eyes are few and shallow, thus securing economy in paring and adding to their attractiveness. It so far has proven scab proof. The size is large and desirable, none under size or prongy. They are always smooth and regular in form. The yielding qualities are of the very highest order. A very strong grower; vines rich dark green. In season it follows the early sorts, thus making it a main crop, all purpose potato. Prices: By mail, postpaid; 1 pound, 20 cents; 3 pounds, 50 cents. By express or freight; peck, 30 cents; bushel, \$1.00; barrel, \$2.50; 3 barrels, \$7.00.

JOHN F. MARTIN, Wood Co., Kas., Aug. 22, 1896, writes: "*I send you today tuber of Early Michigan Potato I grew from the three potatoes you sent me last spring. They are the earliest potato I have ever planted, and I have got 20 different kinds. They ripened here July 10th.*"

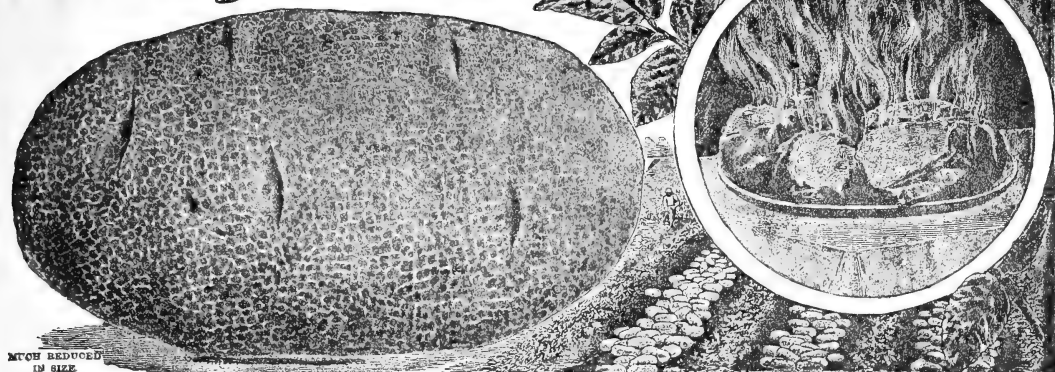
A. S. KNIGHT, Rock Co., Wis., April 26, 1896, writes: "*The box of potatoes I ordered from you reached me in good condition. I thank you for the very liberal samples of Early Michigan and think the whole lot are the handsomest potatoes I ever received.*"

J. S. STEELE, Madison Co., Ind., Sept. 12, 1896, writes: "*The pound of Early Michigan potatoes you sent me last spring produced 151 pounds of nice potatoes. All the other kinds did well.*"

ORRIN SMITH, Lincoln Co., R. I., Oct. 20, 1896, writes: "*The Early Michigan potatoes you sent me last spring were planted April 28th; on June 26th I commenced digging for table use. They are very handsome, good quality, very few small potatoes. They yielded about 300 bushels per acre. I consider the Early Michigan a very desirable variety for home use or market.*"

JOHN SCHIPPE, Allegan Co., Mich., Oct. 19, 1896, writes: "*I send you today one of the Early Michigan potatoes I raised from seed I bought of you last spring. I can say that it is the best potato I ever raised. From the one pound I raised 136 pounds. Who can beat this; if there is anybody I would like to hear from him.*"

Uncle Sam[®] THE PEOPLE'S POTATO

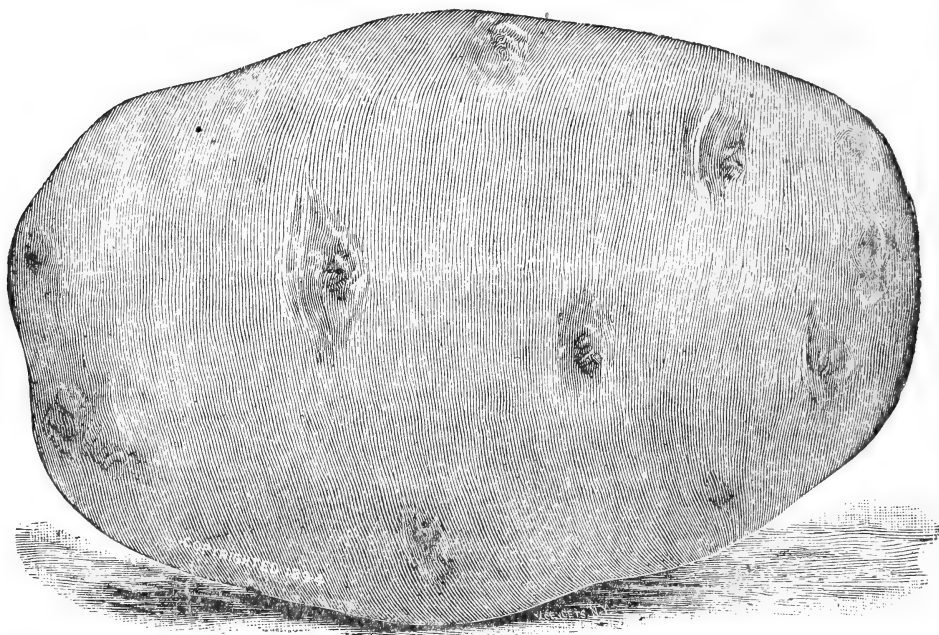


UNCLE SAM.

THE PEOPLE' POTATO.

This excellent new medium late potato, introduced last season by a New York firm, is a decided acquisition to the potato family. I think Uncle Sam is destined to become the most popular late market potato America has yet produced. Heretofore, I have considered the Carman No. 3 the most perfect of all late varieties I have tested, but from one season's trial, I must admit Uncle Sam even surpassed Carman No. 3 in wonderful growth, in yield, and last but not least, in quality. Here, let me state, is the most desirable feature in this truly wonderful potato. Its cooking qualities are superior to any late potato I have tested since the old Peachblow, many years ago. The flesh is snow white, and whether boiled or baked, it has the same fine table qualities, always cooking dry and floury. Its cropping qualities are phenomenal; I believe it will prove the heaviest cropper grown, not even excepting several varieties, worthless in every other respect than their heavy cropping qualities, varieties which produce coarse, waxy and unpalatable tubers. In the season of 1895, a well known potato grower and expert, in New York state, grew on his farm under the same soil, conditions and cultivation, Uncle Sam, Rural New Yorker No. 2, Great Divide and Irish Daisy, and on digging and weighing the crops, was astonished to find that Uncle Sam had outyielded all between 90 and 100 per cent., or nearly double the crop per acre of these well known varieties. The introducers say: "Aside from its productiveness, which is largely attributable to the uniform size of potatoes, nearly all sizing up alike, none too large, and few too small, its crowning merit is its superb cooking qualities, which will ultimately place Uncle Sam on every table where quality in potatoes is appreciated. Regarding the excellence of its cooking qualities, we speak from our own personal experience, for never did we have so fine a flavored potato on our table, and its handsome, pure white, floury appearance would attract the attention of all; in fact, so pretty a picture did they make, that we had them photographed on the spot."

It is a medium late variety, ripening along with Rural New Yorker No. 2, and has most luxuriant foliage, completely shading the ground. The tubers are oval, with pure white, russet skin, very shallow eyes near the surface, and are so handsome in appearance and perfect in form, that they will always bring an enhanced price upon the market; but so great will be the demand, that for years to come they will bring a premium for seed purposes. Every person should plant Uncle Sam this season, as it is sure to become a leader. Prices: By mail, postpaid; one pound, 30 cents; three pounds, 60 cents. By express or freight; peck, \$1.25; bushel, \$3.00; barrel, \$7.00.



CARMAN No. 3.

THE MOST POPULAR AND MOST EXTENSIVELY ADVERTISED POTATO,
THAT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN SEVERAL YEARS.

The introducers say: "The Carman No. 3, which we now offer for the first time, is like the Carman No. 1, a seedling from seedlings raised through several generations by the experienced originator, whose name they bear. Its average form is shown in our illustration. It will be noticed that it resembles the Carman No. 1, except that the tubers are a little more elongated. The eyes are very shallow and but few in number. It is of the shapeliest form, and even in droughty seasons, its perfect shape is retained. Without any approach to an exception, it is the greatest yielder ever introduced. It may fairly be claimed that it does not yield any small tubers at all, in ordinary seasons. It bears its tubers very close to the plant, a single turn of the fork turning out every potato. It is of the largest size, the tubers usually averaging in weight a pound each. It is a perfect keeper. Both skin and flesh are of extreme whiteness. The foliage is heavy and of a dark green color, and the vines are always strong and vigorous. The tubers set while the vines are quite small, but do not ripen until late. This gives all the advantage of continuous growth for the entire season, making it very valuable for the main field crop.

OUR CLAIMS FOR THE CARMAN NO. 3, ARE:

1. It is the handsomest large potato ever produced.
2. It will outyield any other potato, whatever.
3. Practically every potato is of marketable size.
4. Its table qualities are fully up to the highest standard; it has no hollow hearts and no dark parts.

We are confident that the Carman No. 3 will soon be the most popular variety for field culture, on account of its enormous productiveness and great beauty. The season of 1895, Carman No. 3 gave me a yield of 565 bushels per acre, outyielding ninety-nine other varieties tested beside it. The past season it did remarkably well, and with the exception of Uncle Sam, I still consider it the best late main crop potato. It will probably have a greater run than any other variety introduced in recent years. They grow very large size, smooth and handsome. I have never found a prongy, ill-shaped or scabby potato of this variety in my entire stock.

In above respects Carman No. 3 is about perfect. It withstands drought better than any other variety on my grounds. It may be freely claimed that it does not yield any small tubers at all in ordinary seasons. It bears its tubers very close to the plant, a single turn of the fork turning out every potato. The tubers usually average a pound each. It is a perfect keeper. Both skin and flesh are of extreme whiteness; foliage is heavy and of a dark green color. From the hundreds of testimonials I have received the past few months, I would judge the Carman No. 3 has made a good record everywhere the past season. The demand this year will again exceed the supply. Although I have a large stock of choice new land stock of Carman No. 3, I would advise my friends to order early. Prices of genuine seed, for 1897: By mail, postpaid; one pound, 20 cents; three pounds, 50 cents. By express or freight; peck, 40 cents; bushel, \$1.40; barrel, \$3.50; three barrels, \$9.00.

ALVIN M. LEIGHTON, Manistee Co., Mich., Oct. 29, 1896, writes: "*Last spring you sent me a tuber of Carman No. 3 potato that weighed three ounces. I planted same with care and have just dug 35 pounds of choice Carman No. 3 potatoes from this small tuber, and three hills were destroyed by cut worms, at that. It is a very vigorous grower. Above yield is at the rate of 178 bushels from one, or 756 bushels per acre.*"

J. G. BUCHANAN, Orange Co., Tenn., Nov. 3, 1896, writes. "*Last spring I received from you one barrel of Carman No. 3 potatoes and ten bushels of Michigan Wonder Oats. \$10 a bushel would not buy my crop of Carman No. 3 if I could not replace them. They are the handsomest, smoothest, largest yielding potato I ever grew. Although I give Carman No. 3 great credit, I think there is more in the northern grown new muck land seed. Hereafter I will order new seed from you every spring. I think by the change our crops can be doubled.*"

W. H. ANTHONY, Monroe Co., N. Y., writes. "*You cannot praise the Carman No. 3 too much. It is the finest potato we have seen in this County for a great many years. I believe it will be grown everywhere as soon as its sterling qualities are known. The quality is equal if not superior to any late potato I have, and I grew 63 varieties the past season.*"

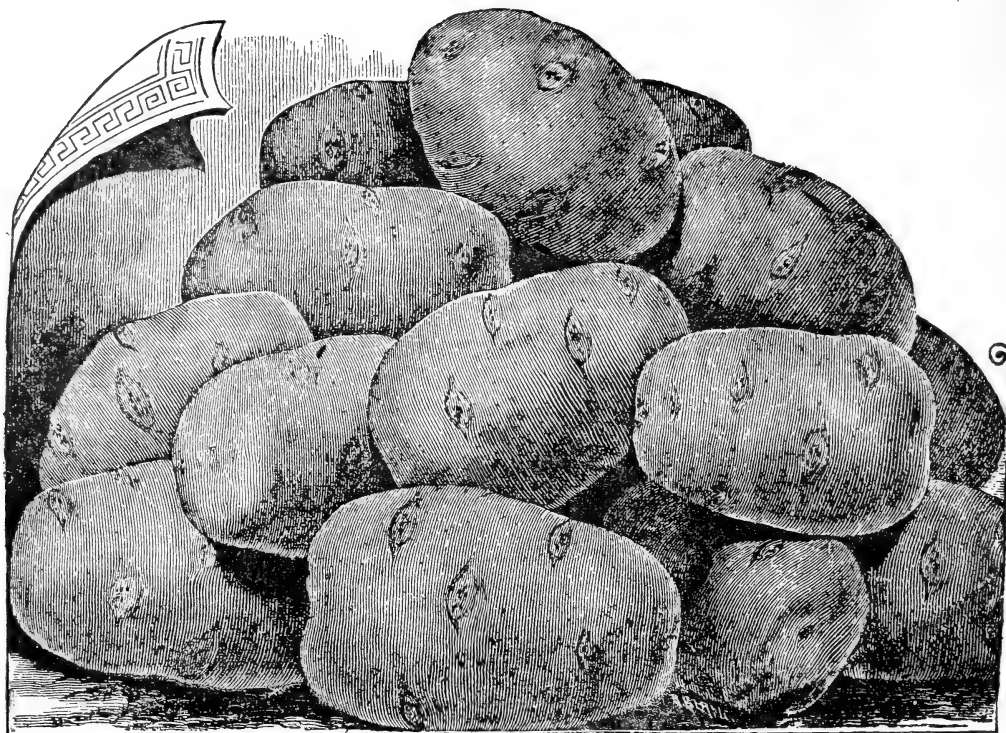
A. S. WORTHINGTON, Jackson Co., Mich., May 8, 1896, writes: "*The barrel of Carman No. 3 has arrived in good shape; they are the finest potatoes I ever saw.*"

A. F. JOHNSON, Marion Co., Mass., Sept. 14, 1896, writes: "*I take pleasure in informing you that I grew 25 pounds of Carman No. 3 from the small two ounce tuber you sent me for a list of names last spring. Your new muck land celery plants have done nicely.*"

WM. G. COOMBS, Nova Scotia, Canada, Oct. 2, 1896, writes: "*The four ounce tuber of Carman No. 3 you sent me, made six eyes. From it I grew 16 1-2 pounds of choice potatoes, average weight of each potato, 1 pound 2 ounces. They are fine.*"

J. SMITH, Kern Co., W. Va., Aug. 29, 1896, writes: "*That potato you sent me, I planted one eye to the hill, and received 14 1-2 pounds of nice potatoes. I think your Carman No. 3 is a fine potato.*"

C. L. MORTIMER, Lewis Co., Mo., Aug. 19, 1896, writes: "*Last spring I received from you one small Carman No. 3 potato. I planted them in garden soil; on digging same I was surprised to find 26 beautiful large, smooth potatoes. I was much pleased and reported my success to our horticultural society. Quote me price on one barrel, to be shipped in October.*"



MILL'S ENDURANCE.

Introduced by F. B. Mills in 1894. It was selected from a large number of seedling potatoes grown from seed balls of the Green Mountain potato. This is an exceedingly valuable late market potato. Its handsome form, white skin and large and even size recommend it everywhere. The eyes are shallow, and the flesh is white, fine grained, cooks dry and mealy and is of superior quality. As a variety to keep for late spring use it has no equal, and one of the strongest recommendations that I can give for it is the vigorous growth of the vines, withstanding drought or blight, which potato crops are liable to in all sections of the country. A field of them can be distinguished from any other as far as they can be seen. They have never blighted yet, and therefore might safely be guaranteed blight proof. The foliage is deep, rank green and the vines stand erect and strong. The tubers grow compactly in the hill, which is crowded with fine, large potatoes. I believe it will prove one of the most valuable late varieties, and a safe potato to plant, as it will endure a wet or dry season without injury. Prices: By mail, postpaid; one pound, 20 cents; three pounds, 50 cents. By express or freight; peck, 35 cents; bushel, \$1.25; barrel, \$3.00; three barrels, \$8.00.

THE ADIRONDAC POTATO.

The claims made for this new late white potato are simply wonderful. Adirondac, in competition with more than a thousand other varieties, exhibited at the World's Fair in 1893, carried off the first premium for size, appearance, quality and yield. Vines strong and healthy, tubers compact in the hill, size large and uniform, quality good. After seeing this variety at the World's Fair, I ordered a quantity of the seed direct from the introducer, and now have a fine stock to offer my customers. Prices same as Mill's Endurance.

SALZER'S CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

A new, late white variety introduced last year. A strong grower and good yielder on my soil. A splendid heavy yielding market variety. Prices same as Endurance.

SPECIAL.

TO CUSTOMERS, OLD AND NEW.

The eighteen varieties of potatoes described on the preceding pages comprise, without a doubt, the finest list of potatoes ever offered the American public. No amount of money has been spared in testing all new varieties as they came out, and no variety has been retained on my list that does not possess superior merit. It has always been my ambition to give my customers the very best seeds, comprising the choicest varieties, for a sum within their reach. Many city seedsmen are still offering old, run out varieties at higher prices than I ask my customers for the very best new valuable introductions. You ask why and how I do this?

The reasons are these: The city seedsman and dealer must first buy his seed stock, and then let it out to farmers here and there, on upland soil, to grow on contract. The city seedsman does not grow his own stock of seeds. If the season is unfavorable he gets a small yield per acre. For this reason he must sell new varieties at fancy prices, otherwise he makes no money, if he paid \$10 a bushel or \$25 a barrel for seed of a new variety. So he prefers to continue offering many old varieties which he can buy of farmers at market prices, and continues to recommend them.

Here on my new muck land soil, I grow and have grown under my immediate supervision, my entire stock of seeds. I have the finest potato land in the world, and with the careful attention I give to seed growing, with little effort I can grow 150 to 250 bushels of a valuable potato novelty from one bushel of seed. This, together with no city rents, drayage, etc., and having my own seed farms, is the reason I can and do sell the **BEST SEED POTATOES** and **FARM SEEDS** the world produces, at lower prices than any other reliable seedsman.

Hammond's Wonderful Potato Collections.

In order to at once introduce and thoroughly popularize my new muck land Seed Potatoes in all parts of America, and to induce new customers to try my superior seed potatoes, I have decided again this year to group a number of varieties at a low price; each carefully and separately packed and labeled, in peck, bushel and barrel collections. After planting and harvesting one or more of my potato collections, my customers are in a position, from practical knowledge, to judge the sorts best adapted to their soil, climate and market. This is of great value, for if by buying a collection, you get a sort which increases the yield only 100 bushels per acre, it will have paid the cost of the collection many a time.

- Address all orders to **HARRY N. HAMMOND.**

HAMMOND'S SPECIAL POTATO COLLECTIONS.

Peck Collection No. 1. \$1.50.

This wonderful collection comprises the four best potato novelties ever offered. One-fourth peck of each of the four following varieties, only \$1.50.

Early Michigan,	Country Gentleman,
Maule's Early Thoroughbred,	Uncle Sam.

Bushel Collection No. 2. \$2.50.

1 peck Early Michigan,	1 peck Country Gentleman,
1 peck Maule's Early Thoroughbred.	1 peck Uncle Sam.

Barrel Collection No. 3. Only \$6.00.

3 pecks Early Michigan,	3 pecks Country Gentleman,
3 pecks Maule's Early Thoroughbred,	3 pecks Uncle Sam.

The Wonderful Bushel Collection No. 4. Only \$1.50.

1 peck Acme,	1 peck Algoma,
1 peck Everitt's Thoroughbred,	1 peck Carman No. 3.

King of Earliest Bushel Collection No. 5. Only \$1.40.

1 peck King of Earliest,	1 peck Burr's No. 1,
1 peck Early Fortune,	1 peck Mill's Endurance.

Acme Barrel Collection No. 6. Only \$3.80.

3 pecks Early Acme,	3 pecks Honeoye Rose,
3 pecks Everitt's Thoroughbred.	3 pecks Carman No. 3.

King of Earliest Barrel Collection No. 7. Only \$3.25.

3 pecks King of Earliest,	3 pecks Honeoye Rose,
3 pecks Burr's No. 1,	3 pecks Mill's Endurance.

AS A SPECIAL OFFER, I will make up a barrel of any three varieties, your selection, at the barrel rates of these varieties; or a barrel of any eleven varieties, one peck of each, at the bushel rates of these varieties.

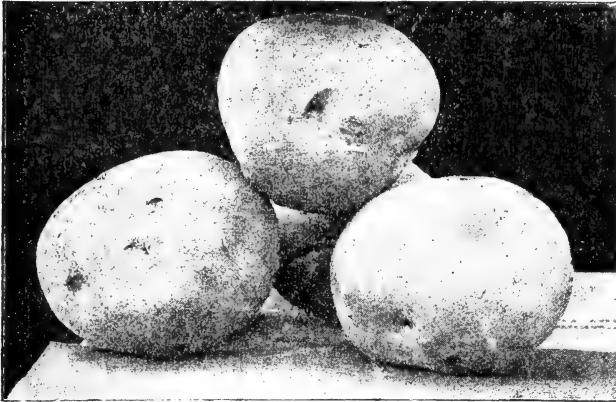
Write me for prices on any collection you want, if the above do not suit you.

REMEMBER! The very low prices quoted on above collections are made merely to introduce my superior seed potatoes in all parts of America. Otherwise I could not sell at above low prices. The above prices are net; no discount on collections. •

WONDERFUL DISCOVERY FOR POTATO SCAB.

Hammond's Corrosive Sublimate Compound

Potato Scab can be prevented and the value of the crop doubled, at an expense not exceeding ten cents per acre. **DON'T FAIL TO TRY IT.**



Grown from Treated Seed.



Grown from Untreated Seed.

This compound for prevention of potato scab, I discovered a few years ago. I learned that by the admixture of two drugs with corrosive sublimate, a compound thus made would not only prevent potato scab and make a more salable potato, but within proper limits, an increased yield. Not only is the total yield increased by this treatment, but reports have been received of gains of one hundred bushels of marketable potatoes per acre. The expense should not exceed ten cents per acre, and in seasons when the disease is troublesome, the value of the crop can often be doubled, as with proper precautions, even when scabby seed is used, **potatoes will be free from scab**, if the directions are followed.

DIRECTIONS FOR TREATING SEED POTATOES FOR SCAB.

Use two ounces of Corrosive Sublimate Compound to sixteen gallons of water. Dissolve the poison by first wetting it with an equal amount of water, stirring it until it all made fine and thoroughly wetted. If it is to be used at once, it should be turned into about two gallons of hot water, to dissolve it quickly. Never use metal dishes; always take earthen, glassware or wooden pails. Corrosive Sub-

limate Compound is a deadly poison. Do not leave the solution or treated potatoes where animals can get hold of them. For treating small quantities, barrels or tubs may suffice. The tubers may be enclosed in a coarse sack and thus immersed. For treating larger quantities, a less laborious method would be to use a long and rather narrow box, or a watering trough can be used. The tubers can be taken out with a wire scoop. The best length of time to soak the seed is about one and one-half hours. The same water will do for three soakings, then should be emptied and fresh water and poison added. Soak the potatoes when ready to cut the seed. Of the two operations, the soaking should be done first. The expense of the treatment is very slight. Hundreds have used it, and for lack of space I repeat only a few of the many testimonials I have received, of the value of my Corrosive Sublimate Compound to the American potato grower. Prices: By mail, postpaid; two ounce package, 30 cents; four ounces, 50 cents; one-half pound, \$1.00; pound, \$1.75. Not prepaid, when sent with other seeds; two ounces, 25 cents; four ounces, 45 cents; one-half pound, 85 cents; pound, \$1.60.



AN AGRICULTURAL WONDER

...IS THE...

MICHIGAN WONDER OATS.

EXTRA EARLY. NEW BLOOD. ENORMOUS YIELDS.



Photograph of a 175 acre field of Michigan Wonder Oats.

In the Michigan Wonder Oat, introduced by me the past season, I offer without a single exception, the heaviest yielding, finest quality and earliest white oat ever offered the American farmer. It is a decided acquisition to the oat family and will soon prove itself the most popular white oat in America. Michigan Wonder is a very heavy oat; I think the heaviest oat grown in America to-day, it weighing 40 to 45 pounds per bushel. My entire crop of Michigan Wonder last year, when threshed, weighed 43 pounds per bushel, machine measure. When cleaned as I clean my seed oats for shipping, they weigh nearly 50 pounds per bushel. The straw is of medium length, growing very strong; Michigan Wonder Oats have never been known to lodge, the straw being so stiff they will stand almost any storm. The hull is very thin, making them most desirable for feeding or milling purposes. I think it the earliest oat I have every grown. Sown April 15, they were harvested early in July, long before the heavy rains that so greatly damaged oats throughout the country the past season. Last year was a record breaker for the Michigan Wonder. On my trial grounds in the Saginaw Valley, my growers, Mundy & Fifield, whose photos appear in the above cut, had one measured acre of Michigan Wonder Oats that yielded $129\frac{3}{4}$ bushels per acre, machine measure. These oats had but ordinary culture, no fertilizer, but were sown on new land that was plowed in the fall and had never been cropped before. I believe 150 bushels of these oats can be grown on an acre. Now, someone can produce this yield. Why not you? It certainly is possible, and if it is possible with any sort, it is possible with the Michigan Wonder, and I hope thousands of farmers throughout America will make the test this year. Michigan Wonder the past season, grown beside the Lincoln, Mortgage Lifter, Banner, Silver Mine and several other varieties, outyielded them all between 50 and 100 per cent., or nearly double the crop per acre of these well known varieties. Michigan Wonder has never shown the slightest signs of rust or smut. Being very hardy, and as they contain more new fresh blood than any other variety, it is no wonder it withstands disease and produces enormous crops. The demand for these oats during the next few years will certainly exceed the supply, and all that can be grown for seed purposes will net the farmers at least 50 cents per bushel.

The engraving on the opposite page was photographed from one of my fields of Michigan Wonder, grown the past season in the Saginaw Valley by my growers, Mundy & Fifield. The heaviest oats in the world are grown in the Saginaw Valley on new bottom lands that are as yet entirely free from any foul seeds of any description or kind. Thus I can safely guarantee my seed oats to be entirely free of all noxious weed seeds, and as pure and clean as the best modern machinery can make them. I make prices very low on Michigan Wonder Oats this spring, as I wish to introduce them in every town in this broad country, knowing they will give wonderful satisfaction everywhere. Michigan grown seed oats have always been considered the hardest, heaviest yielding and purest seed oats obtainable. Do not fail to include a few bushels of this wonderful oat novelty in your order.

Prices: By mail, postpaid; one pound, 20 cents; three pounds, 40 cents. By express or freight; peck, 35 cents; bushel, \$1.00; five bushels, \$4.00; ten bushels, \$7.00; twenty-five bushels or more, at 65 cents per bushel. Bags free.

The foregoing prices I have made ridiculously low for such a rare novelty, and there is no reason why you should not get a start in the seed. You would make money to sell your own seed at ten cents per bushel (if you could not get more), and invest the proceeds in Michigan Wonder Oats, so great a yielder it is.

A. B. FENTON, Licking Co., Ohio, Sept. 13, 1896, writes: "*The fame of the Michigan Wonder Oats having spread to my neighbor, I took pains to test them, and I am happy to be able to say that the results have more than equaled the recommendation given them. They mature earlier and excel in productiveness and quality any kind that I have heretofore grown.*"

J. S. BARRETT, Ford Co., Ill., Sept. 22, 1896, writes: "*I take great pleasure in testifying to the merits of the Michigan Wonder Oats. I find them to be free from rust, of great weight of grain, straw very strong, and are a long ways the best feeding oats I have ever known. Extremely early; in fact the earliest oats I ever grew.*"

WM. F. SKINNER, Marion Co., Ind., Aug. 19, 1896, writes: "*I just finished threshing my Michigan Wonder Oats from the ten bushels sown. I have 476 bushels, machine measure. They are extra early. Very stiff straw; in this respect I think they are the best oat I ever raised. My crop weighs 40 pounds per bushel, machine measure. I have already sold 200 bushels to my neighbors, at 65 cents a bushel.*"

JAMES H. CLARK, Barry Co., Mich., Oct. 12, 1896, writes: "*I think the Michigan Wonder Oats are superior to any other oats I ever raised. They excel other kinds in yield, 10 to 15 bushels per acre. Extra early, and my crop weighs 41 pounds per bushel, struck measure. They stand up best and mature plump and heavy under the hottest sun, where other oats are killed.*"

JAMES ANDERSON, Luce Co., Iowa, Nov. 2, 1896, writes: "*The Michigan Wonder Oat is the heaviest yielding oat ever introduced into Iowa. I want to kick myself for not ordering 100 bushels of them last spring. From the one peck sown, I raised 21 bushels or at the rate of 211 bushels per acre. My neighbors are all crazy to get a start of them. We will send you a club order next spring for 200 bushels or more.*"

WM. BOWERS, Orange Co., N. Y., Sept. 11, 1896, writes: "*Hurrah for the Michigan Wonder Oats. From the \$10 I sent you for Michigan Wonder last spring, I have raised and sold \$160 worth to my neighbors for seed and have enough left to sow again.*"

JAMES CAMPBELL, Erie Co., Pa., Aug. 30, 1896, writes: "*The Michigan Wonder Oats are yielding 122 bushels per acre. They are grand.*"

I have hundreds of such testimonials from my customers, but for lack of space cannot publish more.

C. S. BRACE, Lockport, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1896, writes: "*I want to tell you about the Early Michigan and Carman No. 3 Seed Potatoes I got of you last spring. I planted them May 1; had no rain until July 20. The Early Michigan and Carman No. 3 were so fine I exhibited them at our county fair and walked off with first prize on both varieties. I think your MUCK LAND is just the thing to put NEW BLOOD in potatoes. What have you, new and desirable?"*

J. W. WILSON, Huron Co., Ohio, Oct. 26, 1896, writes: "*I am more than pleased with the potatoes I purchased of you last spring. The Livingston Banner made a wonderful yield. Early Fortune and Carman No. 3 are sup-rb. But the four little Early Michigan potatoes you sent me were clear out of sight. They contained 28 eyes in all. I cut them in single eye pieces and planted on good soil. The result was surprising; I would not believed it if I had not dug them myself. I had 250 extra large, fine tubers from the 28 eyes. They are the leaders of all kinds I planted this season. They ripened with Early Ohio. I think they will be the leading market potato.*"

JOHN W. ALTON, Jackson Co., Ill., Oct. 12, 1896 writes: "*The Early Michigan, Carman No. 3 and Livingston Banner potato s I bought of you last spring were the finest specimens I ever received from any seedsman. The Early Michigan outyielded Furpee's Extra Early, Freeman, Rose and Early Ohio, by 100 bushels per acre. Livingston's Banner is a nice, round, smooth potato and an enormous yielder, although it was outyielded by the Early Michigan.*"

JOBE'S MORTGAGE LIFTER OATS.

This new variety, introduced by a leading seed firm in Western New York last year, is a very promising new oat novelty; and destined to win favor with those wanting a short, plump, heavy white oat. It is a very heavy oat, weighing about 40 pounds per bushel when cleaned. The straw is strong and stiff, and so far, has not shown the slightest signs of rust. This oat sold for \$2.00 a bushel last year. I have made prices low for the small stock I have to offer of this variety. By mail, postpaid; one pound, 20 cents; three pounds, 40 cents. By express or freight; peck, 40 cents; bushel, \$1.25; five bushels, \$5.00.

LINCOLN OATS.

This popular oat is now well known throughout the country; it has had a large run. Wherever it has been tested, it has given universal satisfaction and has proven a valuable acquisition. I have a large stock to offer my customers this year. Heretofore my stock has not been sufficient to supply the demand. Prices: Peck, 25 cents; bushel, 75 cents; five bushels, \$3.50; ten bushels, \$6 00; twenty-five bushels at 50 cents per bushel. Bags free.

SILVER MINE, or NAMELESS BEAUTY.

This oat came from the northwest, and is claimed by the introducers to be the best oat they ever offered. \$300 was paid for naming it Silver Mine. After careful trials, I can recommend this variety as one suitable to remain among the new reliable hardy sorts. I secured a quantity of the seed when first offered, and have grown it two years. I have a good stock to offer my customers, at prices same as for the Lincoln Oats.

WM. ALLEN, Summit Co., Ohio, Nov. 2, 1896, writes: "*Last spring I purchased twenty-five bushels of Lincoln Oats from you. I sowed them on twelve acres, and now have 865 bushels. I have sold most of them to my neighbors for seed at good prices.*"

WM. S. PERKINS, Miami Co., Ind., Oct. 10, 1896, writes: "*The seed potatoes I purchased of you last spring did remarkably well. The Early Michigan outyielded nine other leading extra earlies. It is the finest quality potato I have ever grown. I purchased seed potatoes in eight states last spring, and from careful trials, I am convinced that your Michigan grown new muck land seed potatoes produce 50 to 100 per cent. more potatoes than from seed from any other section of America. I also found your potatoes to be the largest, smoothest, and by far the cheapest. I buy new seed every spring and you may book me for a lifelong customer.*"

CHAS. M. HOWELL, Seneca Co., Ohio, Sept. 16, 1896, writes: "*I have just finished digging my potatoes. Early Fortune yielded 295 bushels per acre, Carman No. 3, 364 bushels per acre, and Early Michigan, the best in yield, earliness and quality, yielded at the rate of 496 1-2 bushels per acre. Your Corrosive Sublimat-Compound for the treatment of potato scab, is a grand discovery. I used your Compound last spring in the treatment of all seed potatoes, and now have the smoothest lot of potatoes I ever raised. In my entire crop of 897 bushels I do not think there can be found one peck of scabby potatoes.*"

S. W. BRIGHTBILL, Dauphin Co., Pa., May 6, 1896, writes: "*I received my seeds all right, and am very well pleased with the potatoes. I shall recommend them to my friends.*"

CHOICE ✨

Michigan Grown Seed Corn

Michigan Grown Seed Corn, being northern grown and maturing in the shortest possible season, produces earlier and larger crops than can be grown from seed corn from any other section of America.

HAMMOND'S

American Pride Yellow Dent Corn.

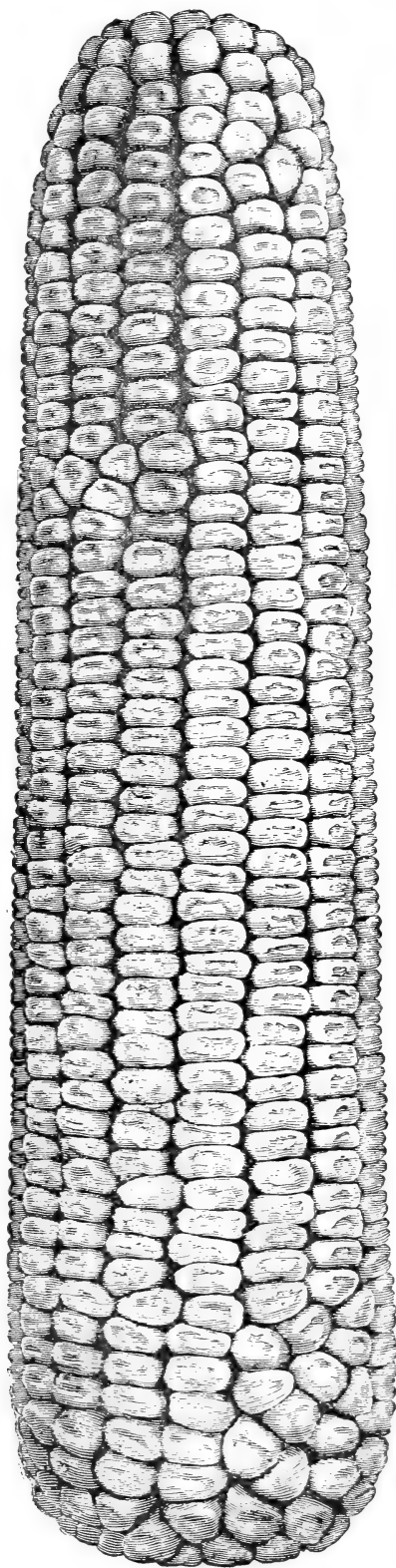
The earliest and most productive yellow dent corn yet produced. Grown on my trial grounds during the past three years, and tested beside twenty-six different varieties of dent corn, it came out ahead of all other varieties in every trial. For several years the Hathaway Yellow Dent has been the peer of all in earliness and productiveness in this state, eclipsing all other varieties brought from any other state. At last I am compelled to admit that the merits of the American Pride Dent should no longer be kept from the public. So careful am I in introducing any novelty, that I test it in the severest ways before offering it to my customers. I could not afford to offer a novelty that did not possess superior merit. In the American Pride Yellow Dent, I offer a corn not surpassed by any variety on earth. My artist has tried to faithfully portray the beauty of this grand variety and to a great extent has succeeded.

The large ear is a fair representation of an ear 12 inches long, reduced in size. As my stock is small, I dare not say much about this variety, knowing as I do that my supply cannot last long, at best.

Prices: Sample ear by mail, postpaid, 50 cents; one pound, postpaid, 50 cents. By express or freight; one-half peck, 75 cents; one peck, \$1.25; bushel, \$3.00. Bags free.

Improved White Rice Pop Corn.

This is the most popular variety of popcorn, and a profitable crop to raise, yielding as high as seventy-five bushels per acre. Being the most popular among poppers, and the most productive variety, I offer no other. Prices, shelled, postpaid; one pound, 20 cents; three pounds, 40 cents. Not prepaid; one pound, 10 cents; three pounds, 25 cents; ten pounds, 65 cents. Can be sent with potatoes or other seeds without additional cost.



Hathaway's Improved Yellow Dent.

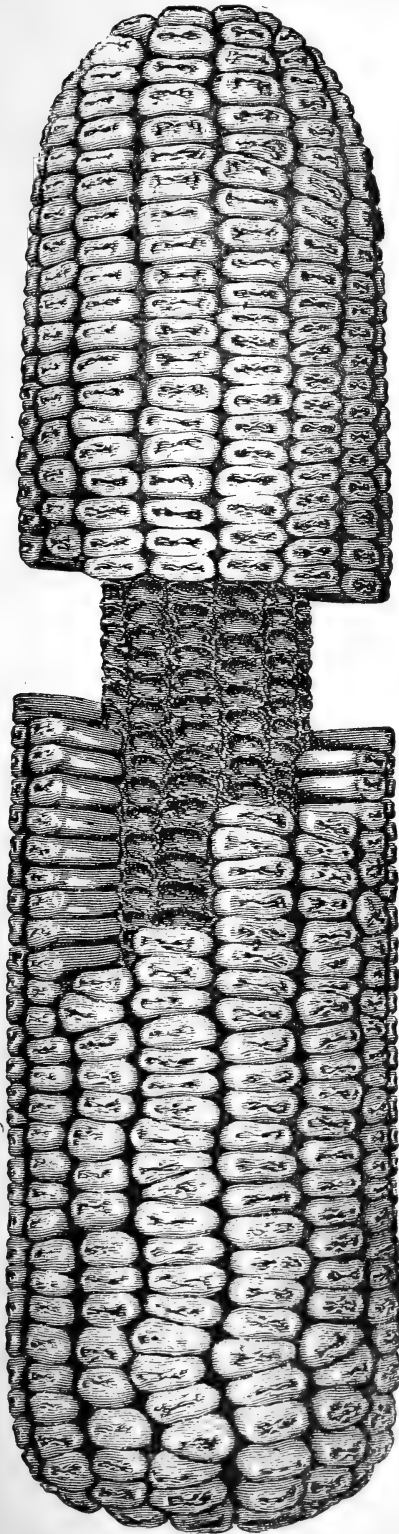
This variety of corn, after several years' trial, has become one of the leading early dent varieties. I have carefully selected this variety for a number of years, until I now think it the most reliable early dent variety grown to-day, with the exception of the American Pride. Hathaway is a bright yellow dent variety, deep grain and small cob. It is very early, ripens with Huron Dent, although for me it has always outyielded Huron Dent. It is a wonderful cropper, having yielded over 100 bushels of shelled corn per acre.

My seed corn is carefully selected and fire dried. I have the finest stock of all varieties of seed corn I ever offered. Remember, it costs you less than twenty cents per acre to use my choice selected seed corn, therefore it will not pay you to plant poor seed this year. Price, bags included: Bushel, \$1.50; peck, 50 cents; half peck, 30 cents. Sample ear, by mail, postpaid, 20 cents. Special prices quoted on large quantities.

White Cap Yellow Dent.

Another popular, well tried sort, too well known to need description. This variety gives universal satisfaction wherever tested. It is a beautiful corn in appearance and a splendid yielder. It is highly recommended for light, sandy soil, and is said to produce a crop on such soil when no other variety will. Prices: Bushel, \$1.25; peck, 40 cents; half peck, 25 cents; sample ear, by mail, 20 cents. Three bushels or more, \$1.00 per bushel. ■

C. N. COPLEY, Custer Co., Neb., Nov. 12, 1896, writes: "*I must say without boasting, that the Hathaway Dent Corn is by far the finest I ever raised. I have been farming for 21 years, and have planted many different sorts of corn, but the Hathaway excels them all. It has the largest, finest and heaviest ears, and every stalk has an ear, no matter how small the stalk. Had I planted all my ground last spring with Hathaway, I would have had twice as much corn. The White Cap is also an excellent variety and extra early.*"



DAY'S IMPROVED LEAFLESS MEDIUM BEANS.

THE BEST VARIETY OF WHITE BEANS EVER
OFFERED THE AMERICAN BEAN GROWER.

This wonderful variety of field beans was introduced by a New York firm last year. Michigan is, without exception, the largest producer of the finest quality of beans of any state in the Union. The introduction of Day's Improved Leafless Medium Beans here has created no little excitement among our foremost bean growers. This variety is a wonderful acquisition. It is positively the heaviest yielding variety of beans in this or any other country. Mr. Day experimented for years, and this bean represents the years of constant work in securing this wonderful sort. The beans are a beautiful pearly white in color, and run very uniform in size. The pods are long, well filled, containing from five to seven beans each, each stalk bearing from 100 to 200 pods. As to the vine growth, we can say that the vine stands up well, grows abundant foliage, and just previous to the time of ripening, **the leaves fall off**, so that each and every pod is exposed to the action of the sun's rays and ripens evenly. Another great feature of this most desirable of the bean family is its early ripening qualities, maturing its crop in from seventy to eighty days from date of planting. A half bushel is sufficient to plant an acre. Sixty bushels of these beans have been grown on an acre, at \$1.50 per bushel, would be \$90 an acre. Compare this with wheat.

The beans are carefully hand picked, put up in new bags, and guaranteed strictly pure. Remember, if you wish the best field bean, you should not fail to include Day's Improved Leafless Medium in your order.

Prices: One quart, 60 cents, postpaid. By Express or freight; One half peck, 50 cents; peck, 75 cents; bushel, \$2.00; three bushels, \$5.25. New bags free. Special prices on large lots on application. I can also furnish all the common varieties of field beans; prices and samples on application.



MAMMOTH WHITE FRENCH ARTICHOKE.

THE GREATEST FOOD FOR HOGS. YIELDS 600 TO 1000 BUSHELS PER ACRE.

The wonderful productiveness and ease with which these artichokes can be produced is always a surprise to those who cultivate them for the first time. They are an excellent food for cattle, sheep and horses, and the cheapest and healthiest hog food raised; one acre being equal to five acres of corn for building up large, healthy frames with plenty of bones and muscle. They not only grow rapidly, but fatten on them, only requiring corn for a short time in the finishing process. The hogs harvest them themselves, thus saving all expense, even that of feeding. Freezing and thawing does not injure them, and the hogs will feed themselves from October 1st, in this latitude, until the late spring, when grass has come, except when the ground is frozen solid. Also, they are a certain preventative of diseases. We have never known hogs fed on artichokes to die with cholera, while herds around them died by the score. No farmer can do better than plant a piece of ground to artichokes without delay. On good corn land they produce from 600 to 1000 bushels per acre, and do not fail in dry seasons. The tops, which are produced in immense quantity, make excellent food for horses, cattle, sheep and mules when properly cured. To destroy them, plow under when they have attained a foot in height. These are much easier destroyed than the wild variety.

They should be planted early in the spring, cut small like potatoes. Plant eighteen inches apart, in rows three feet apart. The next spring, break up the ground. The plants will appear all over the surface. Run through both ways and leave plants stand in hills like corn. Three bushels will plant an acre.

Prices: I have an enormous crop this year, and accordingly sell them very low, so every farmer can devote a patch to this inexpensive, never failing, valuable crop. By mail, postpaid; one pound, 25 cents; four pounds, 60 cents. Freight or express; one peck, 35 cents; one bushel, \$1.00; barrel of three bushels, \$2.50.

CRIMSON, SCARLET or GERMAN MAMMOTH CLOVER.

This wonderful clover is too well known to need description. It can be sown in spring or fall. The best time is spring, during March, April or May, at the rate of ten pounds per acre. I offer only pure American grown seed: ten pounds, 70 cents; bushel, \$3.75.

I have a choice stock of both Mammoth Red and June Clover. Michigan grown seed. Special prices on application.

JAPANESE BUCKWHEAT.

This is the most productive variety of buckwheat grown; has yielded eighty bushels per acre. Wonderfully prolific and hardy. The kernel is more than double the size of other varieties. Prices on application.

GERMAN or GOLDEN MILLET.

This is the best variety of millet grown, and one of the best forage plants. Well adapted to any kind of soil. Cows, horses and other farm stock are exceedingly fond of it, eating it with much relish. Pound, postpaid, 15 cents. By express or freight; peck, 50 cents; bushel, \$1.00; five bushels, \$4.00.



Hammond's Selected Garden Seeds.

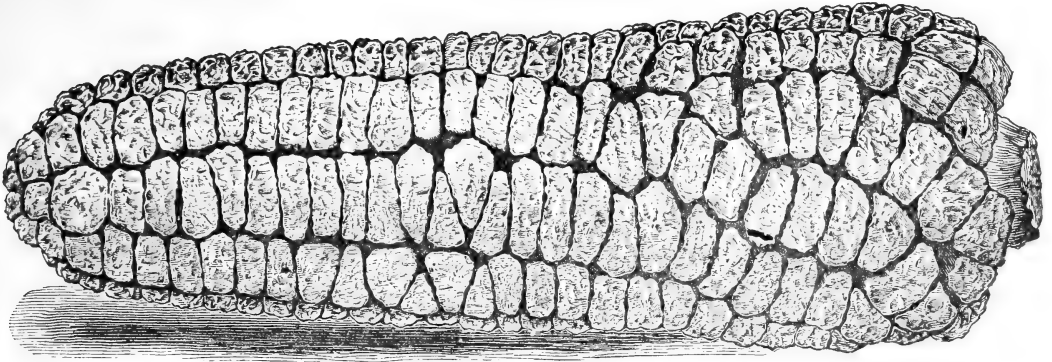
As a great many of my customers of years past have requested me to furnish them Choice (Michigan) Northern Grown Garden Seeds, I decided the past season to grow the finest varieties of Beans, Peas and Sweet Corn that I could obtain for my customers. The following list comprises the most profitable varieties to grow.

HAMMOND'S BUTTER WAX BEAN.

This new wax bean, now first offered, combines hardiness and productiveness with fine quality. It is a vigorous bush variety, with entire freedom from rust. It puts forth short tendrils on which pods are formed, in addition to those near the central stalk of the plant, which accounts for its wonderful productiveness, amounting under favorable conditions, to 100 to 150 fold. The pods are meaty and well filled, of rich yellow color, superb quality, and entirely stringless, even when large enough to shell. If the pods are picked as fast as developed, the plant continues to furnish a bountiful supply for an unusually long season. This most prolific and hardy dwarf wax bean is unquestionably the earliest of all wax beans. Every market gardener should grow this wonderful sort, and every farmer or private gardener should grow at least enough for family use. Prices: Pint, 30 cents; quart, 50 cents; postpaid. By express or freight; pint, 20 cents; quart, 35 cents; four quarts, \$1.00; peck, \$1.50.

DAVIS' KIDNEY WAX BEAN.

A valuable new wax bean, especially recommended for canners, the seed being pure white, with absolutely no eye whatever. Enormously productive, it holds its pods well up from the ground, standing higher than the Golden Wax. More beans of this variety can be grown per acre than of any other sort in the wax family. It is just the bean the canners have been looking for. It is also a most desirable variety for table use. It is fully as early as Golden Wax. Stock of this variety is limited. Prices same as Hammond's Butter Wax Bean.

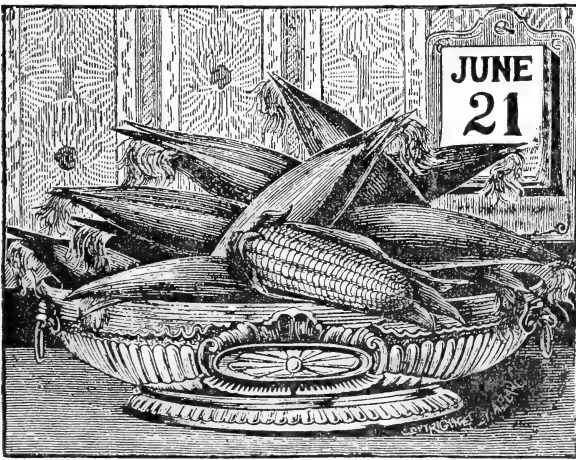


NEW SWEET CORN—FIRST-OF-ALL.

THE EARLIEST OF ALL.

EARLIER THAN THE CORY.

The single statement on the preceding line will make thousands of my customers eager to have the First-of-All sweet corn. For years I have been watching all new varieties in the hope that we would eventually get a variety of sweet corn even earlier than the famous Cory corn, and at last this has been accomplished. The First-of-All is ready for the table from three days to a week earlier than the Cory, making it very desirable not only for family gardens, but extremely valuable to grow for market, where the earliest corn always brings by far the highest prices.



The illustration, taken from a photograph, reduced in size, shows the ear, which is of medium size, well filled with large grains to the very tip. It is far superior to Cory in quality, very tender and sweet.

First-of-All not only produces larger ears, but more of them to the stalk. It will be found an especial boon to all market gardeners who desire to have the first sweet corn in market and thereby receive the top notch prices. First-of-All has proven so superior to any other variety, I offer only this. I need not say more.

Prices: By mail; pint, 15 cents; quart, 25 cents. Not prepaid; pint, 10 cents; quart, 15 cents; peck, 70 cents; half bushel, \$1.25; bushel, \$2.00.

FRANK BERGER, Fairfield Co., Ohio, Aug. 15, 1896, writes: "*Wonders will never cease, First-of-All Sweet Corn takes the cake. Had our first mess of corn in 5 weeks from planting.*"

JAMES CONKLIN, Market Gardener, Moline Co., Ill., writes: "*The First-of-All proved the earliest sweet corn I have ever grown. I am making \$150.00 an acre out of it. Hurrah for Northern Grown Seeds.*"

A. S. HOUSE, Orange Co., N. Y., April 25, 1896, writes: "*The box of potatoes at hand in good shape and they are nice ones. I am very thankful to know I am dealing with an honest man. I will remember you in the future. I will try and grow the best Early Michigan potato.*"


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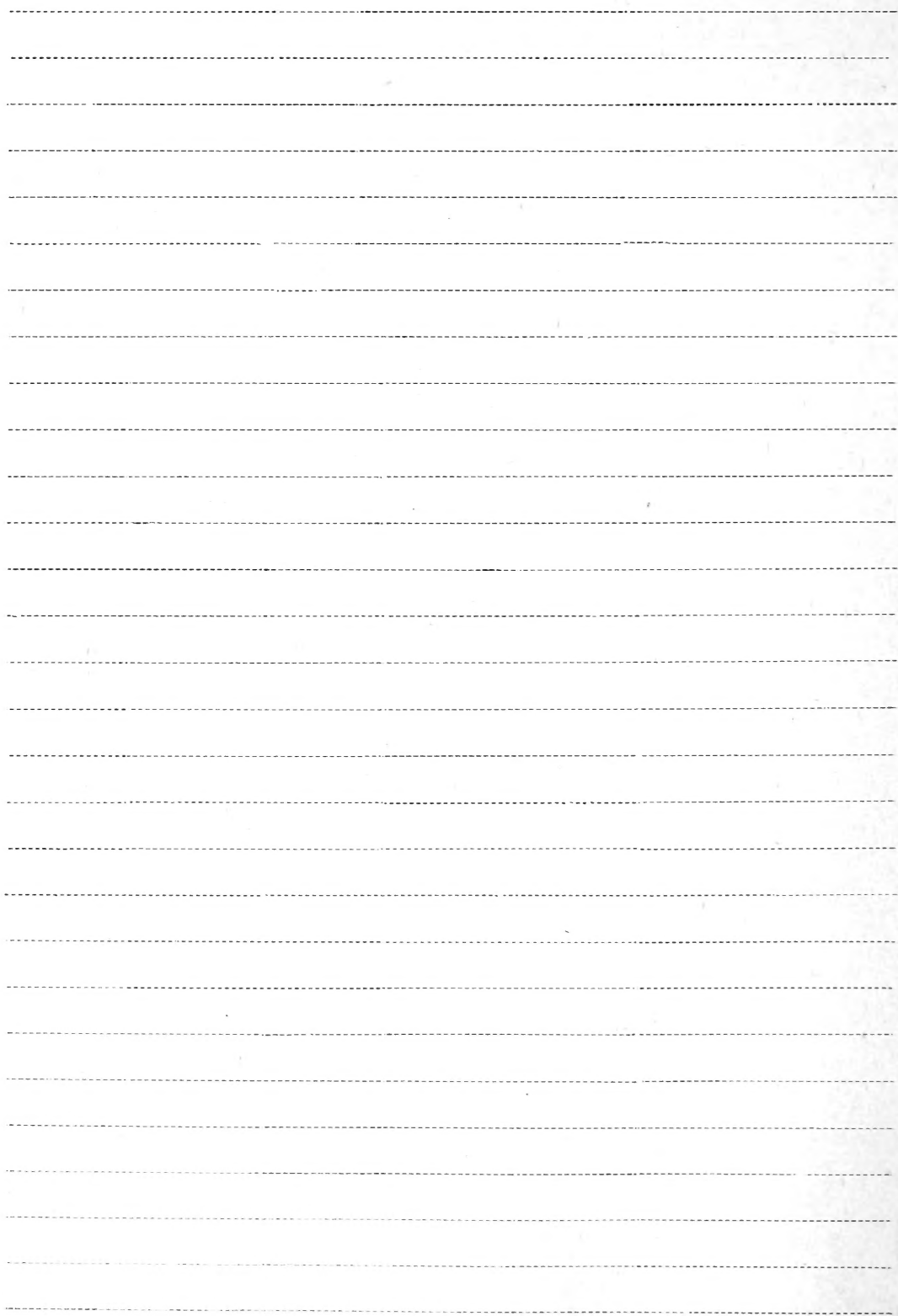
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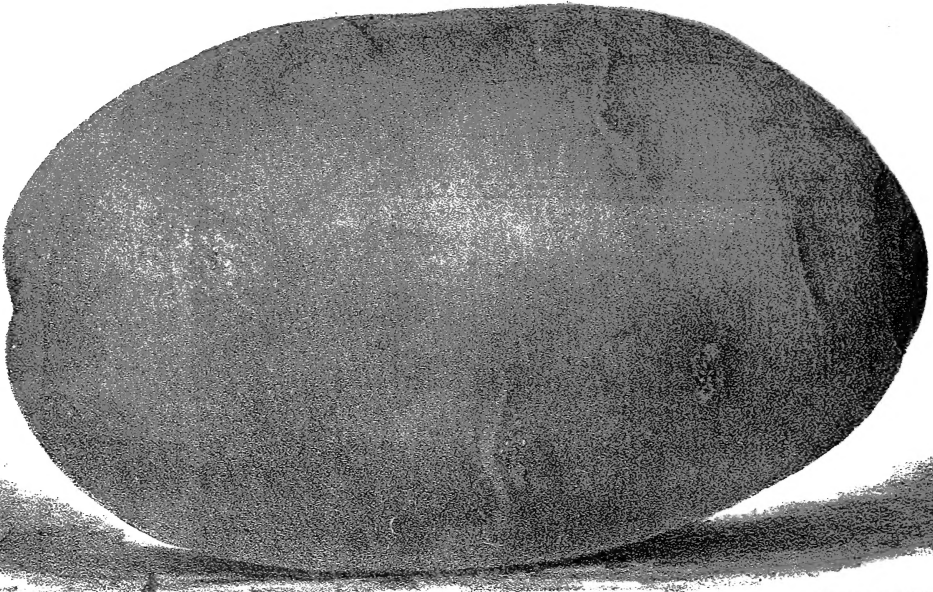
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Please write on the back of this sheet a few Names and Addresses, of those you think would be interested in my Catalogue.

Do not fail to include the Corrosive Sublimate Compound in your order. Be sure and include one of the Potato Collections in your order.





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