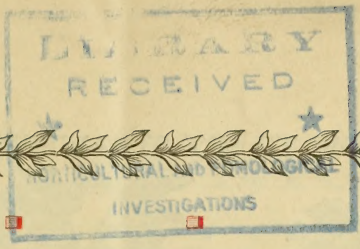


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GREETING.

WE EXTEND to our readers and customers, old and new, our most hearty greeting and good wishes.

In again asking attention to our annual catalogue we wish to thank our many friends for their continued liberal patronage. Growing berry plants is our one specialty, and has been for over twenty years. We have to offer for spring of 1899 the largest and finest stock of plants we have ever grown, and with our improved facilities each year we are able to serve our patrons better than before.

By Freight—We have shipped plants to all parts of the country with almost unvarying success, giving entire satisfaction to our many customers. We recommend freight as the cheapest and best way of shipping plants, except in small lots or late in the season.

By Express—We have special 20 per cent discount rates with the Adams and other express companies. Our plants are put up as light as possible for express, weighing only 10 to 20 lbs. per 1000 when ready to go. We usually send by express when not otherwise ordered.

By Mail—We have delivered plants in large and small lots during the past year to all parts of the country, including California. These have gone to hundreds of customers and given entire satisfaction. No extra charge at dozen rates on any plants offered, nor on strawberry plants at hundred rates. Estimates on large lots, with all charges prepaid, will be furnished on application.

Payments must be made in advance, but orders will be booked and held a reasonable time, and sent on remittance.

C. O. D. orders will be accepted and promptly forwarded, but when made out for a large amount, a part of the money should accompany the order, or satisfactory reference be given.

Our Shipping Season begins with September and ends about May 10. Our light, sandy soil, open winters, and warm packing rooms give us especial facilities for filling winter orders of southern planters and for starting plants to northern and western customers early enough in the spring to allow for plenty of time to reach their destination by freight, thus reducing the cost of transportation.

Packing in the best manner and delivery at office in Dover is included in all prices named. Small orders receive every care. All orders and enclosures will be promptly acknowledged, and questions relating to our business carefully answered. We use light and strong packages, put in plenty of moss, and carefully separate and mark each different variety with printed tags.

Our Customers may depend on getting full count of live plants, true to name. Should any fail to get such plants, they can, upon prompt notice, have plants replaced or money refunded.

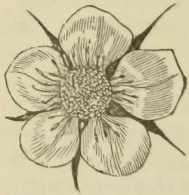
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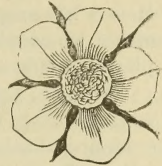
STRAWBERRIES.

In preparing a strawberry bed, it is better to begin in the fall by spading or plowing deeply in November, but good results can usually be obtained if this is done just as soon as possible in the spring. After making the soil as fine



PERFECT.

as possible, plants may be set 18 inches apart each way, if for garden, or 14 inches apart in rows 3 feet wide, if for field culture. One row out of every four must be of a perfect flowering variety. Dip each bunch of plants in a bucket of water deep enough to wet all the roots but not the leaves, just before setting out. Set the plants with trowel, or in any way convenient, so that the roots



IMPERFECT.

extend down into the soil, and are all covered, the crowns appearing just above the surface of the ground. Firm very carefully; large beds should be rolled as soon as set out. Cultivate or hoe soon after setting and often enough to keep all weeds down. Let enough runners take root to make the rows 12 inches wide with plants standing 6 inches apart each way; then carefully remove all other runners, and remember that the success of your bed depends largely on the care with which this work is done. Keep up this treatment until stopped by winter, then mulch with straw and you have only to wait for your crop, one of the most certain, profitable, delightful and interesting that can be grown. Bone meal, ashes, or well-rotted manure may be applied any time in the early summer to advantage.

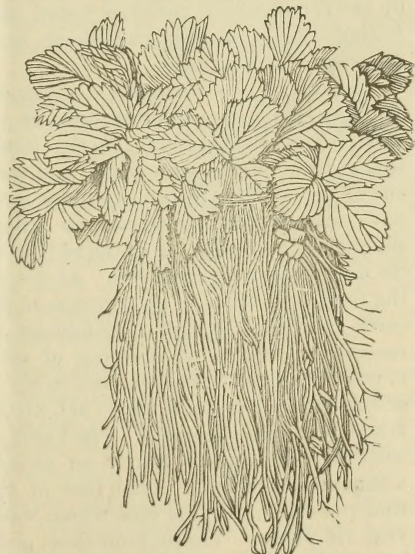
Those varieties marked [Imp] are imperfect in blossom, and need at least every fourth row to be planted with some perfect or staminate sort. Those marked [Per] are especially good to use as staminate, or to be grown alone.

Order Strawberry Plants Early by all means, as early as possible. Let us book your order while our stock is full, and then have them shipped so as to reach you at least one week before they are wanted. It is easy to hold plants over, but delay may be fatal, and it can only be certainly avoided by having the plants on hand in good time.

The descriptions on the following pages are a careful showing of the behavior of the different kinds under ordinary field culture on our farms, compared with reports from the best experimenters in other sections.

Some idea of the general character of the plants we send out is shown in the accompanying illustration. The thick, long mass of root fibers is ready at once to take hold upon the soil. We tie in bunches of 25.

We wish so to treat our customers as to make of each one a friend, well knowing that good plants delivered in good order make the best possible advertisement of our business. We are even more interested in having our plants do well than the buyer, for should they not thrive his loss may be made good in a year or two, but we would lose forever one old customer and many possible new ones.



STRAWBERRY PLANTS READY FOR PACKING.

Gladstone Strawberry—The originator says: "The Gladstone must command the attention of the small fruit growers of the world. As large as the Sharpless at its best, as early as the Michel's Early, and not excelled in quality by any strawberry grown.

Sample packages of the Gladstone were sent to various parties, among them Messrs Elwanger & Barry who say: "The berries you sent reached us in perfect order; we consider this a very promising and early variety. When you have plants of this to sell let us know the price, we shall certainly want some."

Wm. F. Dreer of Philadelphia says: "The Gladstone strawberries you sent us last spring, although planted late have made a splendid growth and bear evidence of all you claim for it. We would like to catalogue this new variety when offered to the trade."

The *Philadelphia Inquirer* received a sample package of the fruit on June 9, 1898, it says: "Gladstone is a fitting name for it is a grand variety. Berries are very large very early, beautiful color, solid and with a flavor as delicious as any one would desire."

Some of these berries were also sent to the *Rural New Yorker* and the following editorial letter shows what an impression they made on the editorial staff of that Journal.

"On June 8th the *Rural New Yorker* received from Mr. F. F. Merceron, Catawissa, Pa., a package of the new Gladstone strawberries. They were shipped June 6th and reached New York in excellent condition. Mr. Merceron wrote that the berries ripened with Michel's Early. They were remarkably large, some of them measuring 2½ inches in diameter. The color was medium red with red flesh and they were of high and spicy quality. As soon as we saw these berries we were certain that here was a variety of great value as judged by the thousands of varieties tested at the Rural grounds. As early as the Michel's Early, as large as Bubach, and of high quality, what more could a strawberry grower ask?"

In order to see what the Gladstone looked like at home, I visited Catawissa on June 17th and saw the strawberry growing there. As is well known Catawissa is the original home of the Sharpless. It is not often that lightning strikes twice in the same place, and thousands of new strawberries have passed out of view while the old Sharpless is still earning money for its owner. I believe however that the Gladstone will crowd the Sharpless out if any variety succeeds in so doing. Picking of Gladstone began on June 1st, Sharpless gave its first picking on June 8th. At the time of my visit there was more fruit on the Gladstone than on good plants of the Sharpless in a nearby field. Mr. Merceron continued to pick Gladstone on June 24th. This gives an idea of the remarkable season of fruiting of this berry. I found the Gladstone darker in color than the Sharpless, and to my taste much better in flavor. A sample of the fruit is shown in figure 241, although many of the berries are somewhat larger than this specimen. The habit of growth of the Gladstone reminds one somewhat of Parker Earle, an exceedingly strong and vigorous vine with a thick leathery leaf. Some idea of its vigor may be learned from the fact that the original single vine which was found in a garden produced the first year 110 plants. Throughout that portion of Pennsylvania the Sharpless has long been the ideal berry for market. Local growers who have seen the Gladstone are practically unanimous in saying that this berry is destined to step into the shoes so long and usefully worn by the Sharpless.

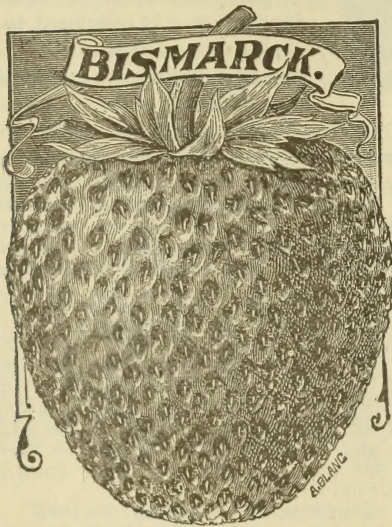
The Gladstone is only a chance seedling but as it grows and fruits at its na-

tive place it is *certainly one of the great varieties* that appear twice in the average lifetime, head and shoulders above the crowd, and able to maintain its position. Those who have kept track of strawberry growing during the last quarter of a century, know how one after another of the loudly heralded new varieties has fallen down in the race for favor; only two or three have been good enough as all around varieties to carry the flag. *The Gladstone is a color bearer* or all signs fail. All it need do is to behave as well a road as it is able to do at home."—H. W. C.

There has already been a great rush for Gladstone plants among those who are neighbors to Mr. Merceron, and as our supply, though large, is limited, we advise our friends who are interested in testing this grand new berry to send in your order soon and be sure of getting supplied.

Price to all alike is \$1.00 per dozen, prepaid, to any part of the United States

Bismarck, (Per)—Has now been generally tested and its claims quite well sustained by reports from all parts of the country. Its characteristics are thus given in Green's Fruit Grower:



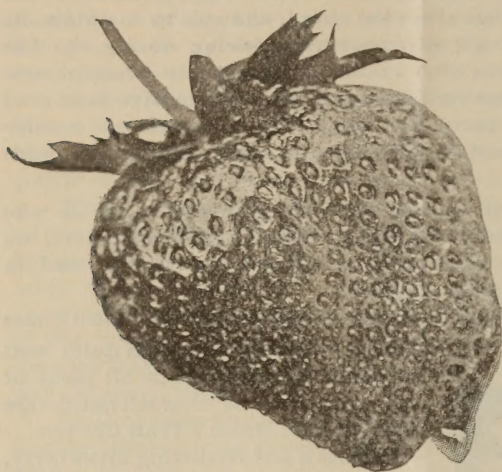
"This is a self-fertilizing strawberry, possessing all the desirable peculiarities of Bubach No. 5. To those familiar with Bubach, nothing further need be said, since Bubach has been a favorite berry and more plants have been planted than of any other. Bubach had two defects which Bismarck corrects. Bubach is pistillate, requiring other varieties to be planted near it, while **Bismarck is self-fertilizing**. Bubach, while of good quality, is not of the highest character. Bismarck is of better quality. **We have in Bismarck an extraordinarily large berry, glossy, of fine color, good shape, and good quality, with vigorous plants full of**

vitality. Bismarck originated in Arkansas with Mr. Bauer. We get good words for the Bismarck, it having been tested both North and South, East and West, from Arkansas to Connecticut. It made an excellent showing at our fruit farm, and stands transplanting well, though the plants received by us came all the way from Arkansas." Price 40 cents per 100; \$2 50 per 1000.

Excelsior (Per)—A new extra early berry from Arkansas. A seedling of Wilson and Hoffman, early as Michels, twice as productive and good large size as compared with other berries of its early season. We have only seen what berries matured on Spring set plants this year but we have the assurance from the originator and from others who have seen it that this is the best of the extra early berries. The plant is a beauty, has a glossy blue cast of foliage that makes it very striking when growing between other kinds. A larger berry, stronger growth and much more productive than Michels or any other berry of its class that has been tested here.

We have a large stock of fine plants and earnestly recommend this variety for a trial by all. Price 50 cts. per dozen, \$1.00 per hundred, \$6 per thousand.

Nick Ohmer—A staminate variety, originated by Mr. John F. Beaver, who



is conceded to be the most successful amateur fruit-grower in Ohio. M. Crawford's report: "After watching Nick Ohmer for years, and hearing how it behaved, I send it for trial. Never having received one unfavorable report on it, I am confident that it is one of the most desirable, if not the very best Strawberry ever sent out. There is no other in the market, or in sight, that I would plant with so much confidence. If restricted to a single variety, it would be my first choice without a moment's hesitation.

NICK OHMER.

The plant is large and stocky sending out plenty of very strong runners. It probably is not surpassed in healthy, vigorous growth and great productiveness by any varieties. It has a perfect blossom. The fruit is of the very largest size, a giant among strawberries. It is never misshapen. Its only departure from the regular, roundish conical form is when, under high culture, it is somewhat triangular. It is dark, glossy red, firm and of excellent flavor. 50c per doz, \$1 per 100, \$7 per 1000.

DAYTON, OHIO, July 6, 1897.

I am very glad to say that the Nick Ohmer Strawberry has again proved itself superior to any I have on the place, and I had 70 varieties producing fruit this year. It made a fine show last year, but was still better this year, and leads any variety I have ever grown. The first berry ripening on a cluster is inclined to be a little uneven but not misshapen, and might be taken for a different berry from the others. It is of the best quality, and averages quite large to the last picking. The fruit is very firm and is produced in abundance, there being from 1 to 5 clusters on plants set out about August 10, 1896.—John F. Beaver.

DAYTON, OHIO, August 14, 1897.

The Nick Ohmer Strawberry is all that has been claimed for it. It is a vigorous grower, free from rust, has a very large plant, and produces in abundance extra large berries of good shape, good flavor and good color.—J. P. Ohmer.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., July 31, 1897.

I did not get well-rooted plants of the Nick Ohmer last season till quite late, but I made the best of them, and they have produced some wonderfully fine berries this summer. They were extra large and every one perfect in form. I am satisfied that it will prove to be a valuable, long-bearing variety, but I want to try it another year before fully reporting.—E. C. Davis.

Mr. Ohmer writes us under date of Jan. 8, 1899, that the Nick Ohmer continues to give under his treatment the largest and best berries grown to his knowledge. Under field culture they should be the Jumbo of all strawberries.

Mr. E. C. Davis also writes with reference to Nick Ohmer under Jan. 6, 1899. They have done better the past year than ever. I had them fruiting in hill and row and from potted plants set in August and all have done well.

Mr. John F. Beaver writes under date of Jan. 12, 1899. I still think as favorably of Nick Ohmer as ever. In the seven or eight years in which I have fruited it it has never failed or disappointed me. It seems the longer I grow it the finer fruit I have to show. It is one of the most robust growers I ever saw and for me produces the very finest fruit in abundance.

Johnson's Early—This new candidate among the extra early strawberries comes of good parentage and with strong recommendations showing actual results in market that are certainly surprising. The originator says of its origin: "In the fruiting season of 1893, my patch having been set with Hoffman and Crescent plants, three rows each, alternating, I noticed a distinctly marked Hoffman berry ripened upon a Crescent plant. From the seed of this berry, I have propagated a new variety, Johnson's Early, the fruit of which I marketed in New York city this year for the first time. This berry is much larger than Hoffman, deep red in color, glossy, firm, sweet and of excellent flavor. The plant resembles Hoffman. It makes runners freely; in this respect I have never seen anything to compare with it.

It ripens with Michel's Early, is as large as Lady Thompson, $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches, as firm as Hoffman and as prolific as Crescent. It ripens all over at once and holds to a good size. The plant is perfectly beautiful and is believed to be absolutely rust proof. Plants looked so green after the crop had been gathered they did not appear to have been picked. Results have been equally good in light loam and also in stiff clay soil.

"The yield the past year on one eighth of an acre of thin soil which was frequently cultivated after planting, though neither manured or fertilized was equal to 6000 quarts per acre.

"Upon the recommendation of Mr. L. Shanley Davis whose letter appears below I have sold to his brother a large grower of Caroline county, 40,000 plants of Johnson's Early for his own planting for market." The following letters show what others think of this new berry.

Westover, Md., August 13, 1898.

O. A. Johnson, Esq. Dear Sir:—You commenced shipping your Johnson's Early strawberries on May 13th, and continued to ship them until all the early varieties were gone. These berries sold for good prices all the season, from 5 to 10 cents per quart more than Michel's Early or Hoffman. L. S. Davis, who sold them, said they were the best early berries he ever handled. I saw your plants about the close of the season and they were still vigorous and entirely free from rust. Mr. Jerome Davis of Caroline county, was with me on that occasion and he told me he was sure your Johnson's Early was the finest early berry he ever saw, and authorized me to buy 10,000 at some price. I think every body who is in the berry growing business ought to plant some of this kind. Yours truly,
B. K. GREEN, shipping agent at Westover.

100 Barclay street, New York, August 15, 1898.

Mr. O. A. Johnson Dear Sir:—In the "Johnson's Early" you have a strawberry that will ripen just at a time when we want a fine berry from the Eastern Shore of Maryland to supply the demand here. The size is good. 'Tis a good keeper, does not lose its color and stands the transportation to this city splendidly. At the time it was on sale in New York, the price obtained for "Johnson's Early" was almost double that of any other variety from same section. You are fortunate to be the owner of the plant that ripens fruit at that time of the season. I would like to have some of the plants to try them in other sections.
Yours very respectfully,
L. SHANLEY DAVIS.

A significant fact in regard to this berry is that neighbors and persons who have seen the berry in fruit have already engaged three hundred thousand plants for their own planting, at same scale of prices as given below. A better proof of the popularity of this berry could hardly be given. If these intelligent growers who know all about this berry are willing to pay such a price for them to grow for market, it will certainly pay growers in other sections to try it. Price 50 cents per dozen, \$2.50 per 100, \$7.50 per 1000, \$50.00 per 10,000.

Polo, Ill., Jan. 10, 1899. Messrs. Slaymaker & Son:—Please send me your catalogue and discount to agents, as I wish to sell plants for you. The twelve varieties I got from you last spring did remarkably well.
N. C. Berger.

Big Berry—This variety, which is larger than any variety ever sold in the Rochester market (the headquarters for large fruits) came from Germany originally, mixed with other kinds. Our man has improved the variety greatly by selection. Since it has no name, we propose that our friends give it a name. It sold at Rochester for nearly double the price of ordinary strawberries. P. C. Reynolds, the veteran fruit grower, so long secretary of the Western New York Horticultural Society, writes as follows of



the "Big Berry," not knowing at the time we were interested in it: "A few days later I went to ascertain what had become of a large strawberry that I saw two years ago. It was brought home by a German who had gone back to fatherland on a visit and seeing the berry, brought back some plants. He called it *Triumph de Gand*, but it bore no resemblance to the genuine old favorite of thirty years ago. The plant struck me as very vigorous and the berry very large when I saw it before and it impressed me in the same way this year. In our conversation, Mr. Jones remarked that a neighbor of his had sent out plants of the variety under his own name. Seeing berries at my grocer's called "Big Berry," I took home a box and become satisfied it was the berry described above. It was the largest berry that I saw in our market this year. Of a light scarlet color, quite regular in form and of fair quality, but not so sweet as the old *Triumph de Gand*." Price, 3 for 25 cents, 6 for 50 cents, 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$5.00.

Darling—Plant our Darling says the originator. The most productive and earliest of any on our grounds. A seedling of *Michels Early*. Has been fruited three seasons by the originator. A fine berry medium size, good quality, productive and extra early. We have not fruited the Darling, but have a fine lot of the plants growing. Are models of health and vigor. This variety comes very well recommended and deserves trial. Any berry that promises an earlier season for the strawberry must command the attention and sympathy of the grower and consumer of this most beautiful and delicious fruit. 50c per dozen, \$2.50 per 100, \$20 per 1000.

Fountain—Prof. Taft, in '98 Bulletin, says of Fountain: "Perfect flower. Berries large in size, brad conical, very regular even in form. The color is a very bright dark crimson. The flesh is dark, juicy and of good quality. The plants are productive and the attractive appearance of the fruit, combined with good form, high quality and firmness, make it one of the most promising sorts grown here this season." 25c per doz., 40c per 100, \$2.50 per 1000.

Equinox—We liked this berry as it gave us a heavy yield of berries of large somewhat irregular size, dark red color, extra firm and among the early berries. 50c per 100, \$3 per 1000.

Dole—The wonderful new strawberry "Dole." Points of its superiority, as noted by the introducer are quality, size, beauty, color, vigor. Berries have sold for 2 and 3 cents per quart more than other varieties. Money made by investing in the Dole now, before all your neighbors have it.



The Dole in quality is pronounced by all who have tried it to be very superior. It is remarkably sweet and rich and those desiring a berry for home use or one which will capture the cream of the trade, and bring 2 to 3 cents per quart more than other varieties will find in the Dole their ideal.

The Dole in size ranks with the largest varieties. Specimens exhibited at the Portage County Horticultural Society were pronounced by the committee to be the largest strawberries ever exhibited at this society. The size holds out well to the end of the season, a point of great importance.

The Dole is of a dark, deep red color, which penetrates to the very centre of the berry; this, with its uniform large size and symmetrical shape, gives it rare beauty.

The fruit of the Dole is borne in large clusters and as it is of such large size throughout the season, makes it a very productive variety.

The plant of the Dole is vigorous and strong, leaves very large, of dark green color, and thus far entirely free from rust or other diseases. It propagates freely and those who secure a few plants now will have a supply in a year or two. The bloom is very large and perfect (bisexual) and hence will make a good polenizer for pistillate varieties. The new berry originated on the grounds of Mr. J. G. Dole of Ravenna, Ohio.

Howell (Seedling No. 2)—Prof. Heighes, Pomologist kindly called my attention to this then new variety as one of the greatest promise. We have since watched it with great interest. Plant strong low and stocky vigorous here but does not make plants freely; enough to fruit well, but not to please the nurseryman. The foliage is healthy, has been exceptionally free from spots or blight. Fruit, is large, long conical, uniform, sometime flattened and bright dark scarlet color. Flesh bright red, juicy and firm, quality is very good, only moderately productive as we have seen it in only in small plot but it does not take many berries to make a quart. An extra good berry that may yet prove to be productive, \$2.50 per 100, \$15 per thousand.

Ridgeway—This berry is described in 98 Bulletin of Michigan Agricultural College thus. "Perfect flower, plants of excellent growth and a good foliage. Fruit large round conical in form and a bright crimson color. The plants are productive and the fruit very even in form, attractive in appearance, of good quality and firm enough to stand shipment well. A variety of much promise."

We like the Ridgeway on account of its healthy business like growth and the way it covers itself with good strong blossoms all of which appear to come up to good size. It needs to have its rampant growth checked or some unnecessary plants will be made to crowd out the ones that should have more room to develop. Try a patch of Ridgeway grown not too thick in the row and you will be surprised at the yield of splendid fruit. 25c per doz., 40c per 100, \$2 per 100 @

Improved Parker Earle, (Per.)—This comes from North Pennsylvania as an Improvement on the old Parker Earle. While it resembles the Parker Earle in several important respects, it seems to be free as yet from the liabilities to rust, which is the great trouble with the old berry. In size and appearance the berry is a true Parker Earle and it sets equally abundantly. But it has the power of resisting blight and bringing all these berries to a large size. Plants are very large, grow very strong, and are made quite freely. If this will continue to show up as in Luzerne county, it will indeed be an acquisition. We recommend it for trial. 50 cents per dozen, \$1.00 per 100, \$5.00 per 1000.

H. and H. No. 3—A new pistillate variety from the South that has been quite largely planted in this section. We find it a berry after the type of Beverly, some brilliant color combined with exceptional firmness. While there are no extra large berries, they are uniformly large and look very well in a basket. Will prove a splendid shipper. We have no doubt. Plant is a good one and all who have tried them or seen the berries, speak well of them. The originator makes the following claims for the H. and H. and tells us in a letter just recently received that it has fully justified all his claims in its behavior the past season at its home in Virginia. Here are his points of excellence:

“1, Vigorous growth and health of plant; 2, Hardiness; 3, Large size; 4, Enormous productiveness; 5, Good shipping qualities; 6, Desirable color; 7, It produces fine, large berries on poor land, but yields to good treatment a most abundant return; 8, It is of good uniform shape; 9, It colors all over even and is of a beautiful bright glossy crimson color, which adds to its market value; 10, It is of the very best quality.”

Messrs. C. J. Adams & Co., Commission merchants of Washington, after handling this berry for two years, say of them: “They are the finest berries we have seen this season. They have every quality one could ask, being large, high colored, and are exceptionally fine in flavor; in fact, they come about as near being perfect as any strawberries we have ever seen. In regard to prices will say that today, June 4th, common varieties sold from 3 to 8 cents, the latter price for fancy Gandys; your No. 3 seedling 12 cents. We have seen enough of this berry to feel justified in recommending it for trial to our customers everywhere.” Price 25 cents per dozen, 50 cents per 100, \$3.00 per 1000.

Ideal—Profs. Taft and Gladden describe the Ideal as follows: “Perfect Flower. Plants of low stocky growth and the foliage is healthy. Nearly every flower developed a good berry. Berries of good size, round conical, usually sharply pointed in form and bright crimson color. The flesh is dark, juicy, of good quality and firm. Excellent in plant and the fruit is very attractive in appearance of high quality and firm. Well worthy of being planted for home use or market.”

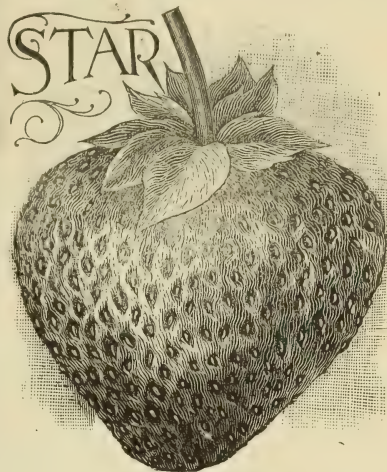
We find this describes the berry correctly here as well as in Michigan. 25c per doz., 40c per 100, \$2 per 1000.

Carrie (Imp)—A new seedling of Haverland, higher colored and similar in shape, sets a very heavy crop on long fruit stems and therefore requires careful mulching. We find this a good shipper. Plants though not very strong seem capable of ripening its heavy crop. 25c per doz., 80c per 100, \$5 per 1000.



IMPROVED PARKER EARLE.

Star, [Per.]—"In productiveness says the introducer of Star, we have never seen its equal. It matures all of its berries in a dry season, possessing the greatest drouth resisting qualities of any berry we are acquainted with, having matured a complete crop when all ordinary varieties were failures, owing to the drouth. The plant is deep rooted, strong and good grower. Season is second early. Its superiority was very marked both in size, quality and productiveness. It readily brought fancy prices when placed on the market."



We find that this is evidently a seedling of Sharpless, with many of the Sharpless characteristics. Should it prove as productive here as it does at its home in Ohio, it will prove a great acquisition to our list of fine strawberries. Price 25 cents per dozen, 50 cents per 100; \$3.00 per 1000.

Clyde, (Per.)—This variety needs the most favorable conditions and the best of care. It is liable to injury from drouth and on the other hand we have seen a good crop of Clyde ruined by too much rain at fruiting time. If however the conditions are favorable, wonderful crops are given and universal satisfaction expressed with this variety. Plant vigorous, large and fine. Berries medium, $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, with but little variation. Color varies from light to dark scarlet, according to the degree of ripeness and exposures. Flesh light red, moderately firm and of fair quality; mid season. An uncommonly promising variety because of its prolific bearing qualities. Try this variety in a small way at first and if it suits your soil, then plant heavily for market. Price 25 cents per dozen, 50 cents per 100, \$2.50 per 1000.

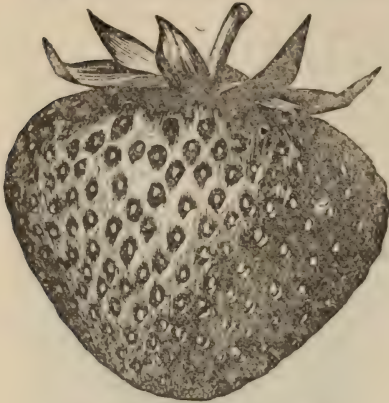
Glen Mary, (Imp.)—Plants of good growth and healthy foliage. The variety is productive and the fruit large, of good quality and firm. Well spoken of wherever tried. One of the most promising sorts for market.—Description from 98 Bulletin of Prof's. Taft and Gladden. Price 25 cents per dozen, 40 cents per 100, \$2.50 per 1000.

Margaret, [Per.]—"The plant is large and healthy and so vigorous in growth that it will mature its last berries and continue green and luxuriant, while an abundance of strong, healthy runners are produced. The foliage is dark green, clean and perfect. It commences to ripen soon after the earliest and continues to bear until nearly all others are gone. With a good chance, its berries are all of a large size. The fruit is dark glossy red and the berries are not inclined to have white tips. The large green calyx adds to its beauty. The flesh is firmer than most large berries and of excellent flavor. For healthy, vigorous growth, productiveness, size, beauty and quality, the Margaret is a remarkable variety. The Margaret was at its best here last summer. We had bushels from ordinary matted rows, that contained just about 20 berries to the quart. It continued in bearing over a month and produced nice berries to the last."

The above description of Margaret was written by M. Crawford. We have only fruited in a small way, but we think this a fair statement as we have it. Price 25 cents per dozen, 50 cents per 100, \$3.00 per 1000.

Camp Run, Pa., Jan. 9, 1899. Messrs. Slaymaker & Son:—I wish to tell you what a nice patch of strawberries I have from the plants bought from you last spring. Some of my plants stood 18 inches high last summer. Send your new catalogue. J. W. O'Harah.

Pride of Cumberland—The Pride of Cumberland originated in Cumberland county, N. J., about eight years ago;



PRIDE OF CUMBERLAND.

the originator would not until three years ago allow a plant to leave his farm, and he only then consented to part with them on certain conditions, but his plans did not hold out as he desired and before he was aware of the fact his much prized Pride of Cumberland had become widely disseminated throughout Cumberland and adjoining counties. Plant is a vigorous grower. The bloom is perfect, ripens about one week earlier than the Gandy Prize; it is nearly as large, equally as firm, as good a color and a great deal more productive. Like the Gandy, it will carry from Florida to Boston, from Louisiana

to Chicago, and arrive firm and fresh and with its brilliant red color not the least bit dimmed. Thrives on any soil, but owing to the immense crop it sets, should to obtain best results, be reasonably fertilized. We are well supplied with good healthy plants and have fixed the price at a reasonable figure, so that every grower, whether he be rich or poor, can afford to at once stock himself with plants for next season's fruiting. Price 40 cents per 100, \$2.50 per 1000.

Phoenix—We sent this out last year as a second crop berry. There is no doubt that in '97 it gave a very remarkable second crop of fine berries for us, but it must be confessed that it failed to come up with any considerable amount of berries last summer, after the regular season. Like so many other kinds which are in the habit of bearing more or less berries through the summer in favorable climates, this one evidently forgot the habit when exposed to the conditions of our climate. Price 25 cents per dozen, 50 cents per 100, \$2.00 per 1000

Sample,]Imp]—Sent out last year from New England with great recommendations. The introducer says that it "is of large size and fine quality, quite firm, continues long time in bearing, giving large berries to the last. For marketmen this is the best strawberry grown. I have nothing on my grounds that will begin to compare with it in fruit. It will yield as many berries as the Haverland and will average as large as Bubach. Colors all over at once. A berry that will do that is the best one yet. There is not a weak spot in it. *Foliage perfect. Fruit perfect. Needs no petting.*" 75c per dozen, \$3 per 100.

Marshall (Per)—This is the standard fruit in point of beautiful coloring, and also in shape and size. Perfection in everything except productiveness. We have a fine stock of heavy, strong plants of Marshall, which we offer at 25c per doz., 60c per 100, \$3 per 1000.

Ruby (Per)—While the plants are of rather small growth the berry is nearly all that could be desired in form, color, quality and firmness. The size is good, but not among the largest. Worthy of extended trial—From 98 Bulletin Michigan Experiment Station. 25c per doz., 30 per 100, \$1 50 per 1000.

Saunders [Per]—We have for years recommended this as one of the very best perfect flowering varieties. It has stood the test of years and become more popular as it is better known. It should not be allowed to overcrowd the rows with plants: if this is attended to a good crop is almost assured and large high colored berries, firm and good enough for any market are its product. Woolverton is very similar in every respect. 40c per 100, \$2 per 1000.



SEAFORD.

Seaford—The illustration shows the berry's actual size, correctly, but its beautiful color must be seen to be appreciated. Though recently sold for the first time, Seaford has been thoroughly tested and has established for itself a reputation as best market berry known to this section. It is a pistillate variety of the most robust type, and has a large, strong, deep rooted plant, and of a growth that is stronger than almost any other sort in our whole collection. The berry may be best compared with Bubach, of which it is a probable seedling. It is three days earlier than Bubach, and of good large size, but on account of the greater vigor of the plant is of a more uniform appearance. It has repeatedly given twice as many baskets per row, and commands the very top price

of the market, as you will understand when you see its beautiful appearance when opened in the market. Last season it outsold all others in more than one market, and it can hardly fail to do so everywhere, as it has every quality necessary to make it sell. Wide awake growers will plant Seaford this Spring.

Because it grows so easily and so fast that the danger from insect enemies is thereby greatly reduced.

Because it costs only about half as much to keep down the weeds in Seaford rows, as the ground is occupied and shaded by the large, early growth of foliage.

Because Seaford is the coming berry, and you want to test it now and reap the abundant profits sure to come to those first in the field with this wonderful berry. 25 cents per doz., 50 cents per 100, \$2.00 per 1000.

Tennessee [Per]—A fine, healthy plant that is now quite well known and largely planted to fertilize Bubach, Seaford and other imperfect sorts. Like many other strong growers it will overcrowd the row if left to itself and small inferior berries will result. Instead of the large fine looking fruit that this variety is able to produce under fair treatment. Always productive fair quality and good shipper. 40c per 100, \$1.50 per 1000.

Sparta—One of the largest and best early berries, fruiting here last year. Large, somewhat flattened, bright red berries and judging by our one year's experience it is highly productive. Should have a general trial. 50c per 100, \$3 per 1000.

Ocean City.—Said to be a seedling of Wilson and Sharpless, but very much resembling Sharpless. It has already become a favorite in market, as is proved by the fact that one commission house in New York has taken the trouble to especially recommend that their shippers here plant freely of Ocean City for shipment to their house, as it sells so well in market. Price 20 cents per dozen, 50 cents per 100, \$2.00 per 1000.

Gandy, [Per].—The standard late berry for market or home use. It gives three or four heavy pickings of the finest berries known to our city markets after most varieties have ceased to fruit, or become so small and poor as to be unsalable. It is also a berry of high quality and a sure though not heavy bearer. Succeeds everywhere, and should have a place in every Strawberry bed. Price 40 cents per 100, \$2.00 per 1000.

Brandywine, [Per.]—This fine strawberry has been so thoroughly tested that its good qualities are well-known and generally appreciated, as is proved by its large sale in all parts of the country. It is a favorite in market already. Season medium to late; berries large, uniform, with very large green calyx, or shuck, which helps very much in carrying the berry in good shape, and does not hurt the looks of the box, if proper care has been taken to face the berries. Strong growing and strong in pollen. Worthy of its immense popularity. Price 40 cents per 100, \$2 00 per 1000.



BRANDYWINE.

Bubach, [Imp.]—This well-known variety still holds its own among the very best large market varieties. It is **an immense bearer and a great favorite everywhere.** Ideal, or some other perfect variety, should be planted with Bubach. This excellent strawberry has worked its way from an obscure origin in Illinois, without any one to boom it along. **By its real merit it has grown to be the great market berry of the land.** The standard of excellence among strawberries; to beat it will be honor enough for anyone. It is almost amusing when we consider how often much talked of new varieties, over which people in this or that section are reported to be wildly enthusiastic, have turned out to be our old friend, Bubach. Great Britain, Long Island Beauty and Western Union, are all Bubach under new names. Price 40 cents per 100, \$2 00 per 1000.

William Belt, [Per.]—We have fruited this berry, and find it very good indeed. We had specimens of its fruit that were equal to those of Marshall or any other berry we have ever seen. In shape they are very regular, though somewhat peculiar, being flattened a little, but not coxcombed, slightly elongated but never pointed; color superb, quality finest. Our orders for plants required us to dig up so much of our bed that we can hardly report as to productiveness; in other respects Wm. Belt is faultless. Price 40 cents per 100, \$2.00 per 1000.



Lady Thompson—This variety behaved unusually well in this section last year. Many of our growers who were rather disappointed at first are now sounding its praise. Good reports come from various parts of the South and West. It evidently has a great future as early variety of greatest vigor, strong growth, healthy foliage and great productiveness. Price 15 cents per dozen, 40 cents per 100, \$2.00 per 1000.

Park View, N. J., April 11, 1898. Messrs. Slaymaker & Son:—Allow me to thank you for the manner you have dealt with me, as your plants are better than advertised. In this day of close margins, to find anyone giving more than you bargain to do, is refreshing. Your plants were unusually fine.

H. T. Adams.

GENERAL LIST OF STRAWBERRIES.

Descriptions of any of these varieties will be supplied upon request.

	12	100	1000		12	100	1000
Aroma.....	\$0 25	\$0 50	\$3 00	Lady Thompson	15	40	2 00
Anna Kennedy.....	25	50	4 00	Lehigh.....	50	3 00	25 00
Burt [per].....	20	40	2 00	Lovett's (per).....	15	40	1 50
Big Berry.....	1 00	5 00		Meek's Early.....	15	40	1 50
Bismarck	25	50	2 50	Mt. Vernon [imp]....	20	40	2 00
Brandywine [per]....	20	40	2 00	May King [per].....	15	40	1 50
Brunette.....	2 00			Marshall.....	25	60	3 00
Bisel [imp].....	15	40	1 50	Margaret.....	25	50	3 00
Bubach No. 5 [imp]..		40	2 00	Michigan.....	50	2 00	
Beverly.....	20	40	2 00	Michel's Early	15	30	1 50
Belmont [per].....	20	50	3 00	Magoon.....	52	50	3 00
Beder Wood.....	15	40	1 50	Manwell.....	25	60	4 00
Carrie.....	25	80	5 00	Mrs. Cleveland.....	20	40	2 00
Cloud.....	15	30	1 50	Murray.....	15	40	1 50
Clyde.....	20	50	2 50	Mexican.....	20	40	2 50
Crescent [imp].....	10	30	1 00	Nick Ohmer.....	50	1 00	7 00
Crystal City, earliest.		40	2 00	Ontario [per].....	20	40	2 00
Columbian.....	20	40	2 00	Ocean City.....	20	40	2 00
Cumberland [per]....	15	40	2 00	Oriole.....	20	50	2 50
Crawford [per].....	25	50	3 00	Parker Earle, Arnot's	20	50	4 00
Cyclone.....	20	40	2 00	Pearl [per].....	25	40	2 00
Dayton.....	15	40	1 50	Princeton Chief.....	25	40	2 00
Darling.....	60	2 50	20 00	Phillips [per].....	20	40	2 00
Delaware.....	50	2 00	15 00	Pride of Cumberland	25	50	2 50
Eleanor.....	20	40	2 00	Princess.....	20	40	2 00
Eclipse [imp].....	25	50	2 50	Phoenix.....	25	40	2 00
Enhance [per].....	15	40	2 00	Ridgeway	25	40	2 00
Enormous.....	25	50	3 00	Rio.....	25	50	2 50
Evans.....	50	1 00		Robinson.....	25	50	3 00
Eureka [imp].....	25	50	3 00	Ruby.....	20	40	2 00
Excelsior.....	25	1 00	6 00	Sharpless [per].....	15	40	2 00
Equinox.....	25	75	3 00	Smeltzer Early.....	15	40	2 50
Fountain.....	20	40	2 50	Sample.....	75	3 00	25 00
Gandy, late	15	40	2 00	Seaford.....	15	50	2 00
Gladstone.....	1 00			Splendid.....	15	40	2 00
Glen Mary.....	20	50	2 50	Saunders [per].....	15	40	2 00
Giant.....	25	75		Shuckless.....	20	40	2 00
Gertrude.....	20	40	2 00	Sunnyside.....	50	1 00	6 00
Greenville.....	15	40	2 00	Stayman [Imp].....	25	50	2 50
Gypsy [imp] early....	20	50	2 50	Sparta.....	25	50	2 50
Gov. Hoard.....	25	50	2 50	Seneca Chief.....	50		
Haverland [imp]....	15	40	2 00	Success.....	50		
Holland.....	25	40	2 00	Sunrise.....	50		
Howell.....	25	1 00	10 00	Tennessee.....	15	40	2 00
Hood River.....	25	50	3 00	Timbrell.....	25	50	3 00
Hall's Favorite.....	25	40	2 00	Tubbs.....	20	1 00	2 00
Hunn.....	25	1 00	7 00	Victor Hugo.....	20	40	2 00
H. & H.....	25	50	3 00	Warfield No. 3 [Imp]	15	40	1 50
Hersey.....	50	2 00	15 00	Wilson Albany [Per]	20	40	2 00
Ideal	25	40	2 00	Woolverton.....	15	40	2 00
Ivanhoe.....	25	1 00	6 00	Weston.....	25	60	3 00
Jessie [per].....	15	40	2 00	William Belt , [per]..	25	40	2 00
Kentucky [imp].....	20	40	2 00	Starr.....	25	60	3 00

In the above list varieties printed in heavy type do best in this part of Delaware. If intending purchasers will send us a description of the kind of land on which they wish to plant, we will make selections of varieties that will be sure to give satisfaction.

SPECIAL OFFERS.

All pre-paid except No. 7.

No. 1. Sample Collection.—3 dozen plants of 3 good varieties, postpaid 25c.

No. 2. Collection for Home Use.—300 plants of 3 good varieties, early, mid season and late, pre-paid, our selection, for \$1.00.

No. 3—Amateurs Collection 1 doz. each of Gladstone, Nick Ohmer, Ridgeway, H. & H., Fountain, Seaford, Excelsior, Carrie, Margaret, Star. 10 varieties of greatest promise prepaid for \$2 50.

No. 5.—Test Collection—25 H. & H., 25 Nick Ohmer, 25 Excelsior, 25 Ridgeway, prepaid for \$1.

No. 6.—Gardeners Collection—100 plants each Excelsior, Pride of Cumberland, Bubach, Gandy, Glen Mary. 500 plants prepaid for \$2.

No. 7—25 King, 25 Miller, 25 Loudon, red raspberries; 50 Kansas, 100 Lucretia Dewberries; 100 Tennessee, 100 Seaford, 100 Brandywine strawberries by Express \$3.

Remember, we use the lightest, safest and best package for shipping strawberries. You can depend on getting only the best plants. Safe arrival guaranteed. Postage paid at dozen and 100 rates, or if dozens are ordered by express we make the count enough to make up.

RASPBERRIES.

Raspberries are best planted in hills, about 4x6 feet, and arranged so as to be cultivated both ways. Set the plants in furrows about an inch deeper than they stood in the nursery: firm very carefully, and cultivate clean and well. Canes should be pinched back in July, but no lateral branches should be cut before March, when the plant should be trimmed to such dimensions as will enable it to hold up its fruit. Bearing beds should be worked well, but shallow, until fruit begins to ripen. A good bed of these berries should last from 6 to 10 years.

Red berries grow from suckers which spring up from the roots. In bearing beds these suckers should be kept down by cultivator and hoe, allowing only about four good, strong canes to each hill. Plants of all the cap Raspberries are grown from tips of branches, which take root in the soft soil in August and September. They should not be planted any deeper than they have grown in the nursery row.

King Red—A new seedling from Ohio which has been carefully tested in Virginia. It is thus described by H. E. Van Deman, the well-known pomologist and horticultural writer, of Parksley, Va.: "Round, medium size; light crimson color; moderately firm and of excellent quality. A seedling of Thompson, and ripens about the same time, but larger and more productive." [Note that Thompson has for years stood as the earliest of Raspberries, red or black.] Mr. Van Deman is certainly impressed with the value of this variety, as we have heard him refer to it in conversation and public addresses as about all that can be desired in the way of an early red Raspberry. We need hardly add that no more competent or disinterested judge could be found. As it is a good grower and abundant producer of plants we think that no berry grower can afford to miss the chance to get a start now in this excellent fruit. Price greatly reduced since last year. A dozen plants set now will produce thousands in a short time. 50c per doz., \$1 per 100, \$10 per 1000.

Munger—A large, late blackcap. \$1.00 per doz., \$4 00 per 100.

Cumberland—The variety originated in Cumberland county, Pa., with David Miller, who truly knows a good thing in fruit when he sees it. Before Mr. Miller disposed of the variety, he had sent me three plants for testing. These were set in the spring and fruited the same season, producing the largest and finest berries I ever saw of the black-cap type.—J. W. Kerr. Price 50c each, \$4 per doz., \$25 per 100. We have no hesitation in commending this variety to our friends and patrons.

Media, Pa., July 11, 1898. Messrs. Slaymaker & Son:—I received plants in good condition and thank you for your prompt shipment.
S. C. Barker.

Eureka—We offer fine plants at 50c per doz., \$1 per 100, \$8 per 1000.

Logan, Raspberry Dewberry, Japan Raspberry, and Strawberry Raspberry—These fruits have proven so utterly worthless with us that we can only offer them without any recommendation to such of our customers as wish to try them for novelties sake alone. \$1 per dozen.

Loudon—“**The finest Red Raspberry we know of.**”—*Rural New-Yorker*. This raspberry ripens moderately early, and holds very late; it is highly productive, claiming to exceed all other red raspberries; a good shipper; large, of superior quality, and an attractive crimson color. The bush is thornless and grows to a larger size than any other raspberry that we know; **is perfectly hardy and sets an immense crop**, all of which it brings to maturity. We had berries of this variety from June 15 to August 1, last year, and always fine, large and good. 50 cents per dozen, \$1.00 per 100, \$10.00 per 1000.

Miller Red—Each year adds to the high esteem in which this fine berry is held among those most familiar with it. The crop of '97 was a large one, and so many Millers have been planted that many had fears that the large crop could not be sold. But here the **wonderful shipping capacity of this berry** came out and enabled such a wide distribution to distant markets that the whole crop was marketed at a paying price. No one who has tried the Miller now thinks of planting anything else for market. While it does not begin to ripen so soon as Turner, it produces so many baskets at a picking that more berries are produced even the first week of the season, and after that Turner and all the rest are simply nowhere. **Both plant and berry are faultless. The vigor of the plant is wonderful.** Such quantities of plants and yet all able to produce lots of berries. The berry is large, plump and good, carries its beautiful color to market, and easily **outsells all competitors.** It is easy to grow, easy to market and easy to sell. **There is money in Miller raspberry;** don't fail to put yourself in the way of sharing it.

Mr. E. H. Bancroft, a successful berry grower for over 30 years, says: “The Miller is **the only perfectly satisfactory red raspberry I have ever tried.** Last year I gathered berries enough from a two acre patch, one year old, to net me \$200. Had a fine patch of Brandywine of about same size, 3 year old, which gave only one-third as many berries of decidedly inferior character.”

We are glad to have such a berry to offer, believing that it will prove a veritable bonanza to our customers in all parts of the country. We are glad, too, that our ample stock of plants enables us to offer it at a price within the reach of all. **Our plants are the true Miller.** 25 cents per dozen, \$1.00 per 100, \$5.00 per 1000, \$40.00 per 10,000.

WELL-KNOWN RASPBERRIES.

Kansas—This new blackcap combines so many good qualities as to make it the **best second-early blackcap.** It ripens one picking after Palmer, gives heavier pickings of more perfect berries than any other blackcap, and continues to bear until late. A wonderfully strong grower; a faultless berry. 50 cents per dozen, \$1.00 per 100, \$6.00 per 1000.

Cuthbert—This is the old reliable red raspberry. It has a long season and large, deep berries of most excellent flavor. A heavy bearer, known in some sections as Queen of the Market, a name that is appropriate if not quite correct. We have a large lot of fine young plants. 75 cents per 100, \$5.00 per 1000.

Golden Queen—Yellow; sweet, good; a handsome table berry. Very productive. 50 cents per dozen, \$1.00 per 100, \$10.00 per 1000.

Hansel—Red berries of good size, very early; needs high manuring. 40 cents per dozen, 75 cents per 100, \$10.00 per 1000.

Thompson—\$1.00 per 100, \$5.00 per 1000.

Turner—40 cents per dozen, 75 cents per 100, \$4.00 per 1000.

Palmer—Most productive early blackcap. Strong grower; large berries. 40c. per doz., \$1 per 100, \$5 per 1000.

Souhegan—40c per doz., 75c per 100, \$5 per 1000.

Columbian—Not successful in Delaware. 75c per doz., \$5 per 1000.

BLACKBERRIES.

Plant in early spring or late fall, 4 by 6 feet apart in rows each way, so as to cross-cultivate. Set carefully and firm well. Cultivate and trim like raspberries. Manure and fertilize ground abundantly, and don't leave more than three canes to each hill. Remove old fruit-canes as soon as possible after picking, and always before cultivating the following spring.

Lucretia Dewberry—Every year growing in favor in all parts of the country. Large, black berries, produced on running canes that lie close to the ground through the winter, safe from all danger of injury from cold, but must be tied up to stakes in the spring. Productive, healthy plants, easy to grow, and very satisfactory to gather. 25c per doz., 60c per 100, \$4 per 1000, \$10 per 3000.

Early Harvest—The earliest Blackberry; and the sweetest, and by many thought to be the best. 50c per 100, \$4 per 1000.

Eldorado—An accidental seedling from Ohio, remarkable for its excellent quality. Hon. H. E. Van Deman is our authority for claiming that it is the best Blackberry in point of quality; also productive and hardy. Berry large, with small seeds, ripening after Wilson. 10c each, \$2 per 100, \$15 per 1000.

Maxwell—25c each, \$2 per 100.

Erie—50c per doz., \$2 per 100.

Wilson's Early—The most popular Blackberry. Large, handsome, of good quality; heavy bearer. 40c per doz., 75c per 100, \$5 per 1000.

Rathbun—New early blackberry introduced by Jas. Vick & Sons as having all the good points of Wilson without its faults. Price 50c per doz., \$1 per 100.

Concord and Moore's Early Grape Vines, 2 years, 50c per dozen, \$2 per 100, \$15 per 1000.

PEACH TREES.

Elberta, Mountain Rose, Reeves' Favorite, Chair's Choice, Walker Free, Stump, Oldmixon, Crawford Late, Moore's Favorite, Smock and others. Price, 3 to 4 feet, best size to plant, 10c each, 60c per doz., \$4.50 per 100.

ASPARAGUS.

Conover's Colossal—Strong, assorted plants, 25c per 100, \$2.50 per 1000.

Palmetto and Barr's Mammoth—Strong, assorted plants, 50c per 100, \$3.50 per 1000.

Donald's Eimira—Strong, assorted plants, 50c per 100, \$4 per 1000.

One-year plants at \$1 per 1000 less than above prices.

CELERY PLANTS.

We are large shippers of Celery Plants, having grown and sold a quarter of a million plants in 1898. We will have all the standard varieties ready in July, at low prices. Also a large stock of the new Celery, "Fin de Siecle," will be grown for this summer's trade.

Fin de Siecle—This is the best keeper we have ever tried, and also the finest flavored variety. It is a strong grower, and of a beautiful, golden-white color. Price, 50c per 100, by mail, \$1.50 per 1000.

White Plume, Boston Market, Giant Pascal—etc., 40c per 100, \$1 per 1000.

SWEET POTATO PLANTS.

Nansemond—Price, 25c per 100, by mail, \$1.25 per 1000.

Big Stem Jersey—Price, 25c per 100, by mail, \$1.25 per 1000.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on Sept. 15, 1898, I examined the nurseries of Slaymaker & Son, and found them free from San Jose Scale.—WESLEY WEBB, Inspector.

POTTED STRAWBERRIES.

We will have a full stock of all varieties ready for shipment in August, at \$1 per 100 for standard varieties. Gladstone and other new kinds ready in July, at moderate prices.

✍ Our July Circular on Strawberry and Celery Plants sent only to those who make special application for it.

Tomato Plants—Livingston's Stone for main crop for Canning house and market. We will have heavy stock ready for shipment about May 20 to June 15. Price, 25c per 100, \$1 per 1000.

Cabbage Plants—Standard late varieties ready in July. 25c per 100, \$1 per 1000.

PURE BRED POULTRY.

We raise and sell large quantities of Pure high bred poultry every year. While we are not exhibitors we take every precaution to have our stock of the best and not being at the trouble and expense of exhibition we can offer the eggs, as good we believe as can be obtained anywhere at a price within the reach of all.

We take particular pains to have our stock strong and healthy as well as up to the fancy points and make it a rule to breed only cock birds of the best strains not related to the hens.

We have had remarkable success in packing and shipping eggs to distant points and will cheerfully replace any that are broken or lost on the way. Packing in light basket without extra charge.

Plymouth Rock—This is the most popular general purpose fowl. Its good size, handy growth and good laying qualities, make it a practical bird for the farm. We have the Barred and White Plymouth Rock both up to the standard. Price 2 settings 26 eggs for \$1.

Leghorns—A well known fowl noted for its egg producing qualities. They lay so steadily that they seldom get time to sit and therefore cannot be depended on for sitters. The eggs are large and white and are now very popular in market, often an extra price can be obtained for pure leghorn eggs in the city market. We have the Single combed, White and Brown Leghorns, fine birds well mated. Standard in every respect. 2 settings 26 eggs for \$1.

Light Brahma—This large variety of fowls has long stood high among poultry growers. The large stately birds are ornamental as well useful addition to any farmyard. There is no more valuable cross than is offered by the Light Brahma and some smaller breed of fowls. They are a quiet tame docile bird easy kept in, or out of a yard. Good layers; of rapid strong growth and steady going habits. 2 settings 26 eggs for \$1.

Imperial Pekin Ducks—This is by far the most popular variety of Ducks. Large white birds, of quiet homestayng habits, need only water enough to drink, grow with wonderful rapidity and are one of the most hardy fowls that we have. 2 settings 18 eggs for \$1.

We will ship 1 setting each of any two varieties of fowl named above for \$1.

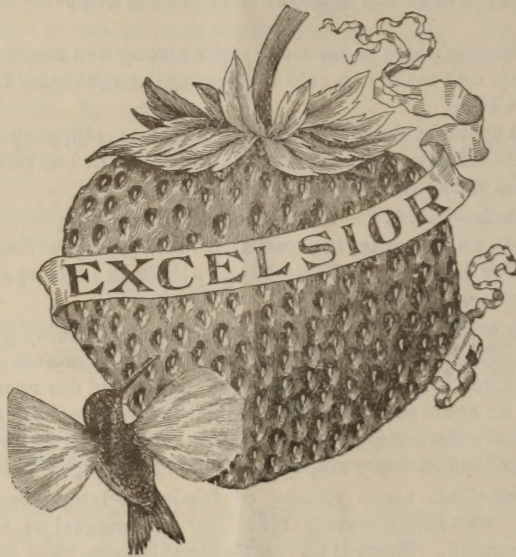
White Wyandotte—the best of the Wyandottes. 13 eggs for \$1.

White Holland Turkey—This most beautiful bird is every year becoming more popular on account of its quiet docile habits. It is a great laying variety good sitter and splendid mother rarely forgetting to bring the brood home in good season for the night. Worthy of growing as an ornament for the lawn as well as for Thanksgiving table. Price 5 eggs for \$1.

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