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Small Fruit & Vegetable  
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

EVERYTHING IN ITS SEASON.

CALEB BOGGS,

Cheswold, Delaware,

White, Hearn & Cooper, Printers, Salisbury, Md.

# Remarks to Purchasers.

 READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ORDERING. 

**Name and Address.**—Write your name, postoffice, county and State as plain as possible.

**Cash** is required with all orders, and remittances may be made by post-office money order, or by express money order which can now be had at any express office, registered letter or draft on New York. One and two cent postage stamps will be accepted for amounts less than \$1.00.

**Errors.**—We very rarely have any complaints made on this score, as all possible precautions are taken to avoid their occurrence. Notify us at once if your order is not filled as it should be and we will promptly make the necessary corrections.

**Substitution.**—It sometimes occurs that late in the season, we may have sold out our stock of some articles ordered. We will, in such case, substitute the variety nearest akin or like the article ordered, if requested to do so, otherwise the money will be refunded.

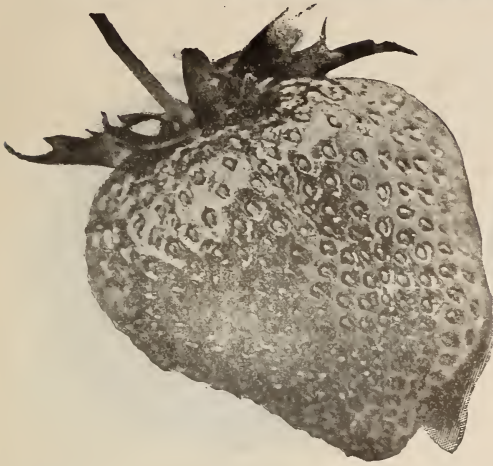
**The Tomato and Cabbage Seeds** offered in this catalogue are thoroughly reliable stock, and at the prices quoted, we send all seed herein offered, prepaid by us, unless otherwise arranged for.

## STRAWBERRIES.

We do not propose to give in this small catalogue lengthy descriptions of our whole list of strawberry plants. Most everybody is now well acquainted with all the older and tried varieties. We however, give descriptions of a few of the newer and promising varieties :

**Repeater.**—Originated in New Jersey. We have a fine supply of plants, but it has not yet fruited with us. The introducer has this to say of it: "For the past seven years I have given especial attention to perfecting a new strawberry and I think that I have to-day the most perfect one ever offered to the berry growers of this country. It is a most remarkable berry, having every year since its origin produced two crops, one in June and the other in September. This may seem very strange to many, but it has proven to be a fixed characteristic of this plant and it is from this feature that I have decided to call it the **Repeater**, which it surely is. The plant itself, is the healthiest I have ever tried, and I have tried nearly all of the leaders; producing fine strong plants in great numbers and during the most trying weather when other varieties burned and crisped up, the **Repeater** continued to grow and shows no tendency to rust or blight. The fruit is of the finest for table use, having a nice conical shape, a beautiful dark red color, delightful aroma, a pleasing spicy taste, and is termed by all who like strawberries as king of the table. As a shipper it is equal to the Gandy and in yielding surpasses it by 150 per cent. in June besides the September crop." The plant is indeed vigorous at Cheswold, and we believe entirely clear of rust and all other diseases. We have about 15,000 of these plants.

**Nick Ohmer.**—The plant is very large and stocky, sending out plenty of



strong runners, equal to any variety for vigorous growth ; very productive. The fruit is of the largest size ; dark red glossy color ; regular, roundish, conical shape ; firm and of most excellent quality. Foliage is healthy and vigorous. Perfect blossom. If we had to name a single variety for the family garden it certainly would be Nick Ohmer. Our stock of these plants is very fine ; the true article, well rooted, vigorous and healthy.

**Johnson's Early.** — The introducer says : "It ripens with Michaels Early, is as large as Lady Thompson, 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, that they did not appear to have been picked. Results have been equally good in light loam and also in stiff clay soil." We have a good supply of these plants and they are fine.

**Parsons' Beauty.**—This new berry originated in Maryland. We procured a supply of plants last Spring from the introducer, and now have about 30,000 of fine clean healthy plants. We are very favorably impressed with it. The introducer says : "It was so much better than anything else grown in the neighborhood that it soon became quite popular. I bought the plant and have since given it a fair test. I am delighted with it myself. It resembles the old Wilson in color and firmness, and the Sharpless in other respects except that it is enormously productive. I grew last year one acre and picked from it 8,000 quarts before the prices got too low to justify shipping, and left fully 2,000 quarts on the vines. The berry is very symmetrical and handsome in appearance, dark red, as we have said like the old Wilson : and colors up admirably well all over—there are no white tips. The foliage is very rank and entirely clean ; there being no appearance of rust, blight or other disease upon it. I began picking my Mitchell's Early on May 12th and on the 14th I began on my Parsons' Beauty and in three weeks picked 8,000 quarts. It has a perfect blossom." We believe it is worthy of a trial by all who grow strawberries.

**Gladstone.**—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 Michaels Early, and not excelled in quality by any strawberry grown." It is highly praised by many leading horticulturists and prominent newspapers who we hardly think can afford to misrepresent it. We shall plant it largely this season.

**Tennessee.**—This grand variety still holds its own. Healthy foliage and a heavy cropper. Still holds the lead as a fertilizer of the pistillate sorts.



ROUGH RIDER.

**William Belt.**—Heavy stocky plants. Perfect bloom, very strong stamens. Very productive; of large to very large, bright, deep scarlet berries with yellow seeds. Flesh deep pink, very firm, rich, sweet and high flavored. A superb berry for family or fancy market. One of the few strawberries that thrives on almost any soil. Should be found in every family garden.

**Rough Rider.**—This is entirely a new comer. Originated in Oswego county, New York. The introducer says: "It is a seedling of Eureka fertilized by Gandy. Prolific runners like Eureka, the individual plants closely resembling the Gandy in leaf and stalk. Enormously productive, hardy and free from disease. Berries very large, roundish but elongated, mostly shape of illustration, but some flattened. Color dark red like Gandy. The latest and firmest strawberry in existence. Blossom perfect.

**Superior.**—Entirely new in Delaware. Originated in Virginia and first introduced last year. We have a fair supply of the plants and like their appearance very much. It is a vigorous and healthy variety. The originators say: "As a variety to grow for shipment to distant markets it has no equal, it is exceedingly firm and enormously productive, of large size berries of the most delicious flavor, of good, uniform shape, and a beautiful bright glossy red color. It ripens uniformly all over, with never a white tip. Season early. Continues in fruit through a long season, and the fruit holds up well in size to the end of the season. It has a strong fruit stem which holds the fruit up well from the ground. This variety is very hardy in fruit-bud and never fails to produce a crop of berries. It has a perfect blossom and is very rich in pollen: one of the very best to plant with the pistillate varieties. We have a fair supply of these plants.

If your order amounts to \$10 or more, you may deduct 10 per cent. if the cash accompanies the order. Or we will send 15 per cent. of the amount in Nick Omer, Johnson's Early, Parsons' Beauty or Repeater as you may choose. For example: If your cash order is \$10 and you do not deduct the 10 per cent. we will owe you \$1.50 in the above plants in addition to your order. If your cash order is \$15 we will owe you \$2.25, or you may deduct the 10 per cent., as you may prefer.

## GENERAL LIST OF STRAWBERRIES.

Those marked P have pistillate or imperfect blossoms and should be set near some sort with perfect blossom. 6, 50 and 500 at dozen, hundred and thousand rates respectively.

	12	100	1000
Bubach's No. 5 P.....	\$0 20	\$0 40	\$2 00
Brandywine .....	20	40	2 00
Bismarck.....	25	50	2 00
Big Berry.....	50	1 50	
Bush Cluster.....	30	1 00	
Clyde .....	20	40	1 75
Crescent, P.....	15	30	1 50
Carrie P.....	20	40	
Cumberland .....	20	40	2 00
Darling .....	25	75	
Earliest .....	20	40	2 00
Gandy's Prize.....	25	40	2 00
Glen Mary.....	25	40	2 00
Gladstone .....	50	2 00	
Greenville P.....	25	40	2 50
Gibson .....	50	2 00	
H. & H. No. 3 P .....	25	40	2 00
Haverland P.....	25	50	2 50
Johnson's Early.....	25	50	2 50
Lady Thompson.....	25	40	2 00
Lovett .....	25	40	2 00
Lloyd, or Seaford P.....	25	50	2 50
Marshall .....	25	50	2 50
Michael's Early.....	20	40	1 50
Margaret .....	25	50	2 50
Meek's Early.....	25	50	
Nick Ohmer.....	25	50	2 50
Parker Earle (Arnot's) .....	25	50	2 50
Parson's Beauty .....	30	50	2 50
Pride of Cumberland .....	25	50	2 00
Repeater, New.....	30	60	2 50
Rough Rider.....	2 00		
Sh riless.....	30	50	2 00
Sample P.....	30	50	3 00
Seaford P.....	25	50	2 50
Superior, New.....	30	50	2 50
Tennessee .....	20	40	2 00
Warfield .....	25	50	
Wm. Belt .....	25	50	2 00
Wilson's Albany .....	25	50	2 00
Woolverton .....	25	60	2 50

(If to go by mail add 10 cts. per 50 and 15 cts per 100 to the above hundred rates )

## CURRANTS.

		per dozen
Cherry, 2 years.....		\$0 60
“ 1 year.....		40
White Grape, 2 years.....		65
“ “ 1 year.....		40
Red Dutch, 2 years.....		60
“ “ 1 year.....		40
Fay's Prolific, 2 years.....		60
“ “ 1 year.....		40
Tree Currant, 2 years.....	15c each	1 50

## GOOSEBERRIES.

Houghton, 2 years.....	50
“ 1 year.....	40
Downing 2 years.....	60
Red Jacket, 2 years.....	15c each 1 50

## RASPBERRY PLANTS.

Miller, fine plants.....	12	100
	\$0 30	\$0 80
Loudon, fine plants.....	30	80

If to go by mail add 15c per dozen, and 30c per hundred.

## BLACKBERRIES.

We can supply fine plants of the following well known varieties:

	12	100	1000
Wilson's Early.....	\$0 30	\$0 75	\$5 00
Early Harvest.....	30	75	5 00
Lucretia Dewberry.....	30	75	5 00

If to go by mail add postage same as for raspberries.

## ASPARAGUS.

	12	100	1000
Conover's, Barr's and Palmetto, 2 year, fine roots..	\$0 20	\$0 60	\$3 50
Donald's Elmira.....	25	75	

## SHRUBERY.

Nice size for setting out.

Althæ, double flowering.....	each
“ variegated, fine plants.....	\$0 40
Deutzia, double flowering.....	40
“ variegated, fine plants.....	30
Hydrangea, fine size.....	35
Honeysuckle, upright, evergreen.....	25
“ Japan, variegated.....	25
Lilac, purple, well rooted.....	30
“ white, well rooted.....	30
Magnolia, fragrant white flower.....	40

**Cydonia Japonica**, (Japan Quince)—A very showy popular shrub, which blooms profusely in early spring; flowers dazzling scarlet. 30 cents each.

**Chionathus Virginica** (White Fringe)—A small native tree or shrub. Perfectly hardy here, and forms a small tree or bush of great beauty. The leaves are very large and long and the blossoms are composed of long narrow petals.



which come out in such profusion that the tree is a solid mass of delicate snow-white flowers. 40 cents each.

**Rhus Catinus** (Purple Tree or Smoke Tree)—From the south of Europe; a much admired shrub for its curious fringe, or hair-like flowers, that cover the whole surface. It grows 10 to 12 feet high and spreads so as to require considerable space. 40 cents each.

**Weigela** (*Hortensis Rubra*)—Flowers deep red when in bud and rose-colored when in full bloom. 30 cents each.

**Weigela Nivea** (White flowered Weigela)—Of dwarf spreading habit and slow growth. Flowers pure white, retaining their purity the whole time of flowering, foliage large, a profuse bloomer; difficult to propagate. 35 cents each.

**Weigela arvea variegata** (variegated Weigela)—A neat dwarf shrub, valuable for the clearly defined variegation of green, yellow and pink in its leaves; very effective and useful. Flowers delicate rose and pink. One of the finest variegated-leaved shrubs. 30 cents each.

**Spiraea** (*Meadow Sweet*) *Billardi*—Pint flowers blooming nearly all summer. 30 cents each.

**Spiraea Reevesii** (*Lance-leaved Spiraea*)—Pointed narrow leaves and large round clusters of beautiful white flowers.

**Viburnin Plicatum** (*The Beautiful Japan Snow Ball*)—Of moderate growth, picturesque, compact habit, leaves distinctly plicate or crinkled, and of a decidedly rich, dark-green color; brown shoots, flower ball very solid, more white than the common variety, and remains on much longer. Perfectly hardy; one of the choicest and most desirable shrubs known. 35 cents each.

**See This Offer**—To any one sending us an order for anything offered in this Catalogue and sending us also, along with the order the names of ten truckers, gardeners or fruit growers, who own their homes, and all of whom get their mail at the same post office, we will send, extra, either 100 Nick Ohmer, Johnson's Early, Parson's Beauty, Repeater or Superior Strawberry plants. But, the order must amount to at least \$2.00 to secure this splendid offer.

**Please** do not overlook the fact that 10 per cent is allowed on all cash orders amounting to \$10 or more, at our catalogue prices.

## TOMATOES.

**The Early Bird** beats all the early Tomatoes that we have ever seen, for earliness. Ripe with us last season on June 27th, we believe we can have it ripe by June 20th. It is a heavy cropper matters not how early it ripens, it keeps it up all summer, until killed by frost. If you want to get into the market away before your neighbors are thinking about it, the Early Bird certainly is the variety to use. We can supply the pure seed. And about April 20th we can supply well hardened transplanted plants.

**Early Bird**, large packet, 5c; ounce, 20 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound, 75 cents. All seed prepaid by us.

**Royal Red**—This is a large, red, productive smooth and fine tomato. Large packet, 5 cents; oz., 15;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound, 50 cents.

**Paragon**—Everybody knows this grand reliable old canning variety. Packet, 5 cents; oz., 15 cents,  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound, 50 cents.

**Favorite**—Another fine, reliable variety. Almost as well known as the Paragon. Beautiful, smooth, bright red and very productive. Packet, 5 cents; oz., 15 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound, 50 cents.

## CABBAGE SEED.

**Early Jersey Wakefield**—True fresh reliable seed. The earliest variety that is worth cultivating. Packet, 5 cents; oz., 20 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound, 60 cents.

**Early Winningstadt**—We think this is the best second early variety. It will stand for weeks, as solid as a rock without bursting or rotting off the stock. Packet, 5 cents; oz., 15;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound, 40 cents.

**Early Summer**—A fine, large, second early variety. Packet, 5 cents; oz., 15 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound, 40 cents.

**All Seasons**—Everybody thinks more of this variety as they get better acquainted with it. It surely is well named. Packet, 5 cents; oz., 15 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound, 40 cents.

**Autumn King**—This is a grand fall and early winter variety. Worthy of a trial by all lovers of cabbage. Packet, 5 cents; oz., 15 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound, 50 cents.

**Premium Late Flat Dutch**—This is the grand old, reliable, winter variety. Needs no description, everybody is acquainted with it. Packet, 5 cents; oz., 15 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound, 40 cents. Our packets contain two or three times as many seeds as are usually sent out by seed houses.

### EARLY CABBAGE PLANTS.

(Ready in March)

**Early Jersey Wakefield**, sown in January and well hardened. **Early Winningstadt** and **Henderson's Early Summer**. Price 25c per 100, \$2 per 1000. After April 10th, 20c per 100, \$1 50 per 1000. If to go by mail add 15c per 100.

### LATE CABBAGE PLANTS.

(For fall and winter use. Ready May 1st to September.)

We have an immense trade in these plants, **Premium Late Flat Dutch**, **Autumn King**, **All Seasons**, **Large Late Drumhead** and **American Drumhead Savory**. Price 15c per 100, \$1 per 1000, 5000 for \$4, 10,000 for \$7.50; 20,000 for \$12. If cabbage plants are to go by mail add 15c per 100 for postage.

### LETTUCE PLANTS.

(Ready March 1st.)

**Reichner's Early, White Butter**—The grandest hard heading Lettuce in the entire list. Well hardened plants wintered over, price 25c per 100, \$2 per 1000. Spring sown plants ready in April; 20c per 100. If to go by mail add 10c per hundred for postage.

### EGG PLANTS.

(Ready from May to July.)

**New York Improved**—Extra strong, transplanted and well hardened plants. Price 15c per dozen, 60c per 100. From seed beds 10c per dozen, 50c per 100. If to go by mail add 5c per dozen, and 20c per 100.

### CAULIFLOWER.

(Ready April 1st.)

**Early Paris**—This is an old standard early variety. Price, 15 cents per dozen; 60 cents per 100.

**Vitche's Autumn Giant**—A grand late summer and fall variety. Ready June 1st. Price, 10 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100. If to go by mail add 5cts per dozen, and 20 cents per 100.

## CELERY PLANTS.



We supply these plants from May to October. Our varieties are: **White Plume, Pink Plume, Perle Le Grand, Golden Self, Blanching, Kalamazoo, Perfection, Hartwell, Giant Pascal and Large White Solid.** Price, White Plume for early use in May and June, 30c per 100. All varieties ready June 20th. 20c per 100; \$1 50 per 1,000. Special prices will be quoted on large lots. If to go by mail, add 10c per 100, after July 10th, 20cts per 100 for postage.

## EARLY TOMATO PLANTS.

(Ready April 20th)

These plants are grown in hot beds and transplanted into cold frames, where they become stalky, well rooted and thoroughly hardened in good time for early planting out. Our varieties this season are **Early Dwarf Champion, Acme and Early Bird.** Transplanted plants, 15c per dozen, 60c per 100. From seed beds 10c per dozen, 40c per 100, \$3 per 1000. We do not send tomato plants by mail.

## TOMATOES FOR THE CANNING FACTORY.

(Ready May 20th.)

We have an immense trade in these plants. Our sales run into the hundreds of thousands. Canning companies throughout Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and even Ohio (for we send thousands of plants into that state) order in large lots. It is a very common occurrence to fill orders for some canning factory to the amount of 50,000 to 60,000 plants. Our varieties are **Paragon, Favorite and Stone,** grown from selected seed and we are not afraid to recommend them. 15c per 100, \$1 00 per 1000, 5000 per \$3.50, 10,000 for \$6.

## PEPPER PLANTS.

(Ready May 1st to July 1st)

We supply thousands of these plants every season to our customers all over the country. Our varieties are **Ruby King**, **Bull Nose**, **Golden Dawn** and **Long Red Cayenne**. **Ruby King** is an exceedingly large and handsome pepper, very mild in flavor and can be sliced for salad or eaten with salt and vinegar like tomatoes and cucumbers. **Golden Dawn** is also quite mild. **Bull Nose** is much stronger and is therefore a favorite for pickling. The **Long Red Cayenne** is full of *Cayenne* or firey hot. Well hardened transplanted plants 15c per dozen, 50c per 100. From seed, 10c per dozen, 40c per 100, \$3 per 1000. If to go by mail add 5c per dozen and 15c per 100.

## SWEET POTATO PLANTS.

We Sell more Sweet Potato plants than all the plant growers on the entire Peninsula combined.

**Yellow Nansemond**—This is one of the oldest and probably best known varieties of sweet potatoes. It is of a rich golden yellow, dry and mealy. A good keeper, quite productive and always brings the highest market price.

**Red Nansemond**—This has all the good qualities of the **Yellow Nansemond**, of beautiful red color, and on account of its excellent qualities and fine flavor, is preferred by many above all other varieties. It is growing into continual favor as the people get better acquainted with it. There is a strong demand for these plants.

**Cedarville**—This is a grand variety, about one week to ten days earlier than **Yellow Nansemond**, which it very much resembles in appearance. Its qualities as a table potato, surpass all others. A good keeper, bright golden yellow and entirely free from black or dry rot.

**Cooper's or Yellow Jersey**—A grand old family and market variety. It has been grown here at Cheswold, by Mr. R. M. Cooper, our Sweet Potato King, for twenty-five years. Mr. Cooper, no doubt, can supply bedding roots of this variety. We especially recommend this as a first class family and market variety, a heavy cropper and a good keeper.

**Big Stem Jersey**—In regard to size, this is a "Whopper" and probably none so as to productiveness, for indeed it is a heavy cropper. Beautiful golden yellow color, a strong grower, and is readily distinguished from all other varieties by its large dark green foliage. We must say however, that after four years of experience with all due respect for its many good qualities, it is not a first class keeper. It must be kept in a very regular and high temperature. And we notice that there is a growing condemnation of its table qualities, of which we never thought it first class.

**Vineless Gold Coin**.—This is called by its admirers the greatest production of the nineteenth century. A vigorous grower and very productive. One of the best of keepers, any temperature above the freezing point will insure its good keeping. In vine it is about as large as the top of a bushel basket. It is not of a good yellow selling color, as the name would imply; it is rather white faintly tinged with pink. Neither is its shape just the best for a market potato. In quality it is rather hard to cook, very sweet, but sobby. This last fault is not objected to by Southern taste, but is entirely condemned in the North.

**Our Prices for All Varieties this Season Are:**—15c. per 50 ; 20c. per 100 ; \$1.50 per 1000 ; 4000 for \$5. 25 per cent. may be deducted from the above prices on all orders to be shipped after June 1st, and 40 per cent after June 15th.

If to go by mail add 10c. per 50, and 20c. per 100 for postage.

**Be Sure** to use our order sheet and return envelope, which you find in this catalogue.



## POTTED STRAWBERRIES.

**About July 15th** our pot grown strawberry plants will be ready for shipment. We ship all along from July to November. Set out any time from July to November they will bear an immense crop next season.

Our varieties potted this season will be Johnson's Early, Repeater, Nick Ohmer, Wm. Belt, **Gladstone**, Marshall, Gandy and **Rough Rider**. We shall aim to keep 10,000 of these in pots the season through and be ready to fill all orders on short notice. Our plants are always well rooted when sent out and never fail to give satisfaction.

Prices of pot grown strawberry plants: **Gladstone and Rough Rider**, 40c. per dozen ; \$1.00 per 50 ; \$1.50 per 100.

Johnson's Early, Repeater, Nick Ohmer, Wm. Belt, Marshall and Gandy, 30c. per doz ; 75c. per 50 and \$1.25 per 100. Special prices can be quoted on lots of 500 to 1000.

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