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IF YOU WANT THE LARGEST, BEST ROOTED, PUREST PLANTS
HERE IS THE PLACE TO GET THEM.

FARMER'S CATALOGUE
...1900...



The New Strawberry, Rough Rider

Berry - Fruit - Plants
Fruit Growers' Supplies, etc.

L. J. FARMER,
FRUIT GROWER AND NURSERYMAN,
PULASKI, N. Y., U. S. A.

HIGHEST AWARD ON STRAWBERRIES AT THE WORLD'S FAIR
CHICAGO, ILL., 1893.

The Pulaski Democrat Print, Pulaski, N. Y.

A Bright Future for Fruit Growers.

WE HAVE been in the berry business for seventeen years, and never were the prospects better for good returns from the business than they are to-day. On account of the fact that prices on general farm produce have ruled low for several years, men have taken up the fruit business temporarily as a makeshift, in order to get a little money. These, with their careless methods and poor products, have hurt the business, and prices on fruit have been reduced. Now everything is changed. General farming is paying good returns; the attention of the people will be directed to dairying, etc., rather than fruit growing, and the fruit grower who strikes now and strikes right, will make a success of it.

THE VARIETY QUESTION is the most important of all fruit questions, and it is the least understood. There are thousands of fruit growers getting indifferent results, just because they have planted the variety not best adapted to their wants. We are not exaggerating in the least when we say that our berries averaged five cents per quart higher than those of most other snippers from Pulaski, simply because we had the right varieties.

IT WILL PAY YOU to change your stock and get some newer varieties that we have growing. Whether you plant a few in the garden, or by the acre, it pays to start with the right varieties. If you will correspond with us, stating the conditions and your wants, we will try to start you on the right road.

PLANTS ARE SCARCE.—We have thirteen acres of strawberries and there are no more plants than usually grow on six acres. For months it was so dry that plants would not root until covered with earth, and white grubs were never more destructive. From every part of the country come reports that on account of white grubs and the drouth, strawberry plants were never so scarce. The supply on most varieties is sure to run short, and we advise ordering as early as possible. Our plants were never so large or finer rooted, as far as they go.

MAKE YOUR ORDER \$1.00 OR MORE.—While we accept and fill all orders, however small, it costs as much to record and do the business necessary on an order of 25c as on one of \$25. Therefore, please make your order amount to \$1 or more. As an inducement, we offer our paper, *Farmer's Fruit Farmer*, one year to every person who sends in an order to the amount of \$1 or more.

CLUB ORDERS.—We employ no agents, but when a customer wishes to order for himself and neighbors, the proper thing to do, is to bunch the orders and send all together. For instance, if five men want 200 plants each, the club agent orders 1,000 plants of us at thousand rates and charges the others at hundred rates, keeping the difference for his trouble.

WE THANK YOU for the generous patronage accorded us in the past. We hope that our deals have been mutually satisfactory. As the money sent us by you has helped us to enlarge and build up our business, so we hope the plants sent to you have proven satisfactory and brought you good returns.

ADVISE AND TERMS--Please Read Carefully Before Ordering.

PRICES in this catalogue abrogate all previous quotations.

PAYMENTS.—Invariably in advance. This is the ordinary rule, and it is a good one. We have not the time to inquire into the reliability of patrons in distant parts of the country.

HOW TO SEND MONEY.—Small amounts may be sent in bills and stamps. Amounts over \$2 should be sent by postoffice order, registered letter, express order or draft on New York.

WHEN TO ORDER.—We receive and book orders at any time. The earlier you order the surer you are of getting just what you want. We reserve the right to substitute a variety equally as good if out of any one kind, *unless otherwise instructed.*

HOW FAR CAN WE SHIP?—We can ship any distance. Have sent plants to Bermuda, England and the farthest extremes of Canada and Mexico. We make a specialty of sending plants long distances by mail and express. If you live 5,000 miles away, the postage on a package of plants will be no more than if you lived but a few miles from us.

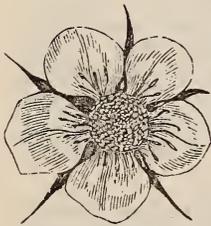
LOW FREIGHT AND EXPRESS RATES.—We can secure the lowest freight rates and the express companies give us a discount of 20 per cent. on all plants sent over their lines.

AN IMPORTANT ITEM.—Please to remember that in dealing with us our telegraph, telephone, express, postoffice, bank etc., are all located at Pulaski.

This catalogue is sent to you free, hoping that you will favor us with an order. There are a few people who have been receiving our catalogue for some time that have never favored us with an order. These names will not receive catalogues next year unless we hear from them this year, either with an order or a request to continue their name on our mailing list.

Yours for fruits,
L. J. FARMER, Pulaski, N. Y.

STRAWBERRIES



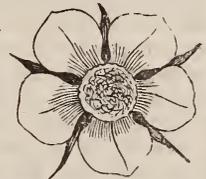
PERFECT BLOSSOM

Strawberries do well on any soil, provided it is well drained and fertilized. Grow two or three crops of corn and potatoes previous to setting the strawberry plants. Sandy soil produces early fruit, and clay later. Mulching with straw tends to retard the time of ripening and prevents drying up during a drouth.

Set in straight rows, three to five feet apart, with plants one foot apart in the rows, keep clean of weeds and cut off blossoms the first year. Trim off the first four or five runners and afterwards layer runners at regular intervals about the parent plants. Allow only four or five runners to root; cut off all others.

Scatter ashes or commercial fertilizers around plants and hoe in. Cover plants with straw December 1st and remove in the spring, placing between the rows.

Varieties marked "per" will bear alone. Those marked "imp" are imperfect in flower and require those marked "per" to be planted near by them in order to produce a crop. Plants in dozen lots are sent post paid; add 20c per 100 if wanted by mail, otherwise we will forward by express.



IMPERFECT BLOSSOM.

A NEW STRAWBERRY---"THE ROUGH RIDER."

We have the honor, and we consider it a great pleasure, to introduce to the public this year a new strawberry of great promise, "The Rough Rider." There are good strawberries in general cultivation now, but we believe this variety will occupy a position held by no other kind. The following points of superiority are worthy the attention of every fruit grower:

1. It has a perfect blossom.
2. The plants are vigorous.
3. It is very productive.
4. It is the firmest strawberry known.
5. It is the very latest strawberry.
6. It is the best keeper.
7. It has the finest flavor.
8. It sold above all others last season.
9. The plants are extremely vigorous.
10. It is very large and attractive.



History and Description.

Several years ago—it was in 1893—Mr. Charles Learned, a strawberry grower living some seven miles from Pulaski, sowed seeds of Eureka, Gandy and other varieties and obtained a number of seedlings. These were transplanted and several saved. One of the seedlings, numbered 6, and since called the Rough Rider, was so late that it came near being destroyed. It was so late that at the time when the others were in fruit, this was full of blossoms and green fruit. Going to plow the patch under after the fruiting season, he discovered this plant full of berries. The variety was carefully nursed afterwards, but came near being destroyed two years later in an unfavorable season. Mr. Learned has marketed the fruit in a small way for three or four years, and every year it has improved. He was very reluctant to let the plants go, and it was only through the giving of most liberal terms that we secured the control of the plants.

Farmer Goes to See It.

We became interested in this new strawberry through seeing the crates of ripe fruit at the shipping station, and comparing the price received with other varieties shipped at the same time. It is rare nowadays for a strawberry, when sent on commission, to sell for more than 10c per quart. Yet this variety, although drawn seven miles over rough roads in big loads, was selling at from twelve to twenty cents per quart wholesale in New York and Boston. It was July 9th when we went to see the berry in fruiting. At that time we were in the midst of a severe drouth, and the heat was intense. The patch of Rough Riders presented a very pretty appearance. All over the field the vines stood up fully a foot high. The berry was in its prime. On the north side of the rows they had just begun to turn color. We counted thirty-six berries on one stem. The vines were not mulched, yet they did not suffer from the drouth. The berries are as large as the Bubach at its prime, and the shape is rather irregular. Most specimens run like the illustration—some are flattened, others pointed. It is dark colored like the Gandy, and is the latest berry we have ever seen. Although this season was earlier than usual, pickings were made until near August. It is the best shipping and keeping berry in existence. Most berries go to pieces during the hot weather of July, but this variety remained firm and hard and was shipped 350 miles in an ordinary express car July 12th and sold for twelve cents per quart in Boston, in competition with

berries from Canada. We were impressed with the idea that this was the best variety for late markets we had ever seen.

Specimen Accounts of Sales from Commission Men.

From Bennett, Rand & Co., Boston, Mass.

FOR ACCOUNT OF C. LEARNED, PULASKI.

July 1, 6 crts S. berries,	108 qts @ 20c.....	\$21 60
	72 qts @ 18c.....	12 96
	36 qts @ 16c.....	5 76
July 3, 6 crts S. berries,	108 qts @ 18c.....	19 44
	108 qts @ 16c.....	16 28

From Peabody Bros., Boston, Mass.

July 3, 6-36 crts berries @ 18c.....	\$38 80
“ 5, 13-36 crts berries; 3 cr @ 15c.....	16 20
6 cr @ 14c.....	30 24
4 cr @ 13c.....	18 72
July 7, 11-36 crts berries; 5 cr @ 15c.....	28 00
4 cr @ 13c.....	18 72
2 cr @ 12c.....	8 64

Express 70c per crate. Commission 10 per cent.

Testimonials.

The originator picked and brought us a quart of the berries July 12th. They were packed in wadding in pint baskets, about four specimens in a basket, and mailed to several strawberry authorities in different parts of the country. Here are a few replies:

OFFICE OF THE RURAL NEW YORKER
NEW YORK, July 15, 1899.

Mr. L. J. Farmer, Dear Sir:—I received your letter of July 13th yesterday, but the strawberries did not reach us until this morning. Two of them were reasonably hard and firm, but had lost their shape a little, and two ranked as first class fruit. One of them was better than the other, and gave a very fair chance to test flavor of the fruit, which we class good. I was surprised that these strawberries stood up as well as they did in the long journey by mail. I wish you would let me know just when they were shipped, so that I can tell just how many hours they were in shipment. I should certainly judge from the color that this variety certainly has merit as a firm shipping berry, and it certainly holds its color and appearance under very trying circumstances.

H. W. COLLINGWOOD,
Managing Editor.

In the Rural New Yorker of July 22d is printed our letter, to which the editor subtends the following:

“The berries did not reach us until the morning of July 15th. They were packed in cotton wadding and sent in a small wooden box. When they reached us they were three days from the vine and had been two days on the road. It is very difficult to send berries by mail, yet several of these were still hard and firm. After such handling, ordinary berries would be a soft mass of pulp. These berries had not smashed, but seem to have dried up somewhat like a fig.”

OFFICE OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST,
NEW YORK, July 14, 1899.

Dear sir:—I am simply delighted with them. If, in so unfavorable a season as this, you can produce a full crop up to the middle of July, you are entitled to a fortune.

F. M. HEXIMER, Editor.

OFFICE OF FARM JOURNAL,
PHILADELPHIA, PA., July 17, 1899.

Sir:—I have your favor of July 13th, also some specimens of the berry came to hand * * * * still in good shape considering the time of year and the period they were away from the vine.

WILMER ATKINSON,
Editor.

OFFICE OF FRUIT GROWER,
ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 16, 1899.

Dear Sir:—Thanks for samples of late strawberry. It is good for a late berry, firm, etc. I wish you success with it. C. A. GREEN, Editor.

OLYPHANT, PA., July 18, 1899.
The 15th of July I received a box of strawberries by mail. These arrived in first class condition. The berry is surely a good shipper. Its color is all right. If it is productive enough it will make a good addition to the first class varieties.
E. J. HULL, Fruit Grower.

The following letters are from commission merchants who have handled the berry:

BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 1, 1899.

Having had the pleasure of handling your shipments of berries the past season, permit us to say a word of praise for your Learned's Late (now called Rough Rider). We have noted carefully their condition on arrival and consider them by far the best keeping berry we have handled. The size also could not be improved and we consider them the best all round variety we have seen on this market from your section.
PEABODY BROS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19, 1899.

Yours to hand and contents noted, and in reply would say that we have handled the Learned's late strawberry. It is a very firm deep red berry, with a fine flavor, and its carrying qualities cannot be excelled. It is a good seller and brings more money than any other strawberry we have ever handled. We cannot say too much in its favor.

T. S. WILLIAMSON & BRO.

BOSTON, August 2, 1899.

We herewith hand you check for \$19.18 to cover amount due you. The Learned berry is a nice large berry of good flavor and a comparison of prices with other berries sold here on the same date will show that the buyers appreciate them. If they are a good yielder and suitable for most soils, we do not think the farmer can make a mistake in trying them. Thanking you for your attention.

BENNETT, RAND & Co.

Price of plants—25c each; six for \$1; 13 for \$2; 52 for \$6; 104 for \$12; 1040 for \$100.

Other New Varieties.

SENATOR, DUNLAP, EMPEROR, EMPRESS, BENNETT'S SEEDLING, PENNELL, SUNSHINE, doz. \$1; 100, \$5.

GIBSON and JOHNSON'S EARLY, doz., 50c; 100, \$2.50.

Better Known Varieties.

Fifty at 100 rates, 500 at 1000 rates.

SAMPLE (imp.) Introduced two years ago at \$5.00 per dozen, \$25.00 per 100. We paid \$37.50 for 150 plants and never have been sorry for it. The plants are perfection in growth, large, healthy and good runners, making the best spread of any large plant. We fruited a few

plants this season. The berries are uniformly very large, roundish with blunt ends as if cut off, like Crescent. It is rich dark in color and very firm on clay soil with us. It did equally well for a neighbor on gravel. No one can miss it planting this variety. Season late. We have 200,000 plants to offer at 30c dozen; \$1.00, 100; \$5.00 per 1,000.

RIDGWAY (per.) This brought us in more money than any other variety the past season. It is a dandy. The plants are the healthiest on the place, rank green foliage, and the roots remain white and in shape to transplant, later than any other variety. When digging, they cling to the soil with persistency like asparagus roots. The fruit is medium to large in size, very regular in shape, every specimen looks as if turned in a lathe. The beautiful color, regularity, uniformity and attractive appearance, secure the best price in market. It is not very firm and must be picked when not very ripe. Season very late. Dozen, 30c; 100, 75c; 1000, \$5.00.

RUBY (per.) A splendid growing plant, healthy and a good runner. Berries extra large, rich dark color, very firm and enormously productive. Mid-season in ripening. Dozen, 25c; 100, 60c; 1000, \$4.00.

SEAFORD (imp.) Large plants and perfect growers. Berries good size, very firm, dark colored and glossy. One of the best shipping berries. Enormously productive, good for canning. Shape of Parker Earle. Ripens mid season. Dozen, 25c; 100, 60c; 1000, \$5.00.

CARRIE (imp.) A berry of the Haverland type but later in season. It is enormously productive and sells well in market, but is inclined to be a little soft towards the close of the season. Dozen, 25c; 100, 60c; 1000, \$5.00.

EARLIEST (per.) One of the best berries for the family garden and desirable as first early for market. It ripens fully a week earlier than most varieties. The fruit is not large but has a fine flavor that never leaves it, no matter whether it rains or shines. Dozen, 25c; 100, 50c; 1000, \$3.50.

EXCELSIOR (per.) A healthy, rapid running plant that requires very little care and attention. The berries are good size, dark glossy color and produced in great abundance. It ripens first of all. Its firmness, color and earliness make it best of all for first early market. It ripens the bulk of its fruit extra early. Dozen, 30c; 100, \$1.00; 1000, \$6.00.

EDGAR QUEEN (Imp.) Plants healthy and vigorous. Berries largest of all,

glossy and attractive. Very desirable for market. Dozen, 25c; 100, 60c; 1000, \$4.00.

ATLANTIC. Plants slow growers but root deep and produce well on heavy soil. Berries long, dark glossy color and very firm, selling for fancy prices. Season late. Dozen, 25c; 100, 75c; 1000, \$5.00.

CRESCENT (Imp.) The old standby. Enormously productive, early and reliable, but rather small. Dozen, 25c; 100, 50c; 1000, \$3.50.

MARSHALL (per.) The gentleman's berry, color dark and glossy, produces large crops of extra large fine berries under high culture; a failure under neglect. Dozen, 25c; 100, 75c; 1000, \$5.00.

BISMARCK (per.) Healthy plants and enormously productive, color light, fruit rather soft and good for home use and nearby market only. Dozen, 25c; 100, 60c; 1000, \$3.50.

CLYDE (per) Healthy plants. Enormously productive. Fruit very large,

light colored and soft. One of the very best for home use and nearby market. Dozen, 25c; 100, 75c; 1000, \$5.00.

BARTON (imp.) Vigorous growing plant. Enormously productive. Berries large, long and good color. A good one for home use and market. Dozen, 25c; 100, 60c; 1000, \$4.00.

Additional Varieties Strawberries.

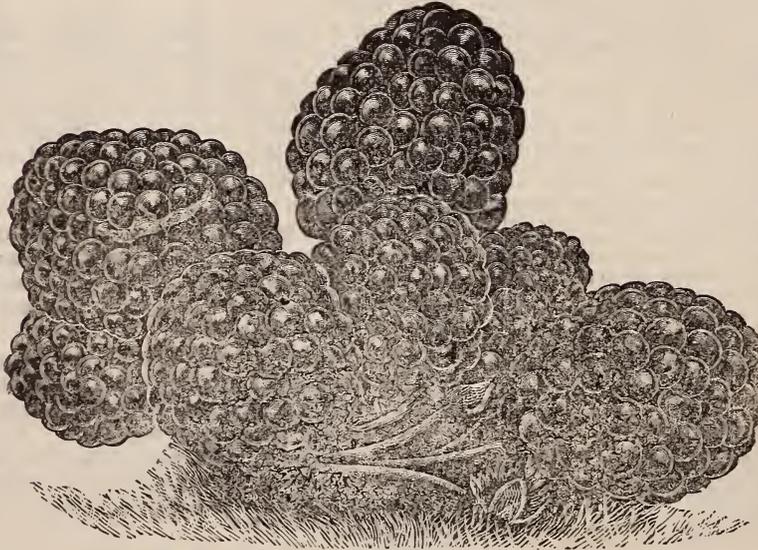
Corsican (Big Berry), Corby, Hunn and Nick Ohmer, 50c per dozen. Parker Earle Improved, Star, Jessie, Wilson, Glen Mary, Sharpless; dozen, 25c; 100 75c; 1000, \$5.00.

Enormous, Brandywine, Burt, Bubach, Sunnyside, Haverland, Michel's Early, Isabella, Hall's Favorite, Patrick. Doz., 25c; 100, 60c; 1000, \$3.50.

NOTE.—If you don't find what you want, write us. We can supply any new variety as cheap as the introducer. Write us for prices on anything you need. We guarantee satisfaction.

RASPBERRIES.

The raspberry delights in a well drained, rather loose soil, and will not do well on low wet soils, without drainage. The red varieties should be set in rows



CUMBERLAND RASPBERRY.

six feet apart and one foot apart in the row, when you have plenty of plants, and three feet apart in the row when the plants are scarce. Thus it takes either 2500 or 7000 plants to the acre, depending on the distance apart they are set. We set them close because we have a plenty of plants, and thus get a continuous fruiting row quicker than we would to set farther apart. Set black caps in rows seven feet apart and have the plants from one to three feet apart in the row. Thus, it will take of these, 2000 or 6000 plants. Prepare the land thoroughly and plow furrows one foot deep where the rows are to be, setting the plants in a furrow, in a straight line, so that in cultivating you can get close up to them. A hill of beans, potatoes or some other vegetable may be planted between the plants in the row, and also a row of these crops between the rows of raspberries the first year. Give clean culture and pinch back the canes when one foot high, which causes the plant to branch and grow stocky like a tree. The second year mulch with straw around the bushes and cultivate the middles to keep down weeds, and the ground moist.

Pinch the new growing canes back when two feet high, this and succeeding years, and cut the laterals back in early spring, before fruiting. This rigid pruning makes the fruit larger. Remove dead canes after fruiting and maintain level culture. About 200 to 500 plants, made up of the several varieties, should be set for an ordinary family. These will supply fresh fruit for the table and enough to can. Add 5 cents per dozen, 50 cents per hundred, if ordered by mail.

NOTE —Our stock of raspberries is very large and fine, and we won't be undersold by any concern handling the same grade of plants, but if parties wish a large lot of smaller plants, we can quote very much lower prices. These small plants have very nice roots, but the tops are small.

QUEEN OF THE MARKET (Cuthbert) The standard red raspberry. Ripens midseason and continues very late. Fruit large and of the finest flavor, selling for the best prices. Dozen, 35c; 100, \$1.00; 1000, \$6.00.

GOLDEN QUEEN. An albino of the above sort. Enormously productive and of the finest flavor. Dozen, 35c; 100, \$1; 1000, \$6.00.

berry is its superior for home use. Dozen, 50c; 100, \$1.50; 1000, \$10.00.

MARLBORO. The best early red raspberry, very similar to Cuthbert in appearance but firmer and not quite so high quality. Dozen, 35c; 100, \$1.00; 1000, \$7.00.

ROYAL CHURCH. Dozen, 35c; 100, \$1.

PHENIX Dozen, 35c; 100, \$1.00.

LOUDON. The best late raspberry for market. Not so good in flavor as Cuthbert but firmer, larger and more hardy. The canes are stocky and self-supporting. The berries are beautiful. Dozen, 35c; 100, \$1.50; 1000, \$12.00.

MILLER. Dozen, 35c; 100, 75c; 1000, \$5.00.

SCHAFFER. Dozen, 50c; 100, \$1.00; 1000, \$8.00.

WORTHY. New. Two for 25c; Dozen, \$1.00.

HILBORN. This is the best blackcap we have ever grown at Maplewood Fruit Farm. It is early, large and very productive. Doz. 35c; 100, \$1.25; 1000, \$10.

KANSAS. Dozen, 35c; 100, \$1; 1000, \$8.

NEMEHA. Dozen, 35c; 100, \$1.00.

CUMBERLAND. This new raspberry originated in Pennsylvania and is supposed to be a seedling of the Gregg with a dash of blackberry blood in it. It is claimed by its friends to be the largest blackcap grown, running nearly one inch in diameter. The Rural New Yorker speaks of it in the highest terms. B. F. Foster, a large grower of Wayne county, writes as follows: "I had five acres of it in fruiting the past summer and am delighted with it. I had Ohio and several other varieties growing side by side with it and under exactly the same conditions. The Cumberland fully doubled the yield of Ohio, and is far ahead of all other varieties on my grounds. The fruit is so large and so abundant upon it that it can be easily picked for a third less than other sorts and it is of such a superior appearance as to command usually a little above the market price of other varieties. I cannot too strongly recommend this new berry." 1c. each; dozen, 75c; 100, \$3.00.



COLUMBIAN RASPBERRY.

COLUMBIAN. Enormously productive. Canes grow tall like trees. Berries purple and good for canning. No one rasp-

BLACKBERRIES.

Require the same soil as raspberries. Set in rows eight feet apart, with plants from one to three feet apart in the row. Thus it takes from two to five thousand for an acre. Cultivate and prune like raspberries. Shave off all suckers that spring up between the rows, and keep the plants in narrow, continuous rows. Mulch with straw about the plants during fruiting season to keep the soil moist. Always cultivate blackberries very shallow, so as not to injure the roots. Every broken root sends up an additional sucker to interfere with cultivation. Blackberries make a very paying crop when the markets are not overrun with wild ones. It will pay the farmer to have a supply in his garden; 'tis much easier than chasing the woods for wild ones. Add 5c per dozen, 50c per hundred, if ordered by mail.

NOTE—We have an immense stock of standard varieties, and will make low rates to large planters. Write for estimates.

WHITE BLACKBERRY "ICEBERG."

(Raised by Luther Burbank, the "Wizard of Horticulture.")



The following is Mr. Burbank's own description, and its accuracy will be vouched for by all who know him, as he is commendably conservative in all that he says about his creations. In his desire to mislead no one, he leans rather toward under-rating than exaggerating the value of his originations. He says:

"Owing to the somewhat unsatisfactory qualities of White Blackberries so far known, the impression may have been entertained by some that no White Blackberry could be as productive and hardy, with berries as early, abundant, large, handsome and delicious as the best black ones. The well known Lawton is, when ripened, unsurpassed, and very generally known as the

most productive market berry. Owing to its fixity of race, it will reproduce itself from seed almost exactly, and its seedlings will not be influenced when raised from seed pollinated by other varieties, but it readily imparts its good qualities when employed as the staminate parent. One of the great grandparents of Iceberg was Lawton. The first generation of seedlings, when crossed with Crystal White, was all black; the second also, though varying much in other respects; but the third produced this wonderful plant, bearing the snowiest white berries ever seen. Very little attention was paid to the long rows of cross-bred descendants, until one day this berry was discovered among its black relatives with canes bending in various directions with their load of delicious, snowy berries, which are not only white, but so transparent that the seeds, which are unusually small, may be seen in the berries when ripe. Clusters, larger than those of Lawton; berries, as near as could be judged, were earlier, sweeter, and more tender and melting throughout, though as firm as Lawton is when ripe." 10c each; dozen \$1.00.

RATHBUN. Prof. Bailey writes: "The Rathbun blackberry is now in full fruit, and we are much pleased with it. It is midway between a black berry and a dew berry in habit, as also in earliness. The berries are exceedingly large, glossy, jet black, and of good quality. I certainly think that there is a future for it." Two for 25c; dozen \$1.00; 100, \$5.00.

MERSEREAU. Prof. Bailey, who named this variety, has this to say about it: "A variety resembling Snyder and derived

from it. Some four years ago the originator noticed an extra large, strong bush among his Snyders, and began to propagate from it. He is now gradually changing his whole plantation over to this new variety. It is one of the most promising varieties I know." Two for 30c; dozen \$1.50; 100, \$8.50.

SNYDER. Best hardy early variety. Enormously productive and reliable. Planted most of any for market. We have 100,000 plants for sale. Dozen 50c; 100, \$1.00; 1000, \$8.00.

TAYLOR. Best hardy late variety, sweet. None better for home use or market. Later than Snyder. These are

the two leading market sorts. Dozen 50c; 100, \$1.00; 1000, \$8.00.

AGAWAM, WESTERN TRIUMPH, LUCRETIA, KITTATINY, STONE'S HARDY. Dozen 50c, 100, \$1.00.

FRIE, MAXWELL'S EARLY, EL Dorado, ANCIENT BRITON, WACHUSETT, THORN LESS, LOVETT. Dozen 50c; 100, \$2.

We grow our own plants on the best soil. Two acres of this land sowed to wheat one season yielded 96 bushels and enough straw to properly cover three acres of berries.

GOOSEBERRIES

The gooseberry is a fruit that will pay if a market can be secured for it. Comparatively few people are used to it; however a taste can be readily acquired. There is no fruit with us that goes better than canned gooseberries. The American varieties are smaller than the English, but are free from mildew and bear enormous crops if the worms are kept off. The English varieties may be grown by spraying with liver of sulphur or Bordeaux mixture, which will prevent mildew. Watch the gooseberries and currants in early spring and spray with Paris green water as soon as the worms appear. If not attended to in the right time, it takes but a few days for the leaves to be entirely stripped. The berries then ripen prematurely and dry up in the sun.

HOUGHTON. A small, pale red, smooth variety of fine quality. The plants are entirely free from disease and the most productive of any gooseberry in cultivation. This and Downing are the varieties generally grown in our gardens. Two years old, 10c each; dozen 50c; 100, \$3.00.

DOWNING. Very much larger than Houghton, producing nearly as much bulk of fruit. Color, pale green. The favorite American variety. 10c each; dozen 50c; 100, \$3.50.

SMITH. Same price.

PEARL. An American sort claimed to be the most free from disease, and the most prolific gooseberry grown. Dozen 75c; 100, \$7.

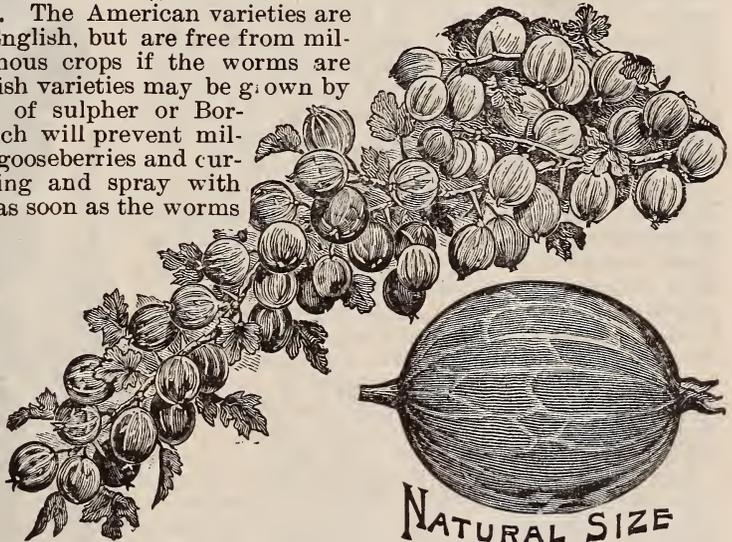
RED JACKET. Nearly as large as the English varieties, free from mildew and very productive. Color, pale red. We

are delighted with it. Twenty cents each; dozen, \$1.50; 100, \$10.00.

KEEPSAKE AND INDUSTRY. Valuable English varieties, much grown in this country. Twenty cents each; dozen, \$2.00; 100, \$10.00.

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Our gooseberry plants are all two years old, Some three years old. If sent by mail add 10c per dozen, 50c per hundred for currants and gooseberries.



CURRANTS

Plant on very rich soil, made so by repeated applications of rich barn fertilizers and potash salts applied to the crops that precede currants. It takes 2,904 plants to the acre, set in rows 5x3 Give clean culture and mulch with straw about the bushes during the fruiting season. Cut out old wood after it has borne several crops and replace by allowing new canes to grow from the roots. Keep the plant in upright bush form and do not allow it to become crowded. If you allow weeds and grass to grow around them, currants will be a failure in both quantity and quality of fruit. We spread a shovelful of manure and a quart of ashes about each plant, in November, and have wonderful success with currants and gooseberries.

RED CROSS. (New.) Originated by Jacob Moore, of Rochester, N. Y., and sold to the introducers for \$1,250 cash. We have eaten the fruit and can endorse it. Prof. Maynard, of Hatch Experiment Station, Massachusetts, says Red Cross, as seen at Rochester, averages larger than Fay's Prolific and is more vigorous. Jacob Moore, the originator, says it is twice as large as Victoria, will yield twice as much as Cherry and is of better quality than any of the older varieties. P. C. Reynolds, the veteran horticulturist of Rochester, says that the Red Cross Currant averages larger than Fay or Cherry and is sweeter than most other varieties. He says that the clusters are longer, and that the size of the berries hold out larger to the end of cluster than Fay. Ten cents each; dozen, 60c; 100, \$4.00; two-year-olds, dozen, \$1; 100, \$5.

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WHITE GRAPE. The largest and most productive white currant grown. Flavor, sweet and very fine for the table. Not desirable for the general markets, because people don't seem to take to white fruits. The best table currant. Price same as Fay.

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We have a supply of three-year bearing plants, extra fine, of most varieties. Write for prices.



GRAPES

Grapes do best in a sunny location on the south side of fences, buildings and hillsides where the sun will play over them nearly all day. The soil must be loose and open, and well drained. Every farmer should have 25 to 100 vines for the family use. There is no fruit more health giving. They follow closely after small

fruits, and save many a doctor's bill. This innocent fruit has often been made the victim of boards of health and sensationalists, but it has come out of the furnace unscathed. There has yet to be proved that any case of appendicitis was caused by eating grapes, nor has anybody been poisoned by Bordeaux mixture when sprayed on the fruit. The great secret of success in growing grapes lies in knowing how to trim them. Many a vine that is now running wild might be made fruitful by proper trimming. The novice will either trim too much or too little. They require fertilizing much the same as other fruits. Our ideas of growing are as follows: Select one or two year old vines and set them in furrows one foot deep and eight feet apart. Plant the vines ten feet apart in the furrows. Put a little surface soil in the bottom, spread the roots out both ways, so as to run parallel with the rows, and cover with fine, loose soil, filling in the furrow. Keep the soil loose and open, and do not plow deep enough to injure the roots. Practice shallow cultivation. Use plenty of mineral fertilizers, rich in potash. There are various methods of trimming the vine, but probably the following is the most simple and easy: Allow only one cane to grow the first year; rub off all other buds. Build a trellis, using wire or horizontal slats. In the fall of the first year, raise the cane up to the top wire and cut off all cane above the wire. Lay the cane down and cover with some coarse litter to protect it through the winter. In the spring tie the cane to the wire so it will stand upright or perpendicular. Allow two buds to grow into canes at the top; rub off all buds below. These buds are to produce the canes which are to be tied to the upper wire in a horizontal position the next spring. They are cut back to four feet in the fall, and if the climate is severe, all are taken from the wires, laid down and covered for the winter. In the spring the whole vine is put up and tied to the wire. The vine is now in the shape of the letter "T." From all along the horizontal cane tied to the upper wire, the buds produce the canes that bear the fruit. These little canes are all cut back close to the horizontal canes each fall, leaving little spurs with three buds each. From these spurs grow more green canes each year which bear the fruit. By this method there need be no summer tying of the green, growing canes. By the old method we tied the canes to the lower wire and as they grew up we tied the green canes which bear the fruit, to the upper wire. There need be no trouble in trimming the grape, if one understands the principle. Many people trim too little, others so severely that they remove all the bearing wood. Grapes are borne on green wood that grows the same season as the fruit, upon wood that grew the year before. So in trimming be sure to leave on some of the last year's growth. If you leave on too much or too little, the results are about the same—you get wood and no fruit. When your canes get old and unfruitful, fertilize more, encourage new canes to grow from the roots to replace the old ones which should be removed.

CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

This new grape was produced by the late Geo. W. Campbell of Ohio. Another season's experience confirms and strengthens the entire confidence heretofore expressed in this noble variety. It was mistaken in the Buffalo markets last year for Black Hamburg, it was so large and fine looking, selling for twice the price of other varieties of the same season. The following are especial points of merit in Campbell's early grape:

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THIRD. Berries large, nearly round, often an inch or more in diameter; black with light purple bloom; skin thin but very tenacious, bearing handling and shipping admirably. Flavor

rich, sweet, slightly vinous; pure with no foxiness, coarseness or unpleasant acidity from the skin to the center. Flesh rather firm but tender and of equal consistency, parting easily from its few and small seeds. As more than one-third of the American people do not and

CHEAP PLANTS.

Cheap plants like everything else too cheap are the dearest kind of plants in the end. Cheap plants are small, grown thickly in the rows covered with diseases. When transplanted they do not send out runners, but grow in a bush form till late in autumn when a few straggling runners are produced too late for rooting and making good plants. Most people prefer the best even though the price is a little more. The best is the cheapest in the end.

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ASPARAGUS

Any well drained soil will do for asparagus. Mark the rows four to five feet apart and plant the roots in trenches made deep with the plow, about one foot apart. Thus it takes about as many plants to the acre as of strawberries. Cover the plants with loose soil and gradually fill in the trenches as the plants grow. Allow the canes to grow without cutting until the third year. Then in the spring, as soon as eight or ten inches high, cut or break off the tender portion above the ground. Cuttings may be made each year as late in the season as strawberry time. Give clean culture and in winter mow off the canes and burn. Salt the soil about the plants once in a year to keep down the weeds. This vegetable is not only very palatable when cooked as green peas, but is valuable as a medicine for the kidneys. Conover's Colossal, Palmetto and Barr's mammoth, dozen, 25c; 100, \$1.00; 1000, \$5.00, for two year old roots. Columbian, White and Donald's Elmira, dozen, 35c; 100; \$1.25; 1000, \$6.00. Add 5c per dozen, 30c per 100 if by mail.

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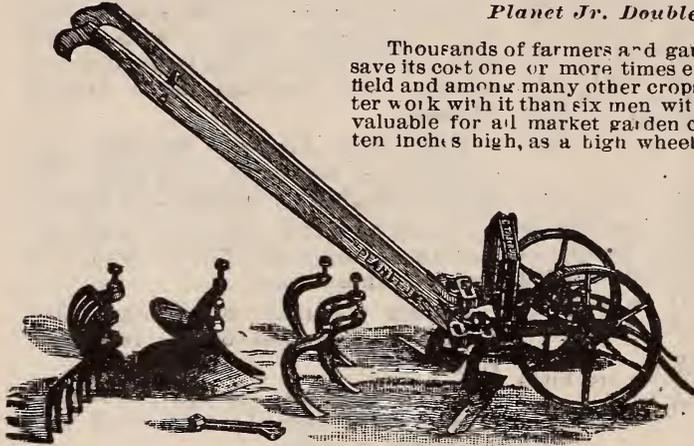
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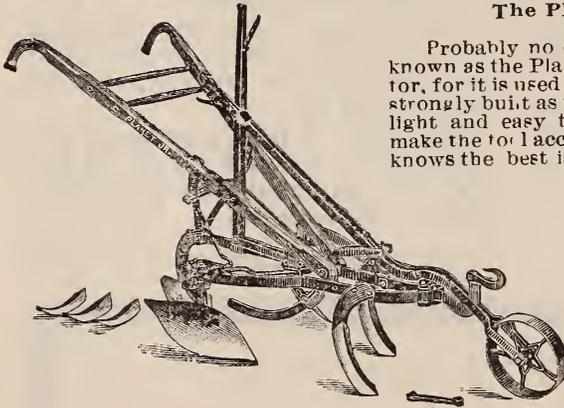
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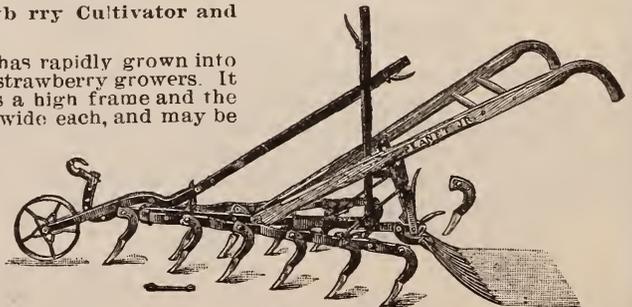
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John C. Bateman.

Simcoe, Canada, April 27, 1899.

Received plants in good shape. Many thanks.

F. W. Schuyler.

Sebastian Co., Ark., April 15, 1899.

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John Cox.

St. Paul, Minn., April 25, 1899.

Received plants a few days ago in good order.

Mrs. Andrew Peterson.

Hillsboro Co., N. H., April 19, 1899.

I received the plants all right.

A. H. Putman.

Pekin, Ill., May 25, 1899.

Strawberries sent me last, arrived in fine condition and are doing nicely.

Veid, Roelfs & Co.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 29, 1899.

The grape vines arrived safe and were in good order.

D. L. Royer.

Adrian, Mich., Oct. 9, 1899.

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J. B. Tyson.

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J. Blake.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 18, 1899.

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M. G. Walker.

Sonoma Co., Cal., May 22, 1899.

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J. W. Wigginston.

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Will J. Ritterskamp.

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The plants obtained from you last spring have made a remarkable growth.

Chas. H. Snow.

Utah Co., Utah, June 8, 1899.

I received the plants ordered from you in due time and in very good condition. I have saved every kind; nearly all are growing. Thanks for extras.

H. A. Cheever.

Livingston Parish, La., Nov. 10, 1899.

Last year I had some very satisfactory dealings with you and now, as I am setting out strawberry plants I want your valuable advice, so enclose 25c. for your valuable paper. The Michel has been very satisfactory. I picked the first saucer of strawberries on the 4th of February.

Mrs. David Cou-in.

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Hugh Carr.

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