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THE NEW STRAWBERRY, CLIMAX.

THE BEST IN OUR SPECIALTIES.

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DOVER, DELAWARE.

# GREETING.

**W**E EXTEND to our readers and customers, old and new, our most hearty greeting and good wishes.

**In Asking Attention** to our 21st annual catalogue we wish to thank our many friends for their continued liberal patronage. Growing berry plants is our specialty and has been for over twenty years. We have to offer for spring of 1903 a large and fine stock of plants, 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 pounds 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. 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 light, sandy soil, open winters and warm packing rooms give us special 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 may upon prompt notice, have plants replaced or money refunded.

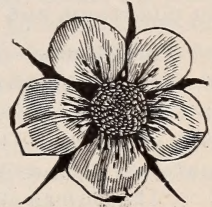
**SLAYMAKER & SON, Dover, Del.**

# 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 as possible, plants may be set 18 inches apart each way, if for garden, or 14 in. apart in rows 3 feet wide, if for field culture.



One row out of every four must be of perfect flowering varieties. Set the plants with trowel, or in any way convenient, so that the roots extend down into the soil, and are all covered, the crowns appearing just above the surface of the ground. Firm very care-



fully; 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. High grade fertilizer, 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 staminates, or to be grown alone

**Order Strawberry Plants Early** by all means, as early as possible. But buy 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 of 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 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 26.



STRAWBERRY PLANTS READY FOR PACKING

## A Trio Of New Strawberries.

We take great pleasure in offering to our customers two new varieties, which along with the Auto introduced by us last year, make a trio of surpassing merit, covering the whole fruiting season. Plant Climax for early, Auto for mid-season and President for late.

**The Climax.**—An extra early seedling grown by H. W. Graham from seed of a remarkably perfect berry found growing in a bed of Bubach and Hoffman strawberries. This variety is described in the *Rural New Yorker* of June 21, 1902, and we have taken pains to verify the extraordinary statements which it contains. The writer says:

"The Climax strawberry originated with Henry W. Graham, Wicomico Co., Md. I saw it on May 20. Mr. Graham planted seed of Bubach fertilized by Hoffman, and raised two plants. From these he finally got 1,100 plants, which he set on less than a quarter of an acre. The rows were five feet apart. From this plot in 1901 he shipped 105 60 quart crates of berries—6,300 quarts, or about 20,200 to the acre. His first berries in 1902 were shipped on May 10. Mitchel's Early was ripening at this time. I should judge the crop would have been off by May 25 to 30. The berry is hardly as large as the best specimens of Bubach, but I think averaged larger than the average specimens. There is not a single imperfect berry; at least, I failed to find one in the patch. Every one looks as if it came out of a mold. There is one big berry on the stem, then one a size smaller and so on down. The stalks are very heavy. Mr. Graham says every blossom makes a berry. The blossom is perfect, the plants are very strong, the foliage rougher than Bubach, and not so deep a green. It was knee high, and the beds were three or four feet wide. The soil is a black sandy loam. He has it on high and low land. The soil naturally is poor. He used one bag of fertilizer (200 pounds) on the plot, costing about \$30 per ton, running about three per cent ammonia, three to four per cent potash and eight to ten per cent phosphoric acid; no other manure. The specimens I sent you were brought in a basket over forty miles by boat before I shipped them to you. Alongside was a good patch, as good as you usually see, of Mitchel's Early, Tennessee, Dayton, Wm. Belt, Corsican and other well known kinds, but there was no comparison between these and the Climax. It begins to ripen nearly a week ahead of Bubach and other leading kinds, and you can readily see what it means to growers. The berry is firmer than Bubach, with better flavor, and never misshaped."

Senator Charles Wright, well known as the Pomologist at the Columbian Exposition, says of Climax: "I was invited by some friends to go down the river to see a new strawberry, of which I had never before heard. I had some doubts as to its amounting to much, but when I got there and saw the berries I never was so much surprised in my life; never saw anything to compare with the quantity of berries and not an imperfect one to be found. I looked carefully and could not find one ill-formed or undersized berry. I bought 10,000 plants for my own planting next spring and insisted on paying for them to make sure of getting them."

Hon. O. A. Newton, Chairman of Committee on Agriculture in our Legislature, and one of the largest and most successful strawberry growers in the state, thus tells of his acquaintance with Climax. Some time last winter a man

from Maryland approached me along with some neighbors wanting to sell us some plants of a new strawberry that could produce 20,000 quarts per acre. We laughed at him saying that such a yield was impossible. He proposed to sell us some plants to be paid for when we had seen the berry in fruit and were satisfied that such a yield was in right, and on these terms we bought some plants, a dozen or more farmers doing the same. Early in May we chartered a boat and went down the river to see his bed. We did not get half way across the patch until one of the party remarked, "boys we may just as well go to the house and write our checks." And every one of the party agreed with him, there being not a shadow of a doubt of yield of that patch exceeding 20,000 quarts per acre, such wide rows so laden with berries and not a faulty one to be seen.

There is always testimony to be had for new fruits but when a testimonial costs the writer from ten to forty dollars each, as it did these Bridgeville farmer there is no doubting.

BALTIMORE, MD., October 20, 1902.

MESSRS. CORDREY BROTHERS, Laurel, Del.,

DEAR SIR:—In answer to yours of the 15th inst., asking our opinion of the "Climax" strawberry, originated by Mr. H. W. Graham, will say that we sold the crop and that we have never handled a berry that run through the season with such uniform size, bringing from two to three cents more than any other berry during the season. We sold 6000 quarts of the Climax berries from a patch which we were informed contained only a little more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre, which is the largest yield, by far, we have ever had in Maryland. This is the coming berry and we advise all our friends and shippers to plant as large a quantity as they can. It ripens early along with "Mitchel's"

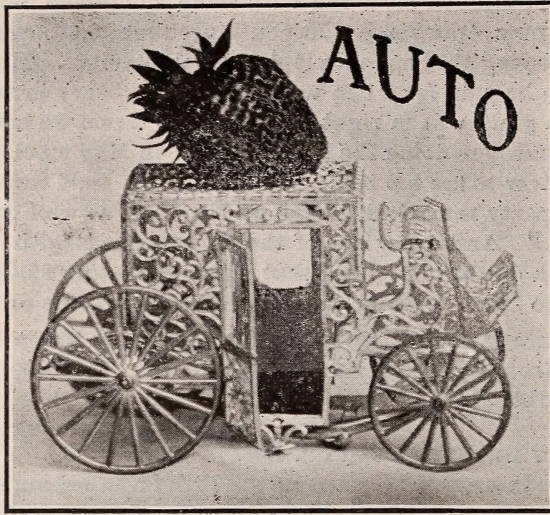
Yours truly,

J. B. NICHOLS & SON,

Commission Merchants, No. 19 E. Camden St., Baltimore, Md.

Every one of the hundreds of visitors drawn to see this berry is now an enthusiastic admirer and nearly every one will be a purchaser of plants. By special arrangement with the introducers, (Messrs. Cordrey Bros) we offer these plants at their low price which will be adhered to as long as any plants are left. Per dozen, \$1.00; per 100, \$5.00 by mail or Express paid.

**The Challenge Strawberry**—(Perfect). The first requisite of a successful variety is vigor. The Challenge has this. It is not shown in excessive running but in large, stocky, healthy plants, with long roots that go down where the water is, that send out comparatively few runners but bear enormous crops. While we have seen some rust on the Challenge, as we have on nearly, or quite, every other variety of some time or another, the plants, after an unusually wet season, were among the cleanest and best looking on our place in December. Its long roots enable it to go through a drouth better than probably any other variety on the market, as was proven at its home in Missouri in the awful summer of 1901. It is productive, large, of good color, and probably firmer than any other. In the four years we have fruited it, we have always found it enormously productive. The berries are as large as the Bubach, that is, as large as any variety with which we are acquainted, and are generally of good form, not creased like the Bubach, or coxcombed like the first Wm. Belt, but more of the form of the Parker Earle, only shorter and broader—a somewhat flattened double cone with the broadest part almost midway between the stem and the tip. The color is dark red, it colors all over and is red clear through. In firmness we believe it is the peer if not the superior of any big berry we have ever known. The originator shipped Challenge berries from Missouri to Denver in a common express car, and they arrived in fine condition.



## Auto Strawberry.

We offered the Auto Strawberry for sale as a distinct new variety of great merit. Another year's fruiting only adds to the high estimate we had placed on it. It is the largest, strongest and best plant we know and also the largest berry both in point of individual specimens which often reach 6 inches in circumference, and in point of average size 13 berries having been repeatedly gathered which filled a quart basket, a small berry being hardly ever found among them.

The Auto Strawberry is a strong Staminate variety and possesses a distinct subacid flavor. Perhaps it would be better to say that the usual excess of acid is absent in this strawberry. At all events it has been the experience of all who have used this berry, that much less sugar is needed to sweeten the fruit than for any other strawberry. When eaten alone it not only has the true strawberry flavor, but also a delicate creamy consistency that is entirely its own.

Mr. Baker, the largest grower of Auto reports a crop the past season of 22000 quarts sold for from 1 to 5 cents per quart more than other berries were bringing in the same markets and the demand greater than the supply. His yield of 8000 quarts per acre would have been equalled if not exceeded if a part of his patch had not been ruined by excessive wet weather flooding his low ground. In wet or dry weather this has now proven to be by far the best market berry, especially for fancy market sales.

Dr. J. H. Thomas, of Wyoming, Del., has now fruited the Auto in his garden for the fourth time alongside of 25 or more other kinds. He says that Auto have given at least twice as many berries every time as any other kind. He grows berries mostly for his own use, but a few are sold daily in the local market, always bringing 1 to 2 cents per quart more than others and people fairly beg for more.

Mr. R. C. Barnard, after careful examination last year paid us \$100 for 4000 Auto. He has naturally watched their behavior the past season with great care. He now says he considers his investment a good one. "In fact, I do not see how I can say too much for it; better in every way than any other berry I know."

Price of Auto for spring, 1903, 50c per dozen; \$2.00 per 100; \$10.00 per 1000.



**The President.**—This new seedling comes from New Jersey. It is so strikingly described by the Editor of Rural New Yorker that we quote his article almost in full from paper of June 28th, 1902. "At the Rural Grounds, under adverse conditions" says W. V. F. The "President led all kinds in development of fruits, every plant producing large clusters, and better still, seems inclined to perfect and bring to large size every berry. The color is bright and clear, the flesh firm and the seeds few and widely separated. It is just now (June 12) ripening, and therefore comes in with Gladstone, Gandy and other late varieties. The quality, as grown here, is very fair, but not high, the acidity being quite mild. It is altogether the most promising strawberry we have yet tried from a market standpoint. Its future behavior under more favorable conditions will be watched with much interest." (See last page of coer).

At Hope Farm the President gave a good account of itself. Our soil is heavier than W. V. F.'s, and we have not suffered seriously from drought. President, with us, made a strong, vigorous growth without the best of culture. There has been no evidence of rust, and runners are starting vigorously. We have plenty of berries fully as large as those shown in the picture. Our main crop berry for comparison is Marshall. President gives larger berries, and will greatly outyield Marshall with us. The color is a shade lighter, with little difference in firmness. We prefer the flavor of Marshall.

Last year I visited Mr. Hunt's farm so as to see President at home. This year I went again, on June 10, at which time the fruit was at its best, though on one patch President gave its first ripe berries on May 24. Of course Mr. Hunt knows how to grow strawberries—having been in the business for 34 years—but he never was able to make any such showing as President makes this year. Most of his plants were set last July and August, yet they were loaded with just such sprays of fruit as shown in the picture. If a man could have painted a picture of that field with the size and coloring of the fruit exactly true to life, and printed it in colors, he would be accused of trying to deceive the public. We easily found 11 strawberries that heaped up a quart basket!

Mr. Hunt has grown and tested thousands of seedlings. He has held President four years, in order to be sure of it. Now he believes that he has a berry that has a clear title to a seat on a front bench. We agree with him—President is one of the varieties that may safely lay claim to distinct and superior qualities. We do not say that it is sure to succeed everywhere—that would be an absurd statement, as all strawberry growers know. We feel sure that in localities and soils which suit it there can be no doubt as to its satisfactory behavior. It appears to be one of the new varieties which all experimenters can well afford to try. We must remember that Mr. Hunt's estimate of the value of President is not based on the crop from a few petted plants. He has grown it four years, and this season is shipping the fruit in crates to customers in Trenton and Philadelphia, so that he knows how it ships and what customers think of it. These great, fat berries arrive in fine condition, and there is a constant call for more than can be supplied. There are always growers who say that they do not want to produce large berries, but prefer the medium-sized fruit. Our own experience is that the large berries are most profitable. Customers prefer them and in seasons when the market is crowded the firm big fruit will always command attention. While it is true that the culture has much to do with the production of these large berries the variety is also to be considered. President seems to excel in this perfecting of large-sized berries. The fact that it gave such fruit as is pictured in this catalogue, in a Jersey seashore drought, speaks volumes for it.

H. W. C.

We bought a lot of potted President plants from Mr. Hunt and they have made a fine growth and given us quite a supply of plants. We have never had a more satisfactory growth of plants and have great faith in the berry. Our price is the same as is offered by Mr. Hunt from whom we have arranged to draw our supply after our own is exhausted.

\$2.00 per dozen; \$10.00 per 100, prepaid.

**Granville.** (Originators Description)—The berry is large size and perfect in shape; color very dark red when fully ripe, and glossy as though varnished; flesh dark, solid and delicious flavor, and heads the list for canning. It ripens medium to late; berries keeping firm on vines after ripe. It is perfect blossom and strong fertilizer.

Plants are healthy, very vigorous and productive, leaves tall, fruit stock often large as a lead pencil and six inches in length, bearing fruit clusters well up from ground; is an excellent plant maker, and roots deep. It is supposed to be a seedling of "Miner's Prolific," which it resembles in some points. Not yet fully tested in Delaware.

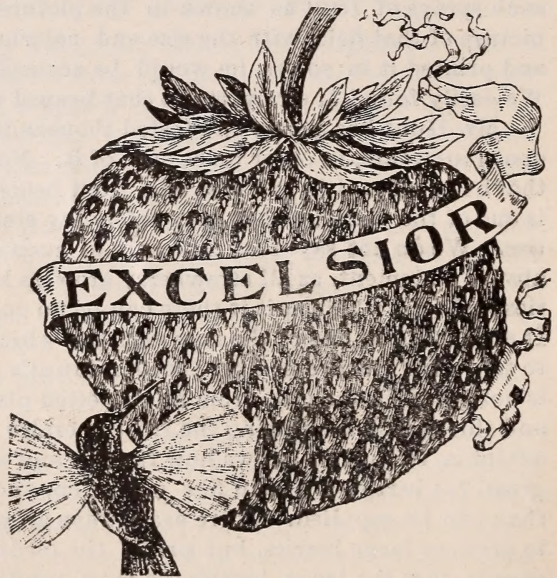
**Mrs. Mark Hanna**—Read from M. T. Thompson who says this berry is enormous in size, in fact a giant among large berries. A tremendous yielder. Perfect in shape and of fine color. We notice the extraordinary root growth of these plants. The few berries allowed to ripen on spring set plants were so large and fine that we offer this sort now as well worthy of trial by every interested grower. \$2.00 per dozen.

**Corsican**—This variety we think worthy of a place among the standard varieties. Notable especially for its high quality and exceedingly handsome fruit. Looming to the front as the best berry to grow where quality and beauty are the prime considerations.

**Excelsior**—Excelsior is the earliest of all tested strawberries, too sour, 'tis true, but when enough sugar is used so good as to amply pay for the extra sugar. Unexcelled as a carrier and unequalled as an extra early strawberry for home use or market.

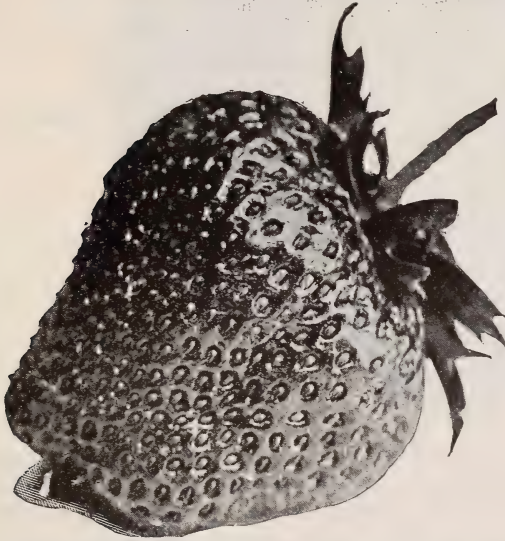
**Success**—We received these plants from the originator in Connecticut and now after fruiting several successive years we believe it stands at the head of all berries now grown for early market. Only two or three days later than Excelsior which is first in season everywhere. It is as large and productive as Bubach which it resembles very much in plant and foliage. By far the largest berry in its early season. It's so good that even quite late in the season the berries were sold at a higher price than fine Bubach could command.

We unhesitatingly recommend the Success as one of the best early berries and in our opinion the most desirable berry now available for market purposes.



**Reba**—This is with us the best of several good seedlings sent out by Messrs. Jos. H. Black & Sons. It gave the finest crate of strawberries we saw last year. Size, coloring and shape were just right, and considering the small plat the yield was very heavy. Of course this has not passed the experimental stage yet, but for great promise in strawberry excellence we know of nothing better than the Reba. No trial bed or garden plot will be complete without it.

**Nick Ohmer** has been extensively tried all over the country and all speak well of it. As might be expected from the vigorous character of the plant, the berry though large very well held up on strong fruit stems. It is a bright red, smooth, round berry of highest quality and among the firmest good berries. No berry that has ever been sent out has been better received than the Nick Ohmer begins in mid season and lasts quite late.



of producing. We believe it excels all other varieties we have fruited in these two particulars. When to this is added a good plant, good quality, and firmness, we have indeed a great market berry.

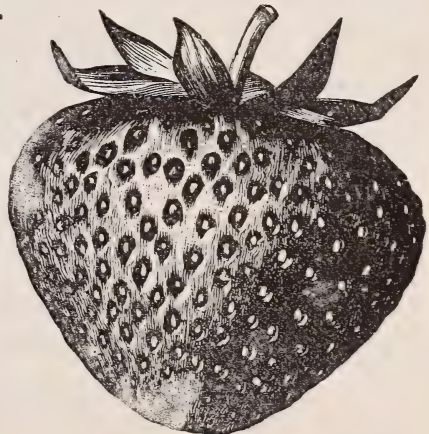
**Tennessee**, (Per.)—A fine healthy plant that is now very well known and largely planted to fertilize Bubach, Seaford and other imperfect sorts. Like many other strong growers it will overcrowd the row if left to itself and small inferior berries will result, instead of the large fine looking fruit that this variety is able to produce under fair treatment. Always productive, fair quality and good shipper.

**Bubach** (Imp)—This holds its place in the favor of most strawberry growers the leading pistillate variety for market. Large bright berry coloring very evenly, just the size and color that seems now to be most popular.

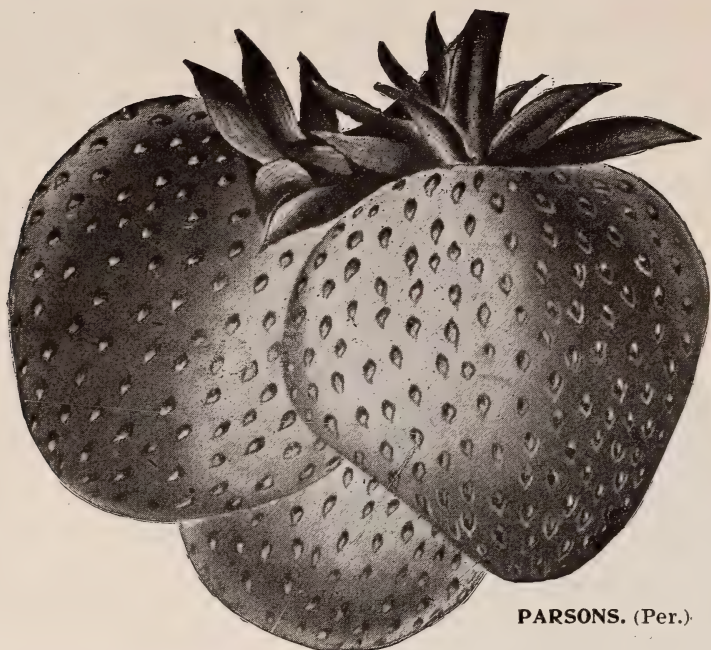
**Marie**—Grows like Crescent but plants are much larger as is its shapely fruit. In all good characteristics the Marie ranks with the best strawberries. You have only to see the close, smooth, bright even berries, uniformly large, firm and good, to know it will become a great market berry. Our stock of Marie is not large and we propose to plant a lot of them ourselves so send your order early while the plants hold out.

**Pride of Cumberland**, (Per.)

This proves to be among the best market berries. Especially to be noted is the remarkable uniformity (just like the cut) is this berry and the great number of large berries which it is capable



PRIDE OF CUMBERLAND.



PARSONS. (Per.)

**Parsons Beauty**—A most valuable new early berry. Very symmetrical and handsome in appearance, dark red color, reminding one of the Old Wilson Foliage, strong, rank and spotless, no rust at all. Blossom perfect, season about same as Lady Thompson. A good heavy bearer and by many good growers rated as best market berry. We have an extra large stock of Parsons Beauty plants which we offer at a low price. Does best on low land that has been well drained.

**Sample (Imp.)**—Fruited and carefully watched last Spring; this berry give great promise. Strong spotless foliage, luxuriant growth. Extra heavy setting of fruit, colors promptly and all over a fine red, good uniform size, but need good land and heavy feeding to bring up all the berries that are set to their naturally good size. We like the sample and recommend its trial.

**Lady Garrison**—(Originator's Description.)—A new berry grown by us for several years. A beauty, large size, fine flavor and the best color. Has the appearance of being varnished. It is hardy and we believe it to be one of the heaviest croppers growing. A strong plant with abundant dark foliage and a stout fruit stem holding the fruit well up from the ground. Blossom perfect. Begins to ripen early and runs along well with the Gandy toward the close of its season.

Our neighbor R. M. Cooper (President of the Farmers' Institute) and a most competent judge and fine grower of strawberries, visited the Garrison beds late in the fruiting season and reports Lady Garrison to be all that has been claimed for it in growth of vine, size and handsome appearance of fruit, although at the close of the season the berries averaged as large as the Bubach at the first picking.

**Superior**—A great favorite for market on account of its early season, just after Mitchels, also for its superior carrying quality and good size well maintained to the last of the season.

# Special Offers.

1 dozen each Climax, Auto, Lady Garrison, Reba, Success, Marie, Pennell, Excelsior, 8 new kinds and all good ones, prepaid for \$2.50.

1 dozen President, Climax, Granville and Auto prepaid for \$3.00.

25 Auto, 25 Success, 25 Excelsior, 25 Corsican prepaid for \$1.00.


25 Climax, 25 Success, 25 Gandy, 25 Miller Raspberries and 25 Asparagus prepaid for \$3 00.

## GENERAL LIST OF STRAWBERRIES.

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

Dozen rates include postage. Add 10 cents per 100 for mailing.

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<b>Auto</b> .....	\$ 50	\$1 00	\$10 00	<b>Lovett's (per)</b> .....	\$ 15	\$ 40	\$3 00
<b>Aroma</b> .....	25	50	4 00	<b>Marshall</b> .....	25	60	2 50
<b>Corsican</b> .....	50	1 50	4 00	<b>Margaret</b> .....	25	50	2 50
<b>Bismarck</b> .....	25	50	3 00	<b>Mitchell's Early</b> .....	15	40	1 25
<b>Brandywine (per)</b> ...	20	40	2 50	<b>Mele</b> .....	25	50	3 00
<b>Bubach No. 5 (imp)</b>	20	40	2 50	<b>Nettie</b> .....	25	50	3 00
<b>Beder Wood</b> .....	15	40	2 50	<b>Nick Ohmer</b> .....	25	40	2 50
<b>Clyde</b> .....	20	50	2 50	<b>Pocomoke</b> .....	25	50	4 00
<b>Challenge</b> .....	50	2 00	15 00	<b>Pennell</b> .....	25	50	3 00
<b>Crescent (imp)</b> .....	10	30	2 00	<b>Pride of Cumberl'd.</b>	25	50	3 00
<b>Climax</b> .....	1 00	5 00		<b>Palmer</b> .....	25	50	6 00
<b>Cameron Early</b> .....	2 00			<b>Parsons Beauty</b> .....	20	40	2 00
<b>Granville</b> .....	50	1 00		<b>President</b> .....	2 00	10 00	
<b>Lady Garrison (per.)</b>	25	40	2 50	<b>Ridgeway</b> .....	25	40	3 50
<b>Excelsior</b> .....	15	30	2 00	<b>Rough Rider</b> .....	25	1 00	6 00
<b>Gandy, late</b> .....	15	40	2 00	<b>Robbie</b> .....	25	40	3 00
<b>Gladstone</b> .....	25	50	3 00	<b>Reba</b> .....	25	40	3 00
<b>Glen Mary</b> .....	20	50	3 00	<b>Sharpless (per)</b> .....	25	40	3 00
<b>Gibson</b> .....	25	50	2 50	<b>Sample</b> .....	25	40	2 50
<b>Greenville</b> .....	15	40	2 50	<b>Seaford</b> .....	10	50	2 50
<b>Haverland (imp.)</b> ....	15	40	2 50	<b>Sunshine</b> .....	25	50	2 50
<b>Ideal</b> .....	25	40	3 00	<b>Success (per.)</b> .....	25	40	2 50
<b>Jessie (per)</b> .....	15	40	2 00	<b>Superior</b> .....	25	40	2 50
<b>Johnson's Early</b> .....	20	50	1 50	<b>Star</b> .....	25	60	3 00
<b>Lady Thompson</b> .....	15	40	2 50	<b>Tennessee (per.)</b> ....	15	40	2 00
<b>Meek's Early</b> .....	15	40	2 00	<b>Warfield No. 3 (imp)</b>	15	40	2 50
<b>Mrs. Mark Hanna</b> ... 2 00				<b>Wilson Albany (per)</b>	20	40	2 50
				<b>Woolverton</b> .....	15	40	2 50

 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.

**OUR PLANTS ARE ALL FROM YOUNG BEDS. WE ALLOW NO OLD BEDS ON OUR FARMS.**

# Raspberries.

**Miller Red**—This is now the favorite market berry in this section. Good large size, beautiful bright color and an extra good carrier. Good money was made from Miller last year as has been every year since its introduction. Price 50c. doz., \$1 per 100; \$5 per 1000.

**Cuthbert.** Price \$1.00 per 100.

**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.



**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. \$1 per 100.

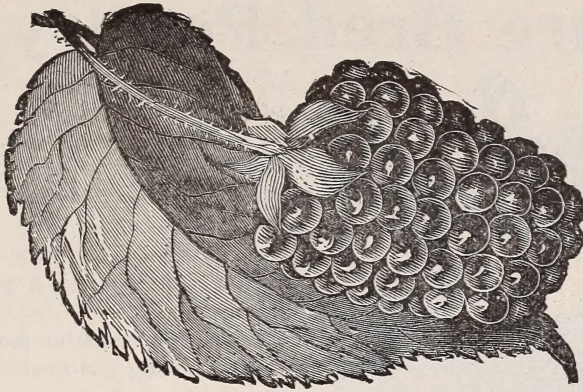
**Jordan Blackberry**—Price \$1 per 100.

**Maxwell**—50c per doz., \$1 per 100.

**Erie**—50c per doz., \$1 per 100.

**Wilson's Early**—The most popular Blackberry. Large, handsome, of good quality; heavy bearer. 40c per doz., 75c per 100, \$6 per 1000.

**Cardinal Raspberry**—The best of the purple raspberries. While we cannot recommend any purple berry for market, we do think this a most desirable berry for home use. Trained along the side of a building we have seen vines 15 feet in length, covered to the tip with large sweet, if only fairly colored berries. Vigorous in growth, ornamental in appearance and enormously productive. Price 10 cents each, \$1 per dozen.



**Lucretia Dewberry**—This is now the standard early Blackberry for market. Its freedom from disease and insect pests, which trouble most early Blackberries the ease with which it can be grown, suiting almost any good land, its fine carrying quality and above all its very early ripening season, along with easy picking and cultivation make this the Blackberry for market above all others. We have tried every blackberry we have heard of, but always have to come back to Lucretia for market purposes. They should be planted 5 feet by 4 and tied to stakes for best results; though good results may be obtained grown on the ground, care being taken to trim off surplus growth. Price 75c per 100, \$5 00 per 1000.

### **ASPARAGUS.**

(One Year Plants Only.)

**Conover's Colossal**—Strong, assorted plants, 25c per 100, \$2 per 1000.

**Palmetto and Barr's Mammoth**—Strong, assorted plants, 50c per 100, \$2.50 per 1000.

**Giant Argentinal Donalds Elmira**—50 cents per 100, \$3.00 per 1000.

### **CELERY PLANTS.**

We are large shippers of Celery Plants, having grown and sold a quarter of a million plants annually. We will have all the standard varieties in July at low prices.

**White Plume, Boston Market, Giant Pascal, Golden Self Blanching, etc.**, 40c per 100, \$1 per 1000.

### **SWEET POTATO PLANTS.**

**Big Stem Jersey**—Best slip seed. Price, 25c per 100, by mail; \$1.25 per 1000.

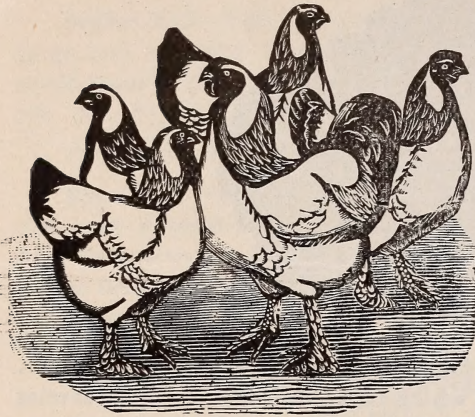
**Yellow Nansmond**—Price 25c per 100, by mail; \$1.25 per 1000.

**Red Nansmond**—Price 30c per 100, \$1.50 per 1000.

### **CRIMSON CLOVER SEED.**

We grow our own Crimson Clover Seed and can furnish in large or small lots, pure seed of highest germinating quality at lowest market rates. We recommend the extensive trial and use of this best of monniral crops, especially good to prepare land for a goad crop of strawberries or to plant in August or September among raspberries or blackberries. Price, subject to market changes, \$4 per bushel.

# 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. Packing in light basket without extra charge.

**Plymouth Rock**—This is the most popular general purpose fowl. Its good size, hardy 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 sittings, 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 sittings, 26 eggs for \$1.

**Light Brahma**—This large variety of fowls has long stood high among poultry growers. The large stately birds are an ornamental as well as useful additions 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 easily kept in or out of a yard. Good layers, of rapid strong growth and steady going habits. 2 sittings, 26 eggs, for \$1.

**Black Minorca**—Large beautiful black hens. Great layers and also large enough to grow for market. Lays a white egg like the Leghorn; 26 eggs for \$1.

**White Wyandotte**—The best of the Wyandottes. 13 eggs for 75 cents.

We will ship 1 sitting each of any two varieties of fowl for \$1.



# Delaware Farms for Sale.

So many inquiries have come to us in the course of our long business experience from parties in the North and West, who having heard of the wonderful facilities offered by this section for all kinds of farmings, want reliable information, that we have now made special arrangements by which we can promptly furnish all needed information and also assist any one desiring to locate a home in Delaware. Write to us for large special circular. Farms, many of the most desirable properties in Kent county may now be bought at very reasonable prices. Then let us know when you can come down and see for yourself. You will then be met at the train and shown around without charge whether you conclude to buy a farm or not.

For further information address all communications to us at Dover, Del.

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We are agents for the sale of the following high classed implements. Write us for special circulars telling all about each machine, and quoting lowest price:

## **CUTAWAY HARROW**

with extension head and reversible. Best implement for orchard cultivation. Gangs also for preparation of land for small fruits and all farm crops,

## **CYPHERS INCUBATOR AND POULTRY SUPPLIES.**

### **SIDE DELIVERY BUNCHER**

For saving Clover Seed will save its cost in seed on a crop of only a few acres.

### **Reliable Compressed Air Sprayer.**

### **Exerciser to Make Hens Lay.**

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**STATE OF DELAWARE,**

## **State Board of Agriculture.**

**Certificate of Nursery Inspection.**

To Whom It May Concern.

Dover, Del., Oct. 10, 1902.

This certifies that I have this day examined the nursery stock and premises of the Meadow Brook Nurseries, of Messrs J. B. Slaymaker & Son, at Dover and Camden, Kent county, Delaware, and that said nursery stock is apparently free from crown gall, peach yellow, peach rosette, the San Jose scale, and all other plant diseases and insects of a seriously dangerous nature.

This certificate may be revoked by the State Board of Agriculture for cause, and it is invalid after October 31, 1903, and does not include nursery stock not grown on the above named premises unless such stock is covered by certificate of a state or government officer and accepted by the State Board of Agriculture.

WESLEY WEBB, Inspector.



NEW STRAWBERRY, THE PRESIDENT.