

Historic, Archive Document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.

S2V

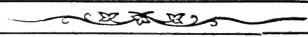
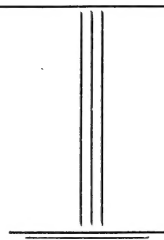
WWS V

U.S. LIBRARY,
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.



1304

The
VOLGA
CABBAGE



The Volga Cabbage

THIS new aspirant for public favor is, with out exception, the nearest approach to perfection of any variety we have ever grown, or seen grown, in this, or any other country.

It had its origin as follows. Ten years ago I had sent me from Russia, a trial package of some thirty varieties of the Brassica family, including every class grown for the seed trade, none of which seemed to possess superior merit, other than this. Of the dozen or more plants of this type, all were uniform in every respect, and remarkable for perfection of form and solidity of head. From the lot we selected six of the best for seed. These were given the same care as we give all other sorts, saving the seed product which was given a crucial test the next season. The second generation was a decided improvement over the first, and from this trial another selection for seed purposes was made, and with the same results. The third generation was so pleasing that we put out about one-half acre in the summer of 1902, not one plant of which failed to produce a most perfect head. All of this crop of seed was saved for seed purposes, and put out last season (1903) with most favorable results. We claim for this variety,

1st. Uniformity. In one field of three acres there was not a single plant thrown out, or

that showed, in any respect, any variation from a true and valuable type.

2nd. Uniformity and solidity of head. In this respect it is a vegetable wonder, as the heads are of about equal size and shape, weighing from 12 to 15 pounds each.

3rd. Quality. Unlike most types, the heads are perfectly solid, and the stem does not run up into the head nearly as far as in all other types and the flesh is exceedingly firm, tender and white, making it a most desirable form for kroust, as well as for all other purposes for which Cabbage is used.

4th. Hardiness. In this respect we have never seen a type which would favorably compare. Last winter, the most severe ever known in this section, did not inflict the slightest injury to **the Volga**. While all other kinds suffered terribly, not a head of this was lost, and, while others have partially or totally dropped out, our fields of this give promise of an enormous crop ; in fact it is already secured and at the present writing ready for the harvest. We think this point of hardiness of great importance to the shipper.

5th. This type is remarkable for its quick-growing habit, as are all vegetables that come from cold countries. We have noticed particularly this type, and find that it will mature its heads fully two weeks earlier than any of our late growing kinds. Let us be fully understood in this matter. If we sow the seeds

of any of our winter Cabbages on the 1st. of July, and the Volga on the 15th the latter will perfect its heads first.

We are now booking orders for this seed, both for 1904-1905 crops, as those who wish to list it, will have no competition before 1906 crop of seed is secured.

**Price for 100 lbs. or over,
\$1.25 per pound.**

**Price for less than 100 lbs.,
\$1.50 per pound.**

Electrotypes will be furnished free to all who buy 100 lbs. of seed. These will be furnished about the 1st. of Oct., either line cut or half-tone.

Address,

C. L. ALLEN,

Floral Park, N. Y.

August 1, 1904.

