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State of Delaware,

State Board of Agriculture.

Certificate of Nursery Inspection.

DOVER, DELAWARE, Oct. 3, 1906.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—

This certifies that I have this day examined the nursery stock and premises of the Meadow Brook Nurseries of Messrs. Slaymaker & Son at Dover and Wyoming, Kent county, Delaware, and that said nursery stock is apparently free from crown gall, peach yellows, 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 August 31, 1907, 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.

Our Twenty-fifth Annual Greeting.

To all our many customers, old and new, as well as to all readers of this, our Twenty-fifth Annual Catalogue, we extend our greeting and good wishes.

We depart from our usual custom this year by leaving out all cuts and pictures, believing that the many overdrawn cuts and colored plates tend to mislead and often to disappoint the purchaser, especially when the large, highly colored berries pictured become only ordinary strawberries, oftentimes with little or nothing to recommend them when the grower fruits them.

We do not, however, wish to discourage the honest introducer of new fruits nor to advise any one not to try them.

Of course they cannot all turn out to be worthy but if only one really valuable new berry adapted to the special uses of a grower is found it will more than repay the cost and trouble of a hundred failures.

So we hope even without the aid of these pictures to make our little catalogue a welcome visitor to the homes of our many patrons and friends.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

HAVING had a very favorable season for plant growth in the summer of 1906, we now have the largest and best stock of plants we have ever offered. Our increased facilities will enable us to serve our patrons more promptly and we believe better than ever before. We grow our own stock and ship as soon after digging as possible.

Our plants are as fine as can be grown anywhere, our prices are right, and our packing the best that 25 years' constant attention can suggest.

BY MAIL—We have made special preparations for our large mail order trade. Our mail package is so light and yet substantial that we can deliver plants right at our customers' door for less than many of our competitors charge for the plants alone, and we don't believe there are any better plants to be obtained in any way. No extra charge for mailing dozen lots, and only 20 cents per 100 extra on larger lots.

BY EXPRESS—We have special 20 per cent. discount rate 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 1,000 when ready to go. We usually send by express when not otherwise ordered.

BY FREIGHT—We also ship 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.

Our light, sandy soil, open winters and warm packing rooms give us special facilities for filling winter orders of Southern planters and 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.

We do not attempt to grow varieties that we believe to be inferior, nor to confuse our patrons with too long a list. In fact we trim our list every year, leaving out poor and useless sorts. Please do not order plants not in our list unless you allow us to substitute a similar variety, which we can often do to

the advantage of our customer, but will not do unless we can feel sure we are giving as good or a better variety.

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 given.

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 AND WYOMING, DEL.

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STRAWBERRIES—CULTURAL DIRECTIONS.

Land should be selected that has grown a cultivated crop like tomatoes the preceding year and not grown any berries for at least five years. Plow early and deep, allowing a few days at least between plowing and planting. Soil should be worked as fine as possible and freshly worked just ahead of planting. Set plants 18 inches apart each way, if for garden, or 16 inches 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 carefully; large beds should be rolled as soon as set out. Cultivate or hoe soon after setting and often enough to keep all weeds down. Let enough runners take root to make the rows 12 inches wide with plants standing 6 inches apart each way; then carefully remove all other runners, and remember that the success of your bed depends largely on the care with which this work is done. Keep up this treatment until stopped by winter, then mulch with straw and you have only to wait for your crop, one of the most certain, profitable, delightful and interesting that can be grown. High grade fertilizer, ashes or well rotted manure may be applied any time in winter or early spring to advantage.

Strawberries.

STRAWBERRIES—NEW VARIETIES.

Out of many new sorts which we have had under trial the past year we select three which seem to show promise of usefulness. They are all worthy of trial, and our prices are within the reach of all.

Hundred Dollar.—Comes from Mr. Hathaway of Ohio; one of our best growing plants, large leaves and strong runners. Originator says in part: "Most tremendous yielder I ever saw; last year it beat all. A wonder in size and color. Sweet, rich table berry, nice to serve with stem on."

The 3 W.—Originator says it is 3 times a Wonder for its sweetness and good eating quality, for its rugged, strong growth of plants and for its great market value.

We had a short row in fruit and liked its behavior much better than we do its name. It is evidently a very heavy bearer of large, uniform berries coming to a point and is well colored up. Looks to us like a business sort and quite possibly a Wonder in its way. We have no better growth of large, leafy plants than this sort shows. Our stock is large and the plants are very well rooted and fine. No collection complete without the 3 Wonders berry.

We have just received the following letter in regard to the 3 W.:

225 LaSalle Ave., Chicago, Ill., Feb. 7, 1907.

Slaymaker & Son, Dover, Del.

Dear Friends:—The "3 W." just outdid itself last season and we are more than ever convinced that as a market berry it excels in prolificacy, long bearing, size and flavor. People came from hundreds of miles to see it. One or two railroad land agents came and saw it, and are trying to induce-growers along their lines to plant it. We have testimonials from experiment stations from Ontario to Florida, and from East to West. It does well everywhere. Very truly, &c., W. A. Mason.

Gem.—Mr. Graham sends out this late ripening sort as a companion to his Climax, which he introduced four years ago. He says "it is a distinct late sort, an excellent bearer, in its season far exceeding the Gandy or any of the many similar sorts in this respect."

Gem is also a berry of really good eating quality, which most late sorts are not. Berries are pointed and shapely and plant is a model of healthfulness as it grows in our beds.

Our pamphlet, "Berry Culture," mailed free with every order when requested.

STRAWBERRIES—OLDER VARIETIES.

Arnout (Per.)—This variety came from a Pennsylvania specialist who has before introduced improved varieties. We have given the berry a careful trial on a few short rows in our fruiting beds.

Notwithstanding a most unfavorable season this variety brought its berries up very well, ripening about with Crescent or 2d early; large as Bubach, with many of the characteristics of that popular old sort and apparently quite as productive. The growth of plant is vigorous and healthy, without fault of any kind. Such large, stocky plants are a pleasure to sell and to grow. We can recommend this new sort with entire confidence for the large size, fine color and quality of the berry, and for the health and vigor of the plant. Price 25 cents per dozen; 50 cents per 100.

Abington (Per.)—We received this berry from Mr. Lestar Blanchard of Massachusetts, who says that it is a berry that will take the place of the Bubach. It is a better plant maker, the blossom is perfect and hardy, it sends up more fruit stalks, there are more buds on each fruit stalk, it ripens at the same time, the berry is better color, firmer, better flavor, runs larger throughout the season, and holds its color better after it is picked. The Abington was awarded the second prize at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society on a quart that contained just twenty five berries, June 21, 1904. From two matted rows, one hundred and forty feet long, of which an account of berries picked was kept, there were gathered two hundred and seventy quarts, nearly nine 32 quart crates, or 304 bushels to the acre, a remarkable yield when the fine size and quality of the berries is considered. Mr. Blanchard writes us that the Abington fully held up to its promise the past season, bringing 2 to 4 cents per quart more than any other variety in the market all season. Price reduced this year to \$1.00 per 100.

Almo.—The unfavorable season of 1906 was too much for this sort, that gave so much promise the preceding season.

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.

Brandywine (Per.)—So well and favorably known that it scarcely needs description. We have fruited it for years and are fully satisfied with it as the best in its class. It is one of the strongest growers, with healthy foliage, fruit large and perfect in form, ripening evenly, a dark, rich color, with large green calyx. Continues a long time in fruit and considered by many to excel for canning purposes, as it does for shipping. Rich in pollen and a good fertilizer for medium late imperfect flowering varieties. Season medium late.

Corsican (Per.)—This grand berry was first called Big Berry. It is not only a big berry but such a sweet rich fruit as to entitle it to a place in the first rank among the best strawberries for table use. Corsican gains friends every year both for home use and for market. Is of bright rich color and large size and in high quality it has few if any equals. Not so heavy a bearer as some other sorts but always to be depended on for a good crop of extra berries.

Climax (Per.)—This variety has now been largely distributed and quite generally fruited the past season. It is not quite so early as expected but yet ahead of most berries of its size. We also would be glad to have it of a higher eating quality, in which respect it may be ranked with Clyde. But in beautiful color, fine size, remarkably uniformity and enormous production this berry is all that has ever been claimed for it.

Gandy.—An old variety that has stood the test of years and remains as popular to-day as at any time in the past. While the Gandy does not yield so many quarts as some other kinds, the extra price it will command in any market will fully make up the difference in price. The past season was not a favorable one for strawberries in Delaware, but we know of one bed of one and one-half acres that netted the owner \$500 and this has been nearly, if not quite equalled, by many different growers in our little State. We have an immense stock of Gandy plants this year, so we put the price very low, 30 cents per 100; \$2.00 per 1,000.

Klondyke (Per.)—Originates in the Southwest, where we are informed that it leads all others, more of it being planted than of any other sort. With us the plant resembles the Lady Thompson. Berry is shapely pointed; deep red, not too dark; good uniform size with few small berries. A good bearer, early in ripening its large crop. A valuable addition to our list of standards.

Stevens Late Champion.—At a meeting of strawberry growers on the farm of the originator when this variety was first fruited, the expression of one: "It is the champion of the world!" so impressed the company that the name Champion was unanimously voted to this berry. It originated in New Jersey, where its popularity is truly remarkable. It has paid growers here in Delaware very handsomely and so it is more largely planted every year. It is a late ripening berry that is really productive under a great variety of conditions. Berry large and shapely.

Oaks Early.—"Five years ago last May Mr. William T. Tull, while hoeing corn, found a strawberry by an oak stump which attracted his attention on account of its unusual growth. The next spring he dug up all the new plants and planted them in his garden. The following year they ripened an unusually large crop of choice berries at the same time with the Michel's Early and Hoffman, but is a superior, stronger grower and three times as productive. In the spring of 1905 Mr. Tull had six acres

of Oaks Early in cultivation. These berries have proved to be a gold mine to him, as he has cleared nearly double the amount of money he paid for his farm, three years before. For the past three years strawberry growers have offered Mr. Tull fancy prices for some of his plants but he refused to sell any of them. In the spring of 1905 ten of the largest strawberry growers combined and made him an extraordinary offer for the six acres and got the plants."—Introducer's description. Owing to the unfavorable season last year late frost so injured all our very early strawberries we are unable to add anything of value to the above description, but we believe the Oaks Early to be among the few really good extra early sorts.

Parsons Beauty (Per.)—Starting from this section this variety has grown every year in favor with grower and shipper. Over thirty carloads of Parsons were shipped in one day last season from Selbyville, Delaware, netting, as always before, handsome returns. It is a second early sort, leading all others in productiveness; fine dark red color, holding up in market very well. We quote from Bulletin of Ohio Experiment Station, to show how it does in Central West: "Plants vigorous and very prolific; berries medium to large, conical but often a little irregular, evenly colored, quite firm, rather acid; berries look well in the basket. This variety easily ranks with Warfield and Haverland in productiveness. The berries are not quite equal to the Sample in appearance, but rather ahead of most of the prolific market sorts in this respect." A splendid sort to plant with imperfect varieties for fertilizing purposes.

Tennessee (Per.)—A fine healthy plant that is now very well known and largely planted to fertilize Bubach, Sample 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.

SPECIAL OFFERS.

SAMPLE COLLECTIONS.—3 dozen plants, 3 good standard sorts, mailed free for 35 cts.

TRIAL COLLECTION.—200 plants of 3 good sorts by mail prepaid for \$1.00.

TEST COLLECTION.—1 dozen of each of 6 new varieties; 3 W., Hundred Dollar, Abington, Arnout, Gem, Oaks Early, mailed free for \$1.25.

GARDEN COLLECTION.—25 Arnout, 25 Abington, 25 Oaks Early, 25 Gem, prepaid by mail or express, \$1.50.

GROWERS COLLECTION.—100 Climax, 100 Corsican, 100 Bubach, 100 Gandy, 100 Champion, 100 Success, by mail prepaid, \$3.00; by express not paid, \$2 00.

ALL SEASON COLLECTION.—By express or freight, not prepaid—1,000 Excelsior, 1,000 Climax, 1,000 Parsons Beauty, 1,000 Bubach, 1,000 Champion, 1,000 Gandy, price \$13.00.

General List of Strawberries.

Dozen rates include postage. Add 20 cents per 100 for mailing.

	12	100	1000		12	100	1000
Abington	\$ 25	\$ 50	\$ 5 00	Klondyke	\$ 20	\$ 35	\$ 2 00
Arnout	25	50	3 00	Kansas †	25	50	3 00
Auto (Per.)	25	50	3 00	Lady Thompson	15	40	2 50
Almo	50	75	3 00	Marshall (Per.)	20	50	3 50
Aroma	20	30	2 50	Michel's Early	15	30	2 00
Chesapeake	50	1 50	10 00	New Home	50	50	3 00
Corsican (Per.)	20	40	3 50	Nettie	25	50	4 00
Crimson Cluster	20	40	2 00	Nick Ohmer (Per.)	20	50	3 00
Bederwood	15	30	2 00	Oaks Early	50	40	3 00
Brandywine (Per.)	15	30	2 00	Pride of Cum. (Per.)	20	40	2 50
Bubach (Imp.)	15	30	2 50	Parsons Beauty (Per.)	20	40	2 25
Challenge	40	75	4 00	President (Imp.)	25	1 00	4 00
Crescent (Imp.)	15	25	2 00	Sharpless	25	40	3 00
Climax (Per.)	20	30	2 00	Sample (Imp.)	15	40	2 50
Excelsior	15	25	2 00	Success (Per.)	15	40	2 50
Early Market †	25	75	3 00	Superior (Per.)	20	40	2 00
Fairfield	20	40	3 00	Starr	25	40	3 00
Gandy	20	40	2 00	Senator Dunlap	20	40	2 00
Gem	20	50	3 00	Stevens Late Champion	30	50	2 50
Glen Mary (Per.)	20	35	3 00	Tennessee (Per.)	15	40	2 00
Haverland (Imp.)	15	40	2 50	Tremont Williams	30	50	4 00
Heflin Early	25	50	3 00	Texas	30	50	4 00
Hundred Dollar	25	1 00	7 00	Uncle Jim (Per.)	20	50	3 50
Ideal (Per.)	20	40	2 00	Warfield (Imp.)	15	40	2 00
Jessie (Per.)	20	40	2 50	Wm. Belt	25	40	3 50
Johnson Early	15	35	2 00	3 W	50	75	5 00

We have tested and can specially recommend those varieties printed in bold type. Those marked Imp. are imperfect in blossom and must have a perfect plant set near them; every fourth row will do.

OUR PLANTS ARE ALL DUG FROM YOUNG BEDS.

Remember, our new Pamphlet, Cultural Directions for growing berries, will be mailed to every customer immediately on receipt of order, if asked for.

Raspberries.

Miller Red Raspberry.—This grand old variety stands at the head of all the tested Red Raspberries. The cane is large and strong and the fruit so firm, high colored and large as to capture every market and yield the grower great profits. \$200 to \$400 per acre have been harvested from good patches of Miller during the last two years. We do not know of any crop so certain of large profits to the careful grower as this. Price 50 cents per 100, \$6.00 per 1,000. 3,000 plants, enough for one acre, for \$15.00.

Cuthbert.—\$1.00 per 100.

Kansas Black Cap—\$1.00 per 100, \$8.00 per 1,000.

Blackberries.

The Ward Blackberry.—This new blackberry was found growing in a fence row, alongside of a patch of Wilson and Kittatinny. It is probably a seedling of Kittatinny, without its defects. The originator certifies to a crop of 69 bushels from 2-5 of an acre. Price, \$1.00 per 100.

Kenoyer.—“In the summer of 1897 there was discovered in an Early Harvest row near by the Kittatinny is a plant similar in cane growth to the Early Harvest, while its berries ripened earlier and resembled the Kittatinny in size, form and quality. The characteristics of the plant in cane, foliage and fruit showed unmistakably that it was a cross between the only two varieties cultivated on my farm. This seedling has been cultivated and fruited ever since, showing that it is the largest Extra Early Blackberry, ripening with the Dewberry, growing on strong hardy canes like the Early Harvest berries, large as Kittatinny, juicy and meaty and not too sour.” The above is the description furnished by the originator. We fruited a few plants of Kenoyer last summer. They come well up to description, ripening with Early Harvest berries, large, black and good, much like the Kittatinny when it brings up its fruit all right. We think this has a great future. Price 50 cents per dozen, \$3.00 per 100.

Rathbun New Early Blackberry.—50 cents per dozen ; \$1.50 per 100.

Eldorado.—\$1.00 per 100 ; \$8.00 per 1,000.

Lucretia Dewberry.—Very largely grown for market all over the country. Price \$1.00 per 100 ; \$5.00 per 1,000.

Premo.—A new pistillate dewberry, earlier than Lucretia. Splendid season for market. \$1.00 per 100 ; \$10.00 per 1,000.

ASPARAGUS.

Palmetto and Barr's Mammoth.—Strong, assorted plants. 50 cents per 100; \$2.50 per 1,000. Good sized plants at \$2.00.

Giant Argenteuil.—50 cents per 100; \$3.00 per 1,000.

CELERY PLANTS.

We are large shippers of Celery Plants, having grown and sold nearly half a million plants yearly. We will have all the standard varieties in July and August at low prices. We enlarge our planting this year so as to surely supply our increasing trade for Celery Plants. Large, strong plants ready July 1 to September 1.

White Plume, Boston Market, Giant Pascal, etc.—30 cents per 100; \$1 per 1,000.

Golden Heart, White Solid, Winter Queen.—\$1.00 per 1000.

Golden Self Blanching and Red Plume.—\$1.25 per 1,000, by mail 10 cents per 100 extra.

CABBAGE PLANTS.

After June 1. 25 cents per 100. \$1.00 per 1,000.

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 manurial crops, especially good to prepare land for a crop of strawberries or to sow in August or September among raspberries or blackberries. Price, subject to market changes, \$5.00 per bushel.

TOMATO PLANTS.

We will have fine field grown Tomato Plants ready about April 15 of three varieties only—Stone, Paragon and Success. Price 25 cents per 100; \$1.00 per 1,000.

Unsolicited Testimonials.

Messrs. Slaymaker & Son, Dover, Delaware.

Dear Sirs :—The strawberry plants arrived last evening in good shape. They could not be better ; with favorable conditions every one should grow.

Lansdale, Pa., April 28, 1906.

Chas. S. Jenkins.

Slaymaker & Son, Dover, Delaware.

Dear Sirs :—The strawberry plants I got from you last did well. Only lost one or two plants out of the hundred. I will buy all my plants from you as long as they do so well.

Buff's Dale, Pa., March 10, 1906.

J. W. Brown.

I have just hatched the two settings of eggs received from you and I wish to say I am surprised to get 20 nice chicks out of the two sittings after so long a carriage.

Ticonderoga, N. Y., June 20, 1906.

James Davis.

Messrs. Slaymaker & Son.

Dear Sirs :—Enclosed find postal money order for plants. Now in regard to your plants of 1904, all did splendidly. The plants I got from you last year have made a magnificent growth. I scarcely lost a plant. No more pedigree humbug for me.

Riverside, R. I., Feb. 21, 1906.

M. F. Holden.

Slaymaker & Son.

Dear Sirs :—I have been ordering plants from you for several years and have recommended your plants very highly to my neighbors.

Orwin's Mills, Md., March 5, 1906.

Frank Hohman.

Messrs. Slaymaker & Son.

Gentlemen :—The strawberry plants were received all right and are growing nicely. Expect to order quite a lot next year.

Rossville, Pa., May 6, 1906.

G. J. Dick.

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 standard points and make it a rule to breed only cock birds of the best egg producing 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 Barred and White Plymouth Rock, both up to the standard. Price 1 sitting, 13 eggs, 75 cents; 2 sittings, \$1.25. 2 sittings Barred Plymouth Rock, \$1.00.

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 very popular in market—often an extra price can be obtained for pure Leghorn eggs in the city market.

White Leghorn.—Single comb, Van Dresser 201 egg strain, 13 eggs for 75 cents.

Brown Leghorn.—Single comb, record egg producing stock, 26 eggs for \$1.00.

White Wyandotte.—Large white docile fowls that lay like the Leghorns without much inclination to sit. Large brown eggs. Make the largest and best broiler when six weeks old. Grow so large that they excel for table or market. We recommend the White Wyandotte as combining in a remarkable way the best qualities of all the best breeds. 13 eggs for 75 cents.

Buff Orpington.—A very popular large Buff fowl. 15 eggs for \$1.00.

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Send us your list to price. We may have surplus plants of some varieties that we can offer at lower price as the season advances.

Try the 3 W. Strawberry.