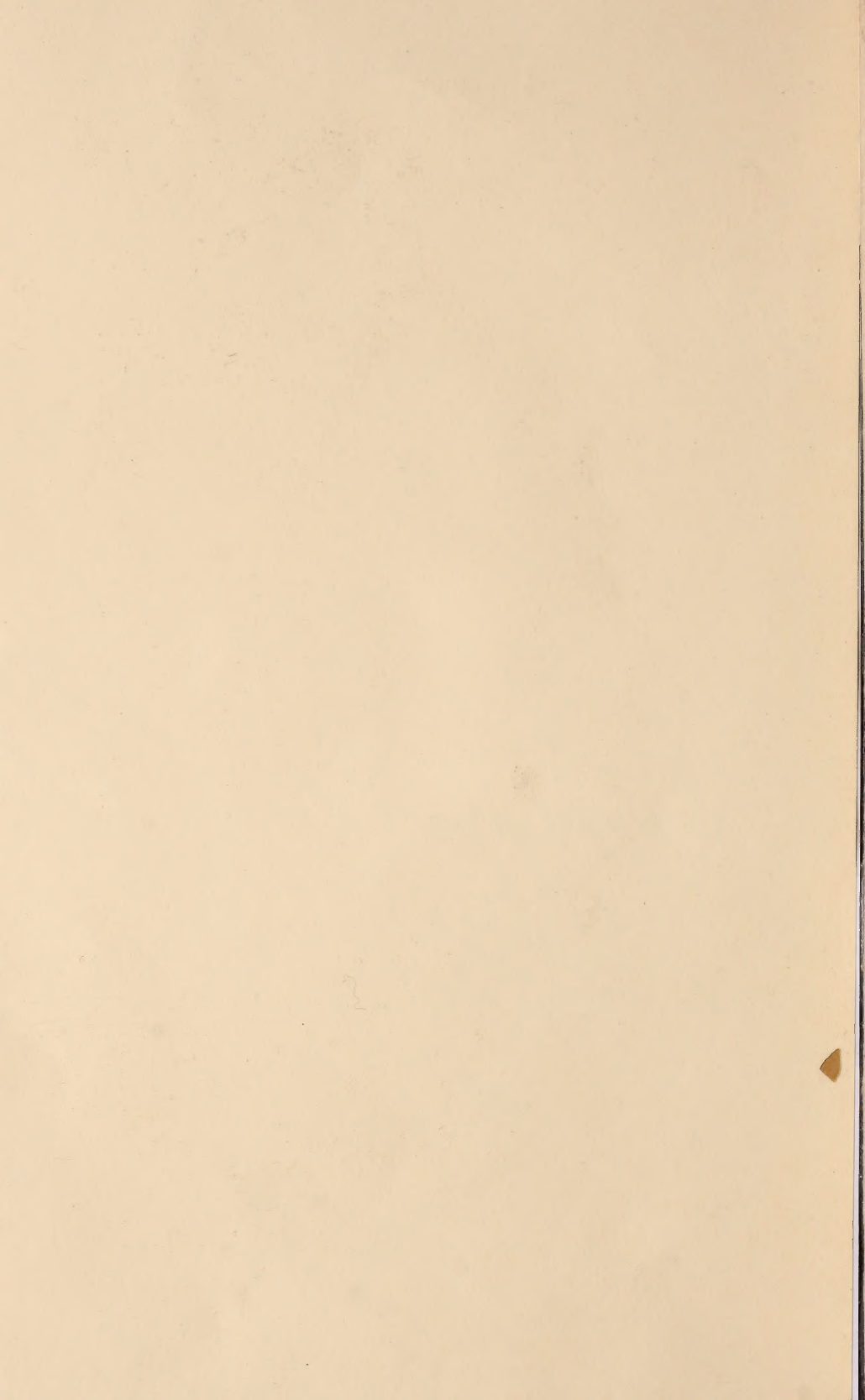
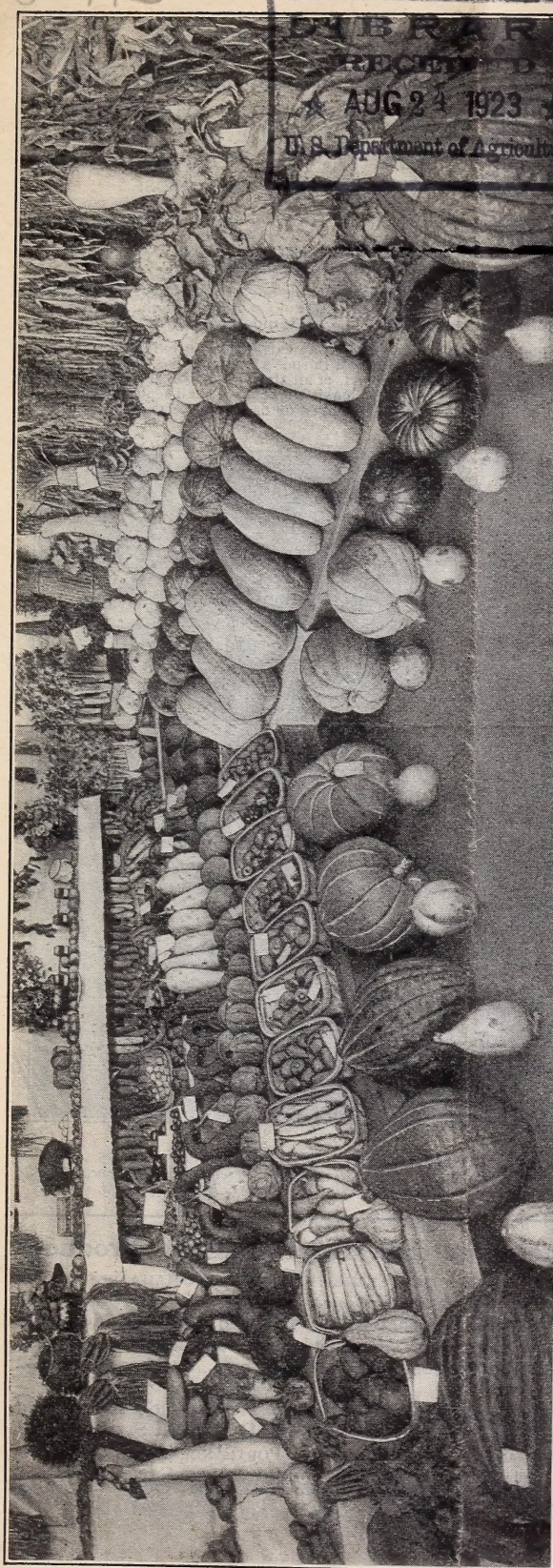


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BURPEE'S Prize Supplement for 1908

Year after Year the
 Products of

Burpee's Seeds
 Win Thousands of Dollars in

First Prizes

at both State and County Fairs throughout the entire United States, proving their superiority regardless of location or season. A careful reading of the reports sent us the past season will prove interesting to all planters desiring the

**"Best Seeds
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**W. Atlee Burpee
 & Co.,**

Seed Growers,

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The BURPEE PREMIUM at State and County Fairs.

We again authorize the Secretaries of every State Fair in the United States to offer a **cash prize of twenty dollars** for the best collection of Vegetables grown from BURPEE'S SEEDS. We authorize, also, the secretary of every County Fair in the United States to announce, in like manner, a cash prize of five dollars for the best display of the products (Vegetables or Flowers) of BURPEE'S SEEDS.

In Case this offer is not announced in the regular PREMIUM LISTS FOR 1908 of any State or County Fair, and a customer of ours should want to compete, we will waive this requirement and still pay the same cash prize,—provided the products of BURPEE'S SEEDS exclusively have won the Society's regular prize for "Best Display of Vegetables." SHOW CARDS furnished, if desired.

Photographs. We desire to have a photograph of exhibits winning our prize at STATE FAIRS, and in return shall send a dollar, in addition to the prize of \$20.00, to each one sending such a photograph, while for the best photograph we will pay a special prize of **ten dollars extra**.

\$100.00 Extra. We will pay also one hundred dollars cash as an extra prize to exhibitor who wins the greatest amount of prizes for products of Burpee's Seeds in 1908.

Please write us a complete list, with amounts of money awarded, of all the prizes won at different fairs. To the party whose report reaches the **largest correct TOTAL in cash prizes**, we shall send our check for an extra hundred dollars. ~~43~~ All reports of prize awards must be received on or before December 10, 1908.



THE FIRST PRIZE COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES AT MINNESOTA STATE FAIR, 1907.

This exhibit won for Chas. Krause, Merriam Park, St. Paul, Minn., the Society's First Prize, also the "Burpee Premium,"—as the vegetables were exclusively the products of Burpee's Seeds.

Burpee's Seeds are Famous for their Prize-Winning Products.

At the TRANS-MISSISSIPPI and INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, held at OMAHA in 1898, we received **Three Gold Medals** on our exhibits of *Roses, Cannas, and Sweet Peas*. At the PARIS EXHIBITION we received the **Only First Prize on Sweet Peas** and a **Silver Medal** for photographs showing views of Trial Grounds, Seed Crops, and Seed Cleaning as conducted at FORDHOOK FARMS. At the PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION, BUFFALO, 1901, we were awarded a **Silver Medal** on *Sweet Peas*.

At the WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS, 1904, the products of **Burpee's Seeds**, together with our own growing exhibits, won **TWO GRAND PRIZES, THREE GOLD MEDALS, and FOUR SILVER MEDALS**. At the LEWIS and CLARK EXPOSITION, PORTLAND, OREGON, 1905, we were awarded the **only Gold Medal** for lawns produced by FORDHOOK FINEST LAWN GRASS, and the **only Gold Medal** for growing display of *Sweet Peas*.

Burpee's Seeds are "Seeds of Success"

For the past eight years the "BURPEE PREMIUM" has been quite a feature at the leading State and County Fairs. We have noticed with a great deal of interest that the competition for this special premium is growing keener every year and it is most pleasing for us to learn from the reports of many exhibitors that their strongest competition comes from other exhibits of the products of BURPEE'S SEEDS. For the past six years, owing to lack of space in THE FARM ANNUAL, we have issued about February 1st Burpee's Prize Supplement, which has been the means of giving our customers a complete report from almost every section of the country as to the results obtained by sowing Burpee's Seeds.

In 1900 the **First Prize and Sweepstakes** at the New York State Fair were won by Mr. E. VAN ALLEN, of Delmar. Mr. Van Allen's total winnings amounted to **\$361.00 in cash prizes**. The Burpee Seed prize in 1900 was won by Mr. DEAN FERRIS, Peekskill, N. Y., whose total winnings were **\$501.75**.

In 1901 Mr. ALFRED SWEET, Glens Falls, N. Y., won, all told, **1103 First Prizes and 153 Second Prizes**, giving him a total of **\$957.10 in cash prizes**—entitling him also to our "One Hundred Dollar Special," making his winnings amount in all to **\$1057.10**.

In 1902, owing to the unfavorable season, we did not expect Mr. Sweet's total of the previous year to be equaled, but in spite of such a poor season Mr. Sweet rolled up a total of **\$888.00**, which together with our "One Hundred Dollar Special," brought the total for that year up to **\$988.00**.

In 1903, although we had another unfavorable season, the GLENDALE STOCK FARM, Glens Falls, N. Y., reported total winnings of **\$919.25**, and after adding our "One Hundred Dollar Special" and other premiums, made a total of **\$1054.25**, all won on the products of BURPEE'S SEEDS.

In 1904 the GLENDALE STOCK FARM was again the winner of our "One Hundred Dollar Special," as they reported that they had won a total of **\$1069.50**, to which is to be added the "One Hundred Dollar Special," \$56.00 awarded in Burpee Premiums at State and County Fairs, and **\$100.00** which we sent them as an "honorarium" for the great honors won at St. Louis, making a grand total of **\$1325.50**.

In 1905 the GLENDALE STOCK FARM, Glens Falls, N. Y., exhibited an unusually fine lot of vegetables at a great many fairs. Mr. Holley, the manager, reported cash winnings of **\$951.75**, which, while considerably less than the amount won the previous year, we think, exceedingly good considering that at the fairs exhibited competition was keener than ever. MARTIN L. BELL, Sparkill, N. Y., won a total of **\$1171.38**, which included our "Hundred Dollar Special." Mr. Bell exhibited at a great many county fairs and was particularly fortunate in winning a large amount at Rockland Co. Fair (Orangeburg), N. Y. We congratulated Mr. Bell on his great success, as the amount won by him was very close to the total won by the Glendale Stock Farm in 1904.

In 1906 we did not expect the total winnings of any one exhibitor would exceed those reported to us in 1904 by the Glendale Stock Farm. However, MARTIN L. BELL, Sparkill, N. Y., reported to us total winnings (including our "Hundred Dollar Special" and Burpee County Fair Prizes) of **\$1769.30**. This is the largest total ever reported by one exhibitor since we have been offering the "Burpee Premium." Owing to the unfavorable weather experienced during the summer and fall of 1906 Mr. Bell's record was all the more remarkable.

The year 1907 practically gave us no spring season whatever and all tillers of the soil know that we suffered from abnormal conditions throughout the entire growing season. In the fall when we commenced awarding the "Burpee Premium" to those entitled to it we were surprised at the number of letters we received telling of the magnificent crops that had been grown from Burpee's Seeds. GEO. M. RUMLER, Mohawk, Ind., reported early in the fall total winnings of **\$1057.50**, and at one time it looked as if Mr. Rumler would be entitled to the "Hundred Dollar Special," but MARTIN L. BELL, Sparkill, New York, had evidently decided that he would again win the Burpee Special, as is shown by statement given below. We are pleased to announce that Mr. Bell is again the winner of our "Hundred Dollar Special," he having reported total winnings of One Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-nine Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$1459.50), to which amount is to be added the Burpee Premiums awarded him, making a total of **\$1569.50**. Although odds on account of the poor season were against Mr. Bell's efforts being successful, it will be noted that the amount now reported exceeds that won by the Glendale Stock Farm in 1904. Together with certificates from secretaries of the different fairs Mr. Bell sent us sworn affidavit covering his list of winnings as given below.

Ulster County Fair, Ellenville, N. Y.	\$94 00
American Institute, New York, N. Y.	72 00
Rockland County Industrial Association, New City, N. Y.	238 50
Rockland County Agricultural and Horticultural Association, Orangeburg, N. Y.	233 75
Richmond County Agricultural Society, Dongan Hills, Staten Island, N. Y.	488 50
Westchester County Fair, White Plains, N. Y.	196 75
Danbury Agricultural Society, Danbury, Conn.	136 00

\$1459 50
 "One Hundred Dollar Special" and Burpee County Fair Prizes. 110 00

\$1569 50

January 20, 1908, Mr. Bell wrote,—"Your letter of the 16th inst. received containing check for \$110.00 for which I would have you accept my most hearty thanks. I am exceedingly pleased to have the honor of again winning your *One Hundred Dollar Special*. Although my total did not reach that of last year it was no fault of your seeds, but due to the very severe drought of the past season. But seed of strong vitality like yours is one of the secrets of success in such seasons. Wish you and all success who buy your "Seeds that Grow." Under date of January 21st, 1908, Mr. Bell wrote:—"Allow me to congratulate you on being the introducers of two great beans,—THE BURPEE-IMPROVED and FORDHOOK. They are the finest acquisition among vegetables of recent introduction. Grown by the side of all other varieties of Bush Limas they *outdid them in vigor, trueness of type and productiveness*. I predict a great future for them."

The Record of Burpee's Seeds for Producing Prize-Winning Vegetables and Flowers is Absolutely Unequaled.

Prizes Won in Fall of 1907 at State and County Fairs. In Arkansas.

Our special cash premium of \$20.00 for the best collection of vegetables grown from our seeds and exhibited at a State Fair was awarded to GEO. W. BEEBE, Carlisle, who had a splendid exhibit at the ARKANSAS STATE FAIR, held at Hot Springs, Ark., October 3d to 12th, 1907. The "STATE FAIR HERALD," a paper published by the State Fair Association, states that Mr. Beebe "had by far the most extensive and highest quality exhibit of vegetables at the fair." \$45.50 was the total amount of premiums that Mr. Beebe received this year on the products of Burpee's seeds. Mr. Beebe states that the season was so extremely dry in Arkansas that he could not make as many exhibits as in other seasons.

MRS. S. M. OAKLEY, Bentonville, was awarded the first prize as offered by the Benton County Fair for the best general display of farm and garden products. This fair was held at Bentonville, October 23d to 25th, 1907. Mrs. Oakley, December 9th, 1907, writes:—"The Kentucky Wonder Beans were immense. I had one-half bushel of Kentucky Wonder and one-half bushel of your Stringless Green Pod Bush Beans that I planted in July. So many as I'd how I grew these beans in this dry year. I told them that Burpee's seeds always grow. I raised a fine lot of Kleckley Sweets Watermelon. They were planted late but I had good success. They grew wonderfully in the dry weather we had and were the finest flavored I ever ate. I had four fine ones in my display at the fair. I am always proud of your prizes and proud of your seed. I use your seeds exclusively. No other seedsman has my name for any seeds at all."

In Colorado.

MRS. J. H. ROEDIGER, Fort Morgan, was the successful competitor for the Fort Premium for the best display of the products of Burpee's seeds at the Morgan County Fair held last September at Fort Morgan, Colo.

G. W. HOOVER, Denver, received our premium of \$5.00 for best display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the Tri-County Fair held at Aspen, last October. Mr. Hoover writes that the total amount of premiums received the past season on the products of Burpee's seeds was \$32.50.

In Connecticut.

On a display of vegetables grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds, WILLIAM M. CLARK, Rockville, was awarded First Premium by the Rockville Fair Association Company, thus entitling him to our special premium. This Association's Annual Fair was held at Rockville, Sept. 24th, 25th and 26th, 1907. Mr. Clark writes:—"My premiums amounted to \$31.00 this season. Burpee's Seeds are sure to grow and sure to win if given a chance. I had some of the largest Egg Plants that were ever grown in this part of the country. I shall want more seeds another year."

MESSRS. FRANKLIN & CROSBY, Brooklyn, received First Premium on collection of vegetables (25 varieties) at the fair held September 24th, 25th and 26th, 1907, by the Windham County Agricultural Society. When acknowledging receipt of our check for \$5.00, they advise that the total amount of cash premiums received this season on the products of Burpee's seeds was \$29.45.

LESTER D. JOSLYN, Putnam, was awarded first premium by the Putnam County Fair officials on his display of the products of Burpee's seeds at the Putnam County Fair last October, which entitled him to the special Burpee Premium. We quote from Mr. Joslyn's letter of December 7th:—"The vegetables from your seeds exhibited at the fair this year were excellent. Many remarks were made about them being the finest there. The total amount (including your check) of premiums received on the products of Burpee's seeds this season was \$65.00."

J. R. ALLYN, Norwich, entered a collection of vegetables in competition for the Burpee Premium at the New London County Fair held September 10th, 11th and 12th, 1907, at Norwich, and was successful in winning same.

In Delaware.

At the Newcastle County Fair, held at Wilmington, September 2d to 6th inclusive, 1907, MRS. SARAH SIMON, Rose Hill, Newcastle, was awarded our special premium of \$5.00 for the best display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds.

In Illinois.

At the ILLINOIS STATE FAIR of 1907, FRANK MCDOLE, Springfield, was awarded first premium for the largest and best display of vegetables grown in the State of Illinois. As the vegetables exhibited were all grown from our seeds we awarded him our special premium of \$20.00 as offered at State Fairs. When writing of his success at the ILLINOIS STATE FAIR Mr. McDole states,—"Have taken first on Red Onions, second on Yellow Prize-Takers, first on Oxheart Carrots, first on largest and best Musk Melon (it was the *Montreal Green Nutmeg* and weighed 16 lbs.), first on yellow-fleshed Musk Melons (the *Osage*), second on green-fleshed Musk Melons (the *Montreal Green Nutmeg*), first on Burpee's Best Early Cauliflower, second on New Neckless Ruta Bagas. It was the quality that took over size. I must say Burpee's seeds stand for quality. There were four exhibits and some old men at the business to compete against. Total of premiums \$68.00."

C. A. NOBIS, Barry, took first premium as offered by the Illinois Valley Fair Association (the representative County Fair of Pike County) on best display of vegetables. These vegetables were all grown from Burpee's seeds, and we therefore paid Mr. Nobis the special premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs. The Association's fair was held at Griggsville, Pike Co., July 30th to August 2d, 1907.

For the "Best Collection of Vegetables, by Farmer or Amateur, at the Champaign County Fair of 1907," MRS. LAURA McMILLEN, Champaign, was awarded the Association's first premium, also the special Burpee Premium, as the vegetables displayed were grown from Burpee's seeds. Mrs. McMillen writes,—"Have found a great improvement in my garden since I began using Burpee's seeds entirely. My Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Cabbages were a wonder to the county. Total amount of cash premiums received \$16.00. I received two prizes on your *Chalk's Early Jewel Tomatoes*,—the prize for best Tomatoes, also the best canned Tomatoes. Your *Oxheart Carrots* won us another prize. If our county fair had offered more special prizes on such as Beets, Cucumbers, Beans, etc., I know we could have claimed prizes. As it was, our table excelled all others, and we give Burpee's seeds the praise."

"Your seeds have always yielded the best of results. My premiums this year at White County Fair upon vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds amounted to \$18.00." This is an extract from a letter received from L. M. CROSS, of Carmi, when acknowledging receipt of our check for \$5.00 in payment of premium awarded him on his display at the White County Fair which was held at Carmi last September.

WARREN ROTHGEB, Milford, was the successful competitor for the Burpee Premium at the Iroquois County Fair held at Watska, September 2d to 6th, 1907.

"Besides the Burpee premium of \$5.00 I received seven other premiums on vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds, amounting in all to \$13.75," writes JOHN M. THOMEN, Greenup, November 4th, 1907. Mr. Thomen exhibited a collection of vegetables grown from our seeds at the fair held last September at Greenup by the Cumberland County Fair Association, which won the Association's First Premium for "Best Collection of Vegetables."

MRS. T. D. WINDERS, Aledo, received the special Burpee Premium on her display of flowers grown from Burpee's seeds at the Mercer County Fair, held at Aledo, September 17th to 20th, 1907.

WATTS J. HARRIS, Princeton, was awarded first premium on collection of vegetables grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds and exhibited at Bureau County Fair, held at Princeton last September. He also received the special Burpee Premium which we offer at our County Fairs. Mr. Harris speaks very highly of our flower seeds, stating that "the Asters grown from your seed are beauties. They took first at our fair, while the pansies took second. Competition was strong. Total amount of premiums received, \$10.00."



Awarded First Premium for Best Display Grown Outside of State of Illinois, and exhibited at the ILLINOIS STATE FAIR, Springfield, Ill., September 27th to October 5th, 1907. This exhibit was made by O. P. HOLLINGSWORTH, New Augusta, Ind., and GEO. M. RUMLER, Mohawk, Ind., and in addition to the Prize Awarded by the Illinois State Fair Association, their exhibit was awarded also the SPECIAL BURPEE PREMIUM,—as all the vegetables were produced exclusively from BURPEE'S "Seeds that Grow"!

In Illinois.

O. P. HOLLINGSWORTH, New Augusta, Ind., and GEORGE M. RUMLER, Mohawk, Ind., made a joint exhibit of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds exclusively at the ILLINOIS STATE FAIR held at Springfield, September 27th to October 5th, 1907. This exhibit was entered in competition for the prize offered by the ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE for display of vegetables grown outside of the State of Illinois, and was awarded the *Association's First Premium*, besides the special premium of \$50.00 which we offered provided their exhibit won the Association's first premium. Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Rumler also made a joint display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the INDIANA STATE FAIR, for particulars of which see premiums awarded in the State of Indiana.

See half-tone reproduction above of photograph of part of this exhibit.

"I have had good success with your seeds. I received \$28.00 in premiums on the products of your seeds," writes MRS. NANNIE MCGEE, Cambridge. Mrs. McGee exhibited a collection of vegetables (grown from our seeds) at Henry County Fair, which was held at Cambridge last August. This collection was awarded *first premium* by the Society, which entitled Mrs. McGee also to our special premium.

"Your seed is truly excellent, for it rained and rained until it is a wonder anything ever came up, my garden was so low and wet," writes Mrs. L. E. SOWERS, Wauconda, when advising us of her success in winning premiums at the fair held last September at Libertyville, by the Lake County Agricultural Society. Mrs. Sowers also writes:—"I made a separate entry on *White Evergreen Sweet Corn* bought of you two years ago, for which I received the *Blue Ribbon*." Mrs. Sowers won the Burpee Premium on her display of vegetables at this fair. She also received the Society's *first premium* for best collection of flowers, all of which were grown from Burpee's seeds.

In Indiana.

O. P. HOLLINGSWORTH, New Augusta, and GEORGE M. RUMLER, Mohawk, being very desirous of making a display at the INDIANA STATE FAIR, held at Indianapolis, September 9th to 13th, 1907, that should win the first prize offered by this Society for "Best and Largest Collection of Vegetables," decided to make a joint exhibit, we making them a special premium offer of \$100.00 provided they won the Society's first premium on this exhibit. The amount of premiums won by Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Rumler at this fair (not including our special premium) was \$688.50; adding to this our special prize of \$100.00 makes the total amount won at this fair on the products of Burpee's seeds \$788.50. Mr. Rumler writes that the total amount of premiums received by him the past season on vegetables grown from our seeds was \$1057.50, while Mr. Hollingsworth advises us that he won premiums to the amount of \$475.00. (For particulars of their exhibit at the Illinois State Fair see premiums awarded in the State of Illinois.)

See illustration above.

"As Burpee was, so is he now,—at the head!" This statement was made by one of our customers, JOHN HAWKINS, Lebanon, who has been the successful competitor for the Burpee Premium for several years. Mr. Hawkins writes us that he won a total amount of \$23.75 in cash premiums this season on the products of our seeds exhibited at the Boone County Fair held at Lebanon last August.

At the East Enterprise Fair (which is the representative county fair of both Switzerland and Ohio Counties) Mrs. W. F. TRACY, Rising Sun, received the *first premium* as offered by this society on her display of vegetables. These vegetables all being the products of Burpee's seeds entitled Mrs. Tracy also to our special premium as offered at County Fairs, making the total amount of cash premiums received by her this season \$19.25.



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In Indiana.

B. F. WHALEY, Shelbyville, was the successful competitor for our special premium at the Shelby County Blue Ribbon Fair, held at Shelbyville, September 3d to 7th, 1907. Mr. Whaley has won our special premium on vegetables grown from our seeds for several years past, and writes that the total amount won by him this season on the products of Burpee's seeds exclusively was **\$43.25**.

JOHN D. WHITESIDES, Franklin, won *first premium* as offered by the Johnson County Agricultural, Horticultural and Park Association on his display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the Association's fair held at Franklin, August 27th to 30th, 1907. Having won the Association's first premium on this display, he was entitled also to the Burpee Premium. Mr. Whitesides writes that the total amount of premiums received on the products of our seeds as exhibited at the above named fair and at the Indiana State Fair was **\$56.00**.

"Received this year, including your premium, **\$75.00** Am expecting a better season next year and am intending to win many premiums on vegetables raised from the *old reliable Burpee's 'Seeds that Grow!'*" The above is quoted from a letter received from C. A. MOORE, Jonesboro, who exhibited collections of vegetables grown exclusively from our seeds at the Grant County Fair, held last August at Marion, Ind., and the fair held by the Warren Tri-County Fair and Driving Association at Warren, Ind., last September. Both these exhibits won the *Society's First Premium*, which entitled Mr. Moore to the Burpee Premium also.

MRS. HULDA SALZMAN, Princeton, was the winner of our special premium on the collection of flowers (raised from Burpee's seeds) exhibited at the Gibson County Horticultural and Agricultural Society's fair, which was held at Princeton early in September. Mrs. Salzman writes that she received **\$12.00** premium money on flowers grown from our seeds. "*My dahlias raised from seed this year were just beautiful, also took first premium on Violet King Aster and sweepstakes on cut flowers.*"

In Iowa.

"Have had the best of results from your seeds for the past nine years and have used them almost exclusively every season. Think the article that pleased me most this summer from your seeds was the *Neapolitan Pepper*. I never saw such fine ones. My celery was particularly good also. It is the *White Plume*. Many have remarked on its size and uniformity. Your special premium of \$5.00 makes a total of **\$18.95** won in premiums." This is an extract from a letter received by us last October from FRELING FOX, Hampton, when telling us of his exhibit at the fair held by the Franklin County Agricultural Association at Hampton, last September.

E. B. BARRON, Greenfield, won first premium offered by the Adair County Fair for best farm display. As this display was composed of the products of Burpee's seeds exclusively, we awarded Mr. Barron our special premium of \$5.00, making the total amount of premiums received by Mr. Barron this season **\$15.00**.

We authorized the Wapsie Valley Fair Association, Central City, to offer in the premium list for 1907 a special prize of \$5.00 cash for the best display of vegetables or flowers grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds. This premium was won by JAS. C. SHERBON, JR., Rogers, on his display of vegetables, this display also winning the *Association's First Premium*.

"I have learned where to buy seeds, as W. Atlee Burpee & Co.'s seeds surely do grow," writes Mrs. IRA SWINNEY, Floris, when thanking us for our check of \$5.00 in payment of premium won on her collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at Davis County Fair, held last September at Bloomfield. Mrs. Swinney also received premiums on separate entries of Cabbage and Turnips grown from our seeds, and states that she could easily have won premiums on every kind of vegetable in her collection if she had entered same

In Iowa.

J. M. DIEFFENBACHER, Ames, was so very successful in winning premiums at the IOWA STATE FAIR, held at Des Moines, and at STORY COUNTY FAIR, held at Nevada, Iowa, that we think it advisable to publish the contents of his letter:—"I won both *State and County prizes on best display of vegetables and all grown from Burpee's Seeds exclusively*. I wish you could have seen my exhibit. *My onions from your seed are something wonderful!* People would come and ask where I got my garden seeds. I told them from Burpee's and told them to notice the show cards which I had put up. The last day of the fair many wanted to buy lots of my vegetables for the seeds and said they would send to you for seeds next year. I just want to say right here that your *King of the Garden Pole Lima Beans* are the finest lima beans I ever saw. My Egg Plants were not large enough to take to the State Fair, but had fine ones at the County Fair, which was one month later than the State Fair. I will send you pieces cut from our home paper, also one from a Nevada paper (where the County Fair was held), and after I got home from the Des Moines Fair the editor came to me and asked me to bring down my premium cards, as he would like to see them and he wanted to write a piece about my exhibit. I handed him the box with the premium cards and showed him the Burpee Prize and I told him that meant \$20.00. Well, he got it all right in the paper except that he said \$20.00 in gold. While I am writing I will tell you what I often thought I would like to tell you, and that is what a *wonderful tomato the Chalk's Early Jewel* is. Of course, you know that, but such a great yield of fine tomatoes is wonderful to behold. I have tried a great many different seeds from different seedsmen, but I shall hereafter stick to but one, and that is Burpee & Co., for they always give the greatest satisfaction. This year I got some onion seed from another seedsman and planted one side of the patch where I planted the onion seed I got of you, and I planted every kind you mention in your catalogue, and yours came out way ahead! Yours were finer shaped and much larger. I took none of his to the fair. *Your Burpee's Gigantic Gibraltar Onions were perfect monsters,—not one small one among them.* My onions were all large of the seeds I got from you. I had the finest tomatoes this year I ever raised from *Chalk's Early Jewel, Trucker's Favorite, Honor Bright, Golden Queen, Pear-Shaped Yellow, Matchless, Peach, Yellow Plum Stone and Red Pear-Shaped*, and all other kinds of vegetables grown from your seed were fine. A great many people at the State and County Fair took your address down to send to you for their seeds next year. It took me a very short time to sell out all of my first premium tomatoes. I did not have to send back home any of the vegetables."

We give below a few extracts from the papers sent us by Mr. Dieffenbacher.

From the "Ames Intelligencer," Sept. 5, 1907.—Joe Dieffenbacher was very much in evidence at the State Fair this season. He won a great many premiums on his fine vegetables and garden truck. He won a \$20.00 prize offered by the Burpee Seed Company for the man winning the largest number of prizes on vegetables raised from their seed. Besides this, he won twenty-two prizes from the State Fair Association,—a total of **\$72.50**.

From the "Ames Times," Sept. 5, 1907.—Joe M. Dieffenbacher gathered in twenty-two prizes on his display of garden truck at the State Fair last week. He made a clean sweep of the State on onions. The first thing captured by Mr. Dieffenbacher was the *Burpee Seed Co.'s grand prize of \$20.00* in gold to the exhibitor of vegetables winning the most prizes and grown from Burpee's seeds.

From the "Ames Times," Oct. 3, 1907.—J. M. Dieffenbacher attended the County Fair in Nevada last week, taking over a big display of vegetables. *He brought home about all the blue and red tags he could carry.* He carried off *thirty-two first premiums, six second premiums, first premium* on general display of vegetables and wound up by capturing the \$5.00 prize offered by the Burpee Seed Company for the best exhibit of garden truck grown from Burpee's seeds.



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In Kentucky.

W. C. JONES, Slaughter'sville, exhibited collections of vegetables grown from our seeds at the Hopkins County Fair, held at Madisonville, and The Webster County Fair, held at Sebree, winning our special premium on both collections. When acknowledging receipt of our check in payment of these premiums Mr. Jones writes:—"I won \$9.50 in premiums on products from Burpee's seeds at the Webster County Fair. *Everything exhibited by me grown from Burpee's Seeds took first premium.* I did not get beat on anything. One *Montreal Nutmeg Musk Melon* exhibited by me weighed a little over 20 lbs. You claim 1 1/2 lbs. for this variety. I think you should give it credit for about 4 lbs. more. The *Long Island Beauty* is about all one could ask for; a favorite with everybody. The *Golden Eagle* is of extra fine quality and sells well. I still have some good watermelons (October 26, 1907). *It was a lucky day for me when I commenced to buy seeds from Burpee & Co.*"

JAMES K. BAKER, Burkesville, made a display of vegetables grown from our seeds at the fair held by the Cumberland County Fair Association at Burkesville last August. This display won the society's first premium, which entitled Mr. Baker to the special Burpee Premium of \$5.00. When writing us of his success with our seeds, Mr. Baker speaks particularly about the *Vermont Gold Coin Potato* as being a fine table variety.

MRS. E. M. McCARTY, Elizabethtown, writes us quite a long letter under date of September 11th, 1907, regarding the vegetables she displayed at the Hardin County Fair, held at Elizabethtown last August, and which won the Burpee Premium, being grown from our seeds exclusively. We quote the following from this letter:—"The *Dry-Weather Cauliflower* was fine. The *Cosmopolitan Sweet Corn* needs special mention as to both sweetness and size. I hoped to be able to send the finest specimen of *Fordhook Bush Lima Beans* for your premium, but in my eagerness to succeed planted too early, for the cold season which followed planting kept them back somewhat, but they are certainly the finest I have ever grown and at this writing are full of magnificent, well-filled pods. The other vegetables spoke for themselves, so need not particularize. Must mention the *Nameless Lettuce*, which is so crisp, light green and early."

At Laurel County Fair, held at London, Mrs. MOLLIE McDANIEL, Bonham, was awarded the special Burpee Premium of \$5.00 on her display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds, winning a total amount of \$13.00 in premiums on same.

"Have used your seeds *exclusively* for ten or twelve years" is the testimony of BENJAMIN C. HARBISON, Shelbyville. Mr. Harbison won the Burpee Premium on his collection of vegetables at the Shelby County Fair last fall.

ANDREW PEACH, Burgin, writes October 15th, 1907,—"I don't know how to praise your *Earliest Pink* and *Matchless Tomatoes*. Took first premium on your *Matchless Tomatoes*." Mr. Peach won premiums to the amount of \$10.00 (including our special premium of \$5.00) on his vegetable display at the fair held by the Mercer County Fair Association at Harrodsburg last August.

ISAAC C. BEAT'S, Glasgow, won the special premium of \$5.00 offered by us at the South Kentucky Fair Association's Exhibition held at Cave City. When sending us certificate of award the president of this Association, W. A. Huggins, extended his thanks for our liberal premium offer and states,—"I have used seeds from nearly all the leading seedsmen in the United States, but have never found any yet to equal Burpee & Co.'s seeds."

In Maryland.

MRS. MARY R. THOMPSON, Easton, received the Burpee premium of \$5.00 for the best collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at Talbot County Fair, held at Easton last fall.

Burpee's Seeds are Prize Winners.

These reports should convince you that if you desire to win "first honors" at your State or County Fair you should sow BURPEE'S SEEDS,—THE SEEDS THAT GROW."

In Kansas.

"The expert judge in the vegetable department of the Kansas State Fair awarded to THOMAS SYMNS, Hutchinson, *first premium* on best and largest garden display of vegetables grown from seeds obtained from W. Atlee Burpee and is entitled to the prize offered in your catalogue." The above is quoted from the certificate of award sent us by the Secretary of the KANSAS STATE FAIR, held September 16th to 21st, 1907, at Hutchinson. Mr. Symns writes,—"In addition to your prize, received others amounting to \$40.00, making a total of \$60.00 on vegetables all grown from your seeds."

In giving us a description of his display of vegetables (grown from our seeds) at the Nemaha County Fair, held at Seneca last September, W. H. TURNER, Seneca, writes:—"Your *Matchless Tomato* is at the head again this year; had specimens that weighed 15 ozs.; *Burpee's Earliest Pink* is the earliest and best tomato I have ever grown and the old Bush Lima Beans have made a fine crop of first-class beans." The collection of vegetables exhibited by Mr. Turner won the first prize offered by the society as well as our special premium as offered at County Fairs. Total amount of cash premiums received, \$39.00.

ROLAND CROFT, Severy, had the best display of vegetables shown at the Greenwood County Fair, held at Eureka last August, and as these vegetables were all raised from Burpee's seeds, we awarded him our special premium of \$5.00. Total amount of premiums won on the products of our seeds was \$16.75.

G. R. WHEELER, Ottawa, was awarded our cash prize of \$5.00 for the best display of the products of Burpee's seeds at the Franklin County Fair, held at Ottawa last September.

In Louisiana.

W. H. DEMOSS, Plain Dealing, exhibited a collection of vegetables grown from our seeds (in competition for the special premium we offer at County Fairs) at Bossier Parish Fair Association's second annual fair, held at Plain Dealing, September 18th, 19th, and 20th, 1907. He was successful in winning this premium and writes that he received a total of \$24.00 in premiums on vegetables raised from our seeds this season. "I intend to grow all of my vegetables from seed bought of you another year. *I had the best vegetables at both the State and County Fairs this year.*"

"I am well pleased with your seeds and expect to send another order soon," writes U. B. SMITH, Tremont, who having won the first premium on best display of vegetables as offered by the Lincoln Parish Fair, held at Ruston, October 29th to November 1st, 1907, was entitled to our special premium of \$5.00, as the vegetables exhibited were grown from Burpee's seeds. Mr. Smith states that he received \$36.00 in cash premiums and a barrel of Gold Leaf Flour valued at \$6.00 on his display.

PRESTON L. GUILBEAU, St. Martinville, was awarded *first prize* for best display of vegetables shown at the St. Martin County Fair, held at Breaux Bridge, October 24th to 26th, 1907. These vegetables were all raised from Burpee's seeds, which entitled Mr. Guilbeau to the special premium we offer.

In Massachusetts.

MISS LYDIA T. CHANDLER, Marshfield, was awarded first premium on best display of flowers by the Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society; the flowers were all raised from our seeds, and thus entitled Miss Chandler to the Burpee Premium of \$5.00. Miss Chandler writes that the total amount of premiums received this season on flowers raised from our seeds was \$28.00.

"Notwithstanding a very poor season Burpee's seeds have given me uniform success. I won cash premiums as follows:—

At Palmer Fair.....	\$13.00
At Belchertown Fair.....	5.00
Burpee's Special Premium.....	5.00

Total.....\$23.00

This is the statement sent us by CHARLES E. BOOTH, Belchertown. The Burpee Premium was awarded to him on the collection of vegetables he exhibited at Palmer Fair (Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society) last October, and which we are advised by the secretary of this fair consisted of fifty-five varieties.

In Maine.

The State of Maine has three regularly organized State Fairs, viz.: MAINE STATE FAIR, EASTERN MAINE STATE FAIR and THE CENTRAL MAINE FAIR ASSOCIATION.

O. M. BICKFORD, Bangor, entered a collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds in competition for the Burpee premium of \$20.00 as offered at the EASTERN MAINE STATE FAIR, held at Bangor last August. Mr. Bickford was not only successful in winning the Burpee Premium on this collection, but was also awarded *First Premium* by the Society. When acknowledging receipt of our check for \$20.00, Mr. Bickford writes that the total amount of premiums received on the products of our seeds this season was **\$70.50** and adds,—“I shall want some more of your seeds next season.”

At the Fourth Annual Exhibition of the CENTRAL MAINE FAIR ASSOCIATION, held at Waterville, September 9th to 14th, 1907, the Special Burpee Premium of \$20.00 cash was won by A. H. & D. W. ELLIS, Fairfield, for the best exhibit of vegetables raised from Burpee's seeds.

While we only offer one premium at any State Fair, we paid a special premium of \$5.00 to MRS. KATE B. ELLIS, Fairfield, on her display of flowers grown from Burpee's seeds and exhibited at this fair, as the fair authorities had made a mistake and announced in the Association's premium list for 1907 that we would pay this premium as well as the premium offered for best display of vegetables. Mrs. Ellis, of course, exhibited in good faith for this premium; therefore, we thought it only right to pay her the premium advertised. Among the different varieties in her display of flowers were Stocks, Verbenas, Asters, Pinks, Pansies, Mignonette, Phlox, Sweet Peas, and Shirley Poppies, receiving also first premiums on Verbenas, Stocks, Pinks, Poppies, Asters and Pansies in addition to the premium for general display. A. H. & D. W. ELLIS received a total amount of **\$44.75** in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds the past season.

B. M. PATTEN, Topsham, won first premium for farm and garden produce at the annual fair held in October at Topsham by the Sagadahoc Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and as his produce was grown from Burpee's seeds he was entitled to the prize we offer at County Fairs. When thanking us for our check for \$5.00 in payment of this premium, Mr. Patten advised that he received a total amount of **\$27.00** this season on the products of Burpee's seeds.

In addition to our regular premium offer at County Fairs, we offered a special premium of \$5.00 at the fair held by the Franklin County Agricultural Society at Farmington last October, for the best collection of vegetables exhibited by a boy under eighteen years of age. Our regular premium was won by LOREN J. SMITH, Farmington, and the special premium was awarded to his son, RAYMOND H. SMITH. Mr. Smith writes us that he received \$10.00 in premiums this season and that his pumpkins, squash, beets and carrots were fine. His son received \$9.00 in premiums and states that our “*Howling Mob*” Corn is the best seller he ever had and that he will want seed of this and *Golden Bantam Sweet Corn* another year.

“*Fourteen exhibits, fourteen prizes.* Quite a record,” writes WILLIAM A. PURINTON, Houlton, when sending us certificate of award showing that he was the successful competitor for the Burpee Premium at the fair held by the Northern Maine Fair Association at Presque Isle last September.

“I have again won the Society's first premium for best exhibit of vegetables, all grown from Burpee's seeds. I also won special premiums amounting in all to \$30.00 at the same fair,” writes GEORGE W. SNOW, Hampden Corner, in reference to his exhibit at the Waldo and Penobscot Agricultural Society's Fair held at Monroe. “I also won at EASTERN MAINE STATE FAIR at Bangor \$30.00 on vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. Total at both fairs, **\$60.00**. It is true we have to pay a little more for Burpee's seeds, but we always find them true to name, and after twenty years' trial can safely say *Burpee's Seeds are the best that grow and always sure to grow.* Shall want your seeds next spring.”

On account of the uniform high quality of some of the vegetables exhibited by Miss EVA E. STORER, Norridgewock, at Somerset County Fair we awarded her a special premium of \$2.50, as the specimens exhibited were grown from Burpee's seeds.

In Maine.

WALTER GERALD, Unity, entered for competition at the Unity Park Agricultural Association's Fair (successor to North Waldo County Fair), held in Unity last October, twenty-three varieties of vegetables, all grown from Burpee's seeds, and was awarded *first premium* on same for best display of vegetables by the Association. Having won the Association's first premium on this display, we also paid him our special premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs.

At the annual fair of the Kennebec County Agricultural Society, held at Readfield, September 17th, 18th and 19th, 1907, GEORGE H. ALLEN, Readfield, was awarded first prize for the best display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds.

At the Somerset Central Fair held at Skowhegan, September 17th, 18th, 19th, 1907, JOHN I. WALKER, Madison, was awarded first premium on best display of vegetables, which entitled him to our special premium of \$5.00, as vegetables in this display were all grown from Burpee's seeds.

In Michigan.

Michigan has two regularly organized State Fairs, viz.: WEST MICHIGAN STATE FAIR, held at Grand Rapids, and MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, which holds its annual fair at Detroit.

\$239.50 is the total amount won in premiums on the products of Burpee's seeds this season by Miss U. M. STEVENS, Berlin. Miss Stevens exhibited at three fairs this season as given below:—

West Michigan State Fair, Grand Rapids.....	\$67.00
Michigan State Agricultural Society, Detroit.....	126.75
Ottawa & West Kent County Fair, Berlin.....	45.75
Total.....	\$239.50

Miss Stevens writes, November 5th, 1907, as follows:—“Among first premiums received were Lettuce, Cayenne Pepper, Yellow Globe Turnips, Pop Corn, Pie Pumpkin, Egg Plants, *Chinese Giant Pepper*, Kale, Savoy Cabbage, *California Cream Butter Lettuce*, Parsley, Swiss Chard, Squash, Sweet Corn, Cucumbers. In all, I won *fifty-six first premiums and thirty-eight second premiums.* I took first premium on collection of cut flowers at all three fairs. In all, I won **\$32.00** on flowers alone. *There is no mistake about it,—Burpee's seeds grow!*” Miss Stevens was awarded \$20.00 by us on her exhibit of vegetables at the WEST MICHIGAN STATE FAIR and \$5.00 on her display at the Ottawa and West Kent Agricultural Society's Fair.

For the best collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds C. J. ENGEL'S SONS, Detroit, were awarded the Burpee Premium on collection of vegetables exhibited at the MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S FAIR, held at Detroit from August 29th to September 6th last. In addition to the Burpee Premium of \$20.00 for best collection of vegetables, they received premiums of \$29.25 on separate entries of Beets, Carrots, Radishes, Cabbages, Red and Yellow Tomatoes, Squashes, Parsley, etc., making the total amount of premiums received **\$49.25**, all on the products of our seeds.

A. W. ALGIR, Grand Blanc, was awarded first premium on his display of vegetables at the North-eastern Industrial Fair (Genesee County Fair), held at Flint last September. The vegetables exhibited being raised from our seeds entitled Mr. Algir to our special of \$5.00 as offered by us at County Fairs.

While the Burpee Premium was awarded to Miss Stevens at the West Michigan State Fair, R. L. WELLS, Grand Rapids, had some fine specimens of vegetables on exhibition grown from our seeds and on which we awarded him a special premium of \$1.00.

“*Howling Mob Corn* holds the market as long as it lasts and the little *Golden Bantam Corn* brought two cents more a dozen than any of the other early sorts. Our Golden Heart Celery is the largest on the market. The Golden Ball, or Orange Jelly Turnips went like hot cakes.” This is an extract from a letter written September 30th, 1907, by Mrs. Joseph Laura, whose husband, JOSEPH LAURA, Bay City, W. S., was awarded our special premium on his collection of vegetables displayed at the Bay County Agricultural Society's annual fair held at Bay City, September 10th to 13th.



Largest and Best Collection of Vegetables at Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, Mo., October 5th to 11th, 1907. This exhibit was made by FRANK RAU, Sedalia, Mo., and won for him the Society's First Premium, also the SPECIAL BURPEE PREMIUM.

In Missouri.

At the annual exhibition of the MISSOURI STATE FAIR, held October 5th to 11th, 1907, FRANK RAU, Sedalia, was awarded *first premium* on the best collection of farm and garden products produced from our seeds, and we accordingly paid him the special Burpee premium of \$20.00 as offered at State Fairs. Mr. Rau writes that he received *thirty-eight first premiums, twenty-seven second premiums and four third premiums*, as well as a *premium of \$50.00 on Pettis County Display*, in addition to our special premium, receiving in all **\$162.00** this season on the products of Burpee's seeds.

The Secretary of Grundy County Fair Association stated in certificate of award that "T. J. HARRIS, Trenton, exhibited the greatest variety of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the fair held September 3d to 6th, 1907, and is entitled to your special premium."

"All my vegetables were very fine, as they always are when I plant Burpee's seeds. I hope to plant them again next year,—in fact, as long as I plant any seed at all." We quote the above from a letter received from MISS ANNA E. EBERHARDT, California, who won our special premium of \$5.00 for best display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. Miss Eberhardt exhibited this collection at the Moniteau County Fair, held at California last September, and has also been the successful competitor for our special premium for several years past. When acknowledging receipt of check in payment of premium Miss Eberhardt states,—*"As there were a number of competitors I was very naturally proud of my success. The total amount of premiums won this year from Burpee's seeds is \$23.00."*

In North Dakota.

DUNCAN SINCLAIR, Hamilton, won the regular *First Prize* offered for best collection of vegetables by the Pembina County Fair and Exhibition Association, and as the vegetables were grown from Burpee's seeds he also received the special Burpee Premium of \$5.00. The Pembina County Fair was held at Hamilton, July 30th to August 1st.

In Montana.

W. V. TALBOTT, "Last Chance Ranch," Armington, was awarded our special premium of \$20.00 for the best and largest collection grown from Burpee's seeds exclusively displayed at the MONTANA STATE FAIR, which was held at Helena, September 30th to October 5th, 1907. Mr. Talbott, under date of November 14th, 1907, writes:—*This makes the fifth year that I have won your special at State Fairs. I won the Association's second premium for best general display of vegetables. Won first for best general display of Onions; first for best display of Potatoes; first for best general display of root crops and other premiums amounting in all to \$498.00 cash at both our County and State Fairs and several special prizes offered by the business and professional men for farm products, which amounted all told to \$748.00. The general verdict at Helena was that if any one hoped to beat the 'Last Chance Ranch' they had better invest in Burpee's seeds."* Mr. Talbott also exhibited vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the Cascade County Fair, winning at this fair *ninety-three first and special prizes*. Mr. Talbott is making plans for a very extensive exhibit at the MONTANA STATE FAIR next year, and writes,—*"I will want from A to Z in the vegetable line, and we will make it a clean sweep for both the 'Last Chance Ranch' and for Burpee."*

G. W. BETHELL, Kalispell, made a special exhibit at Flathead County Fair of twenty-one varieties of vegetables in competition for the Burpee Premium of \$5.00 cash which is offered by us at County Fairs for the best collection of vegetables grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds. As he won the *Society's First Premium* on this exhibit, he was also entitled to the Burpee Premium. This fair was held at Kalispell last October.

In Nebraska.

The Burpee Premium as offered at the Johnson County Agricultural and Mechanical Association's fair, held last August at Tecumseh, was won by Mrs. THOMAS GOODMAN, Tecumseh. Mrs. Goodman also received first premiums on Beets, Farnsips, Corn, Radishes, Onions, and for the largest beet, as well as on her collection of vegetables and flowers, all the products of Burpee's seeds.



"The Best Collection of Vegetables" at MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR, Jackson, Miss., November 5th to 16th, 1907, which won for J. W. DAY, Crystal Springs, the "Sweepstakes," also the "Burpee Premium,"—as the vegetables were all grown from Burpee's Seeds.

In Mississippi.

J. W. DAY, Crystal Springs, was awarded "Sweepstakes Premium" on best collection of farm products raised by one farmer in the State of Mississippi by the MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRIAL STATE FAIR held at Jackson, from November 5th to 16th, 1907. Mr. Day states that he used our seeds entirely in planting for this exhibit (\$27.00 worth) and sent us a very good photograph of this exhibit. He had on exhibition more than a hundred and fifty different products; the space occupied by this exhibit being 20 by 48 feet.

In Minnesota.

CHARLES KRAUSE, Merriam Park, St. Paul, received first premium at the MINNESOTA STATE FAIR, held at Hamline, September 2d to 7th, for the best collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds, and we forwarded our check for \$20.00 to Mr. Krause in payment of premium awarded him. Mr. Krause also sent us a fine photograph of his exhibit at this fair. He states:—"I am well pleased with your seeds and you can expect my order next year, and a lot of my neighbors are going to get their seeds from you, as they have seen them growing in my garden. Won \$205.00 in premiums this year on vegetables. My wife also won first prize on your flowers. Burpee's flower seeds stood A. No. 1, especially Sweet Peas." For half-tone reproduction of a photograph of Mr. Krause's exhibit see page 2.

Our special prize of \$5.00 was awarded to WM. G. DEACON, St. Vincent, on his display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the St. Vincent Union Industrial Association's fair held at St. Vincent last October. This fair is the nearest to the International Boundary Line between the United States and Canada of any in the United States, St. Vincent being only a mile and a half from Emerson, Manitoba.

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In Minnesota.

"I won first prize for the largest and best display of vegetables (which were the products of your seeds) at the Worthington District Fair Association, which is the County Fair of Nobles County, Minnesota. I won \$48.00 in prizes with vegetables and flowers, the products of your seeds." This tribute to the merits of Burpee's seeds comes from GEORGE JAY, Rushmore, who has been one of our customers for many years.

"Burpee's seeds are the best that grow! I won on vegetables grown from your seeds \$20.50, exclusive of the \$5.00 received from you, making \$25.50 in all," writes G. A. FORGERSON, Rosemount, concerning his display at the Dakota County Agricultural Society's fair, held at Farmington last September.

MRS. A. C. CARPENTER, Hutchinson, was again successful in winning not only our special premium of \$5.00 for the best display of flowers grown from Burpee's seeds, but also the first premium offered by the McLeod County Agricultural Society. The McLeod County Fair was held at Hutchinson, September 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1907.

At the fair held by the Lincoln County Agricultural Society and County Fair Association at Tyler the latter part of last September our special premium was awarded to MATTHEW FOWLDS, Arco, for the best display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds.

We offered a special premium of \$5.00 for the best display of vegetables grown from our seeds and exhibited at the Hector Annual Market Festival, held last October. This special premium was won by A. M. ERICSON, Hector, who writes us that he had by far the best general exhibit at the Festival.

Having been awarded the Society's First Premium for best display of vegetables at the Stevens County Fair, and these vegetables having been grown from Burpee's seeds, entitled D. T. WHEATON, Morris, to the special Burpee Premium as offered at County Fairs. Besides winning first prize on collection of vegetables Mr. Wheaton won first premiums on Carrots, Beets, Squash, etc., to the value of \$16.00. Adding to this amount the \$5.00 paid by us makes the total amount won on the products of our seeds this season \$21.00.

The Record of Burpee's Seeds for Producing Prize-Winning Vegetables and Flowers is Absolutely Unequaled.

In New York.

MARTIN L. BELL, Sparkill, N. Y., reported total winnings of \$1569.50, which was the highest total amount reported this season, and we therefore again awarded Mr. Bell the "One Hundred Dollar Special." For full particulars see page 3.

"In spite of the unfavorable weather I have had excellent success with your seeds, which showed fine germinating powers, remarkable vitality in growth and producing fine specimens true to name and type. I thank you for the check and assure you of my future patronage." The above is an extract from a letter received last November from PRESCOTT D. MAINE, Canastota, who was the winner of the premium of \$20.00 offered by us at the NEW YORK STATE FAIR for the best collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. In this letter Mr. Maine states that besides winning the Burpee Premium he also received premiums to the amount of \$131.25 as follows:—

New York State Fair.....	\$89.50
Vernon Agricultural Society.....	13.75
Oneida Fair and Racing Association.....	28.00

Adding to this amount the \$20.00 paid Mr. Maine by us makes the total amount of cash premiums received on the products of Burpee's seeds this season **\$151.25**. "At the Oneida and Vernon Fairs I won the first prize for largest display of vegetables at each fair and first on nearly every single entry."

Having been awarded the Society's first premium on display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the Ulster County Agricultural Society's Fair at Ellenville last August, we awarded ANDERSON BUDD, Ellenville, our special premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs.

Mrs. D. A. HITCHMAN, Schoharie, received premiums amounting to \$100.00 this fall on the products of Burpee's seeds. This amount includes the special Burpee Premium of \$5.00 for the best display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. This collection also received first premium from the Schoharie County Agricultural Society, which held its Forty-sixth Annual Fair at Schoharie, October 1st, 2d, and 3d, 1907. Mrs. Hitchman writes on November 4th,—*"I can say that I always have better satisfaction by using your seeds."*

For the largest and best collection of vegetables grown from our seeds JAMES E. COLE, Fulton, received the Burpee Premium on his exhibit at the fair held by the Oswego County Agricultural Society at Fulton last fall. Mr. Cole, September 30th, writes:—"I exhibited vegetables grown from your seeds at the New York State Fair, the Oswego County Fair and the Onondaga County Fair. Out of seventy-two entries I received first, twenty-four second and one third premiums. In all, I received **\$80.25**. I received first premium at all the fairs on Celery, Carrots, Squash and Radishes."

"Although it has been the worst year for farm and garden crops I have ever known, cold and wet in the spring, hot and very dry in the summer, it has been a season of success for Burpee's seeds. * * * Burpee's seeds have proved to be the best by every test, and next spring my entire order goes to Burpee. * * * At the Delaware County Fair I received first on collection, also six first and one second on seven single entries, all the products of Burpee's seeds." These extracts are from a letter received from L. P. FRISBEE, Delhi, when sending us certificate of award from the Secretary of Delaware County Agricultural Society, which held its annual fair last August at Delhi. Total amount received in premiums on products of our seeds was **\$16.50**.

Mrs. A. W. WESTERVELT, Trumansburg, November 6th, 1907, writes:—"I am proud to state I was the lucky winner of your prize which you offered for cut flowers raised from your seeds. I secured twenty-four premiums, nearly all first, amounting to **\$24.50**, so you see I had fine flowers. My Dahlias were grand and the Balsams like roses. The finest Asters, Pansies, Phlox, Mignonette, Stock, and all kinds that grow. I tell every one I get my seeds from Burpee's. Have received many compliments on my beautiful flowers. I give all the same answer,—send to Burpee." Mrs. Westervelt's floral exhibit was made at the fair held by the Tompkins County Agricultural Society at Ithaca.

In New York.

"I cannot extol the Burpee seeds too highly, for they are the 'Seeds that Grow!'" writes ELI R. BAKER, Brewster, when advising us of his success in winning the Burpee Premium on his display at Putnam County Fair, held at Carmel, August 28th to 30th. When acknowledging receipt of check in payment of our premium Mr. Baker states:—"Your seeds are the best I ever planted. Your Earliest Pink Tomatoes are extra. I also had fine success with your Gradus, or Prosperity Peas and Onions."

"We have had an unusually unfavorable season this year, but my garden was the best of any around here. I have had three first premiums on Chalk's Early Jewel Tomatoes. They are the best I ever saw. They were the only nice tomatoes at the fair. My total winnings this season on the products of your seeds, including your premium, is **\$27.75**." We quote the above from letter received from ARTHUR LOWELL, Cadiz, who entered a collection of vegetables in competition for the Burpee Premium as offered at the fair held by the Franklinville Agricultural and Driving Park Association at Franklinville, August 27th to 30th, 1907.

JOHN J. GOTHAM, Watertown, September 29th, 1907, writes:—"At our last Jefferson County Fair, held from August 27th to 30th, we were awarded first prize on the Burpee exhibit, also on General Exhibit and side displays, receiving in all sixty first prizes and twelve second, making a total of seventy-two premiums in all. The total amount of cash premiums, including your special premium (\$5.00), was **\$64.75**. We have been in the market garden business for four years and have used Burpee's seeds every year."

When thanking us for our check of \$5.00 in payment of premium won by D. H. GIBSON, Little Valley, on his collection of vegetables exhibited at Cattaraugus County Fair, he states:—"My premiums amounted to **\$16.00**. I have used your garden seeds almost exclusively for nearly twenty years." This collection of vegetables also received the Society's first premium. The Cattaraugus County Fair was held at Little Valley, September 2d to 6th, 1907.

The Secretary of Essex County Agricultural Society writes as follows:—"It is with pleasure we inform you that A. J. GOUGH, Westport, entered the greatest variety and the best vegetables at the Essex County Fair, held September 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th, 1907, grown from W. Atlee Burpee & Co.'s seeds." This collection of vegetables (which consisted of twenty-one varieties) was awarded both the Burpee Premium and the Society's First Premium.

F. W. STUBE, Fonda, was awarded First Premium on best display of vegetables at the fair held by the Montgomery County Agricultural Society, at Fonda, September 30th to October 3d, 1907. As the vegetables composing this display were all grown from Burpee's seeds, Mr. Stube also received the special Burpee Premium of \$5.00. Mr. Stube, November 12th, writes:—"Another season has passed and I am glad to say that your seeds have helped to make it a successful one. Three years ago I began to buy your seeds, and they proved so satisfactory that I have continued ever since. My stock of vegetables has not only retained its standard but has shown its superiority from year to year in spite of adverse seasons. You will notice that the first premiums awarded to me at our fair increase in number from year to year. This year in face of a heavy competition I won all the sweepstakes. Although the premium for a single entry is only \$1.00, the total amounted to **\$88.00** on vegetables alone." On November 26th, Mr. Stube writes:—"Your Quick Lunch Potatoes deserve first place. I prize them very highly. All my vegetables were of extra fine quality and shape; true types to name. In spite of heavy competition I succeeded in landing first premium on nearly every article exhibited landing also all sweepstakes. I shall continue to use your seeds and trust you will receive more orders from my locality."

At the Flower Carnival held at Gowanda last August we offered a prize of \$5.00 for best displays of Sweet Peas, to be divided as the society desired. The following were the successful competitors:—MRS. MARY PRATT, MRS. MINOR DAVIS and MRS. FRANK DAVIS.

In New York.

MRS. GEORGE DUDLEY, Lyons, was again successful in winning *First Premium* for best display of vegetables at the fair held by the Newark Fair Association last fall, and as the vegetables exhibited were the products of Burpee's seeds exclusively, Mrs. Dudley was also entitled to our special premium of \$5.00. Mrs. Dudley, December 10, 1907, writes:—"I also won *twenty-one first* and eight second premiums at this same fair for best six of different varieties of vegetables. At Palmyra I was awarded *first premium* for best display, besides quite a number of *first premiums*. I have won, in all, this year on the products of Burpee's seeds exclusively, **\$39.00.**"

At the annual fair of the Albany County Agricultural Society and Exposition, held August 20th to 23d, 1907, Mrs. WILLIAM J. BEEBE, Altamont, was awarded the Burpee Prize by the judge for the best collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. When acknowledging receipt of our check Mrs. Beebe writes,—"Regarding the total amount of cash premiums received at the Albany County Fair on vegetables grown from your seeds, would say that, including the Burpee Premium, the total amount was **\$45.00.**"

LEMUEL PEETS, Lockport, was the winner of the special Burpee Premium offered at the fair held at Lockport this fall by the Niagara County Agricultural Society.

GEORGE F. THOMSON, Waterport, was awarded our special premium on his display of vegetables at the Orleans County Fair, held at Albion, September 18th to 21st, 1907, said display having won also the *Society's First Premium* for best and largest display. Mr. Thomson writes:—"Including your \$5.00, my premiums amounted to **\$25.00.**"

F. E. STEVENS, Glens Falls, exhibited collections of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at a number of fairs and was awarded our special premium at the three following fairs:—

Saratoga County Agricultural Society, Ballston Spa, N. Y.
The Warren County Fair, Warrensburgh, N. Y.
Washington County Fair, Sandy Hill, N. Y.

At the Floral Exhibition of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Perry, held last August, we awarded a special premium of \$3.00.

We also offered a special premium of \$5.00 on Sweet Peas at the exhibition of The Wayland Floral Society at Wayland, August 15th and 16th, 1907. The successful competitors were:—Mrs. F. E. ARMSTRONG, Avoca; Mrs. F. Fox, Wayland; Miss ADELINE BOND, Bolivar; Mrs. F. E. DOUGHTY, Wayland.

J. P. ORDWAY, Canisteo, was the successful competitor for the Burpee Premium at the fair held by the Steuben County Agricultural Society at Bath last September and sent us following statement of his winnings on vegetables grown from our seeds:—

"At Wellsville, N. Y., for the best display of vegetables.....	\$65.00
At Hornell, N. Y., for the best display of vegetables.....	85.00
At Bath, N. Y., for the best display of vegetables.....	37.00

Total..... **\$187.00**

This amount includes the Burpee special and winnings on flowers."

MRS. G. A. HOPPEL, Phelps, won the *first premium* offered by the Wayne County Agricultural Society for best collection of vegetables, and as the collection exhibited was grown from Burpee's seeds, Mrs. Hoppel was entitled also to our special premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs. Mrs. Hoppel writes:—"There were three exhibitors besides myself, but it is Burpee's seeds that win every time. The total amount of premiums received by me this season on products grown from your seeds was **\$40.25**, including your special premium."

HOWARD KENYON, Canton, made an exhibit of vegetables at the St. Lawrence County Fair, held at Canton, September 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th, 1907, and was awarded first premium. The vegetables composing this exhibit were all grown from Burpee's seeds, and Mr. Kenyon therefore was entitled to the special premium we offer at County Fairs. Total amount of premiums received this season, **\$24.00.**

In New Jersey.

Our special premium of \$20.00, as offered at THE INTER-STATE FAIR, held at Trenton, September 28th to October 2d, 1907, was awarded to GEORGE C. BLANDFORD, Robbinsville, N. J., who writes that he also won the following premiums:—*First* on Beets, both globe-shaped and long red; *first* on Yellow Belgian Carrots; *first* on Early Round Parsnips; *first* on Colorado Preserving Citrons; *first* on *best display of garden vegetables*, not less than thirty varieties; *second* on Large White Belgian Carrots; *second* on Half-Long Scarlet Stump-Rooted Carrots; *second* on Burpee's Bush Lima Beans, amounting in all to \$10.50. Adding to this our special premium of \$20.00 for the best collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds exclusively, makes the total amount of cash premiums received by Mr. Blandford this season on vegetables raised from our seeds **\$30.50.**

In North Carolina.

J. F. HOMEWOOD, Burlington, took the *Society's First Prize* at the Alamance County Fair, held at Burlington last fall, on his exhibit of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds; therefore, in accordance with our offer in THE FARM ANNUAL we also awarded him the Burpee Premium of \$5.00. Mr. Homewood writes us that he won *nearly all the first premiums he competed for* on products grown from our seeds, and states that he intends to exhibit at several county fairs next year the products of our seeds.

The little twelve-year-old son of C. M. MILLER, Salisbury, exhibited *Giant Pascal Celery* and *Improved Dunkard Pumpkins* (grown from Burpee's seeds) at the first fair held in Rowan County and was awarded first premium on same. We awarded him a special prize of \$1.00.

In Oklahoma.

The Burpee Premium of \$5.00 for best and largest collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds was won this year by E. W. TARDY, Chandler, who made an exhibit at the Lincoln County Fair, held at Chandler last fall. Mr. Tardy writes us that he received in premiums on products raised from our seeds **\$35.00.**

H. B. SKIEN, Braman, exhibited a collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds in competition for the special premium we offered at THE BLACKWELL INTER-STATE FAIR, held at Blackwell, October 7th to 12th, 1907, and was successful in winning same.

In Oregon.

At the OREGON STATE FAIR held at Salem, September 16th to 21st, 1907, W. H. HULBERT, Albany, was the winner of the Special Burpee Premium of \$20.00 for the best collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds, and when sending us certificate of award to this effect the secretary of this fair stated "the display was most excellent."

As the Second Southern Oregon District Agricultural Society comprises the four counties of Douglas, Lane, Coos and Curry, and receives each year aid from the State, we have included this society among our list of County Fairs. The annual fair of this society was held at Roseburg, September 10th to 14th, 1907, the successful competitor for the Burpee Premium being NEAL D. MCCALL of Roseburg. Mr. McCall also exhibited a collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the OREGON STATE FAIR, which he states "took first premium as 'largest and best display of vegetables.' My vegetables at the State Fair were larger and better than any there." While Mr. McCall was not awarded the special Burpee premium at the OREGON STATE FAIR, his exhibit of the products of Burpee's seeds having received the *First Prize* offered by the Oregon State Board of Agriculture, we awarded him a special premium of \$10.00 on this exhibit. The secretary of this fair, when sending us a certificate stating Mr. McCall had received first premium, wrote,—"Furthermore, we wish to say that this particular exhibit was most excellent; an exhibit that any district should be very proud of." Mr. McCall writes that at the fair held at Roseburg he won premiums on the products of our seeds to the amount of \$30.25, and at the State Fair \$30.00, making a total of **\$60.25.**

In Ohio.

\$110.00 is the total amount of premiums won by JAMES L. DEAL, Marysville, on the products of Burpee's seeds this season as exhibited at Union County Fair, held at Marysville, and the OHIO STATE FAIR. Mr. Deal was awarded *First Premium* on his collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds by the Union County Agricultural Society, which entitled him to the special premium of \$5.00 which we offer at County Fairs. Mr. Deal writes,—“You can expect an order again from me for the coming year.”

The Columbiana County Agricultural Society awarded *First Premium* for best and largest display of vegetables to J. A. HENRY, Elkton. This fair was held at Lisbon last September and the vegetables Mr. Henry exhibited were all grown from Burpee's seeds, and we therefore awarded him the special Burpee Premium. “I won \$40.00 in premiums at the Columbiana County Fair and \$39.00 at East Palestine Fair, making a total of **\$79.00**. I had the best luck growing Cauliflower this season I ever had. Sold \$28.00 worth from the seed I got from you. *I find your seed is the best that grows.*” The above is quoted from a letter received from Mr. Henry last October.

LUTE H. MILLER, Sherbondy, was awarded our special premium of \$5.00 for best and largest display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. This collection was exhibited at Summit County Agricultural Society's fair held October 1st to 4th, 1907, at Akron. The total amount of premiums received by Mr. Miller on products of Burpee's seeds was **\$36.15**.

J. H. LOWRY, Smithfield, received our special premium of \$5.00 on his collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds and exhibited at the fair held by the Smithfield Agricultural Society, which is the representative County Fair of Jefferson County, last September. This collection of vegetables also received *First Premium* as offered by the Smithfield Society. The total amount of premiums received by Mr. Lowry was **\$13.70**.

For best display of farm products at the Medina County Fair C. S. RICE, Spencer, received the *Society's First Premium*, and as all the vegetables exhibited were grown from Burpee's seeds Mr. Rice was also entitled to our special premium of \$5.00. Mr. Rice also exhibited vegetables grown from our seeds at the Lorain County Fair and the WEST VIRGINIA STATE FAIR held at Wheeling, and writes us that he received a total of **\$124.75** in premiums this fall on the products of Burpee's seeds.

The Warren County Fair Association divided our special premium of \$5.00 for the best collection of vegetables grown exclusively from our seeds, offering a first prize of \$3.00 and a second prize of \$2.00. ALMA E. BAKER, Lebanon, received the *first prize* and C. H. NIXON, Lebanon, was awarded second prize.

In South Carolina.

S. L. RAWL, Lexington, was awarded our special premium for the best display of vegetables and flowers grown from Burpee's seeds at the Lexington County Fair, held at Lexington, October 22d, 23d and 24th, 1907. Mr. Rawl also won first prize at the SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR for the best display of vegetables as well as the special Burpee Premium of \$20.00. The society awarded Mr. Rawl \$8.00 on this display of vegetables, making a total of **\$28.00** received by Mr. Rawl on his display at the South Carolina State Fair, in addition to the \$5.00 awarded him by us on his exhibit at the Lexington County Fair.

In Virginia.

SAMUEL B. RICHARDSON, Fredericksburg, exhibited a collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Society's fair, held at Fredericksburg, September 24th to 26th, 1907, and while this fair is not strictly a County Fair, his display being very fine we awarded Mr. Richardson a special premium of \$2.00. When acknowledging receipt of this special premium Mr. Richardson writes:—“My display attracted more attention than anything in that line. *I am very proud of Burpee's Seeds*, and if I live next year hope to have an exhibit that can't be equalled. My vegetables brought better prices than any raised around here, and although I only planted what I thought would be enough for our family, I sold a good many. They were all good. Not a single thing turned out bad. *All the seeds bought from W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co. were the best that could be bought.*”

In Pennsylvania.

MRS. S. PRESTON KUNTZ, Treichlers, was awarded *First Premium* by the PENNSYLVANIA STATE FAIR ASSOCIATION for best and largest display of vegetables, and as these vegetables were all grown from Burpee's seeds Mrs. Kuntz was also entitled to our special premium of \$20.00. We quote from a letter received from Mrs. Kuntz, October 31st, 1907:—“I drew *first prize* on display, also on my single entries. Twenty baskets of Wax Beans were exhibited and my basket full of *Brittle Wax Beans* was awarded *first prize*. *It was the only bean there that was absolutely stringless.* Total amount of cash premiums won on the products of your seeds is **\$28.00.**” The Pennsylvania State Fair was held at Bethlehem, September 3d to 6th, 1907.

“People are constantly asking me how I raise such fine vegetables, and I can give them no better reason than to tell them I use *Burpee's seeds*. My exhibit at the fair filled four tables, each three feet wide and twelve feet long. I took seven first premiums on seven varieties of cabbage. *I took first on almost everything that was listed in their catalogue.* I also received two class premiums from the society on garden and field vegetables. I took *forty-six first premiums* and five second premiums, which amounted to **\$45.00.**” This is the testimony of Mrs. W. H. BRADFORD, Sylvania, as to the merits of Burpee's seeds, products of which she exhibited at the Troy Fair (Bradford County), held last September at Troy.

Our special premium of \$5.00 for the best collection of the products of Burpee's seeds displayed at Bradford County Fair was awarded to Mrs. E. C. HOWE, Towanda. The Bradford County Fair was held at Towanda the latter part of last September.

C. W. KNOX, Pulaski, exhibited a collection of vegetables grown exclusively from Burpee's seeds at the Pulaski Fair (Lawrence County Fair) held at Pulaski last September. This collection of vegetables received *First Premium* as offered by the Society, and being composed entirely of vegetables raised from our seeds, entitled Mr. Knox to the Burpee premium as offered at County Fairs.

For the largest display of vegetables at Clarion County Fair, held at Clarion, September 10th to 13th, 1907, F. HOWARD KAHLE, Shippensburg, received the *Society's First Premium*. This display was all grown from seeds purchased of us, which entitled Mr. Kahle to our special \$5.00 premium offered at County Fairs.

At The Chestnut Hill Horticultural Society's Exhibition, which is held at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, we offered \$10.00 cash to be divided as the Society desired. We are advised by the secretary that this amount was divided and applied to collections of vegetables grown from our seeds.

As usual we offered a series of special prizes at the November Exhibition of the PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. These were awarded on certificate received from the secretary.

In Wyoming.

At the Albany County and Inter-Mountain Fair Association's Fifth Annual Fair, held September 16th, 17th, 18th, 1907, at Laramie, ELMER T. BELTZ, Laramie, was awarded first prize on both vegetables and flowers grown from our seeds, taking premiums to the value of **\$26.00** on same. We quote from “THE LARAMIE REPUBLICAN” of September 19th, 1907:—“Mr. and Mrs. Beltz have an extraordinary display of both flowers and vegetables, the exhibits being also entered in competition for the W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co. prize of \$5.00 offered by the Philadelphia seed firm for the best showing of products grown from their seeds. In the floral section the Beltzes have potted Asters, Dahlias, Marigolds, etc., in great profusion and variety, the beautiful effect being completed by masses of cut flowers—Poppies, Centaureas, and Sweet Peas, the position of honor being occupied by a mammoth design of the latter in red, white and blue. On the Belgz vegetable table may be seen cabbages weighing respectively 15, 16 and 18 lbs., ruta bagas which tip the scale at 4 lbs. each, and lettuce, onions, etc., in proportion.” *All these vegetables and flowers were grown from Burpee's seeds.*

\$10,243.45 in Cash.

To date (February 18th, 1908) we have received reports from exhibitions showing that the total amount which has actually been received by planters of BURPEE'S SEEDS in prizes the past season is **\$10,243.45.**

In Tennessee.

MRS. SETH M. CORLEY, Rome, received our special premium of \$5.00 as offered at the fair held by the Rome Fair Association, September 12th to 14th, 1907, on her display of the products of Burpee's seeds.

MRS. BETTIE J. ESTES, Lebanon, who received the Burpee Premium on her display of products of Burpee's seeds at the annual exhibition of the DeKalb County Fair Association, which was held last September at Alexandria, writes that she has been purchasing our seeds for about twelve years and has found them entirely satisfactory.

DR. J. I. ASHBAUGH, Columbia, exhibited a collection of vegetables grown exclusively from our seeds at the fair held by the Tennessee Fair Association at Columbia in September last. This collection of vegetables won for Dr. Ashbaugh the *First Prize* offered by the Association for "*Best Collection of Vegetables*" as well as the special premium offered by us at County Fairs.

For best display of vegetables exhibited at Gibson County Fair held last fall at Trenton, W. A. BAKER, Trenton, received first prize as offered by the Association, and as the vegetables in this collection were all grown from Burpee's seeds, this entitled him to the Burpee special premium of \$5.00.

In Vermont.

"I consider your seeds first-class and gladly recommend them to any one. My total winnings on your seeds amounted to \$35.00," writes H. B. RANSOM, South Pomfret. Mr. Ransom received our special premium of \$20.00 on his display of vegetables grown from our seeds at the VERMONT STATE FAIR, held at White River Junction, October 1st to 3d, 1907. He also received our special premium of \$5.00 for his display of the products of Burpee's seeds at the Windsor County Agricultural Society's fair held at Woodstock, September 24th to 26th, 1907.

While we only offer a special premium for display of vegetables at State Fairs we awarded Mrs. M. M. HOWARD, West Woodstock, a special prize of \$2.00 for the flowers she had on exhibition at the VERMONT STATE FAIR last fall, and which were grown from Burpee's seeds.

DANA H. STAFFORD, proprietor of Signal Hill Farm, Brattleboro, exhibited a collection of vegetables at the fair held last September by the Valley Fair Association at Brattleboro consisting of 125 varieties of vegetables in which were the three best citions on exhibition. These vegetables were raised from seeds purchased of us, and received the *First Premium* offered by the Association, which entitled Mr. Stafford to the Burpee special premium of \$5.00. The total amount of cash premiums received on the products of Burpee's seeds by Mr. Stafford the past season was \$32.80.

"The '*Burpee Quality*' won first money. We were awarded in all \$10.65," writes A. R. WAKEMAN, Barton, when acknowledging receipt of our check for \$5.00 in payment of premium awarded him on his collection of vegetables (grown from Burpee's seeds) exhibited at the fair held by the Orleans County Fair Association last August at Barton. This collection of vegetables was awarded the *Association's First Premium* for best and largest display.

V. P. THEAKSTON, St. Albans, under date of December 3d, 1907, writes as below in reference to his exhibit at the Franklin County Fair Association's annual fair, held at Sheldon Junction last September:—"Purchased last spring garden seed from you, and for the first time undertook to show the vegetables at the County Fair. The vegetables were beautiful, and I took twenty single prizes and the best display. Governor Proctor was so pleased with the display that he asked me to give the vegetables to him so he could send them to JAMESTOWN WORLD EXPOSITION to represent the produce of Vermont. I attached your name and all the ribbons and he sent all." This exhibit of Mr. Theakston received the *Association's First Prize* for best display, which, of course, entitled him to the special Burpee premium.

In Washington.

WILLIAM LEE, JR., North Yakima, received the *First Prize* of \$250.00 as offered at the WASHINGTON STATE FAIR for best display of vegetables. This display being composed of vegetables grown entirely from Burpee's seeds, was awarded the special Burpee Premium of \$20.00 as offered at the State Fairs for the best collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. Mr. Lee also received prizes on individual specimens amounting to \$3.50, making the total amount of premiums received the past season on the products of Burpee's seeds exclusively \$273.50. Mr. Lee writes,—"*Your seeds deserve all the praises bestowed on them. Will send in my spring order in due season.*"

For half-tone reproduction of photograph sent by Mr. Lee see page 31.

The *First Prize* for "*General Display of Market Garden Truck*" was awarded by the Stevens County Producers' Association, which held its annual fair at Colville last September, to B. R. MORAN, of Arden. This display being grown from Burpee's seeds, we awarded Mr. Moran our special premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs. In addition to the prize for "*General Display*," Mr. Moran received thirteen first premiums and six second premiums on individual specimens.

In Wisconsin.

Wisconsin has two official State Fairs,—NORTHERN WISCONSIN STATE FAIR, held at Chippewa Falls, and the WISCONSIN STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, which holds its fairs at Milwaukee.

The successful competitor for the Burpee Premium at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair, held September 16th to 20th, 1907, was JOSEPH WARD, Eau Claire, who writes under date of October 11, 1907:—"I succeeded in winning *First Premium* at the NORTHERN WISCONSIN STATE FAIR this year, on the largest and best display of vegetables, and also won the prize of \$20.00 which you offer for the best display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. At the NORTHERN WISCONSIN STATE FAIR I received *sixty-nine first premiums* and nineteen second premiums, and I took the *First Premium* on the Eau Claire County Display, amounting in all to \$283.00, adding to which your \$20.00 makes a total of \$303.00. Burpee's *Danish Roundhead Cabbage*, Burpee's *New Early Stonehead Cabbage*, took the blue ribbon, and some of the *Early Stonehead* weighed 25 lbs. each and could not be beaten in the northwest. Your new early lettuce, Burpee's *Nameless*, received the *first premium*, and all who saw the lettuce thought it was the finest they had ever seen. Your *Golden Self-Blanching Celery* and your *White Plume Celery* could not be beaten. Your *Genuine Mammoth Pumpkins* were fine. Some of the new *White Chinese Radishes* weighed 12 lbs. each. Your *Dry-Weather Cauliflower*, *Fordhook Famous Cucumber*, *Mammoth Late Sweet Corn*, *New Neapolitan Large Early Pepper*, *Sweet Upright Pepper*, *Trucker's Favorite Tomato* and *Ponderosa Tomato* all took *First Premiums* and all your vegetables were as fine as could be grown in the State of Wisconsin. My display of vegetables was so exceedingly fine this year that the State Board of Agriculture at Madison sent a photographer here to photograph same. In closing I wish to state that I feel highly pleased with my success this year."

Mr. Ward's photograph of his exhibit at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair upon careful examination was found to be the best received by us the past season, and we therefore awarded him the special prize of \$10.00, which we offer for the best photograph of a State Fair Exhibit.

See front cover page for a half-tone reproduction of Mr. Ward's photograph.

The secretary of Adams County Fair sent us a certificate stating that "E. J. COOLEY, of Easton, made the largest and best display of vegetables at our fair, held September 24th, 25th and 26th, 1907, and received the premium for said exhibit. E. J. COOLEY also received the *First Premium* for the best and largest exhibit of farm products by one exhibitor and received the premium therefore as advertised." Mr. Cooley writes that the vegetables exhibited were all grown from our seeds, and we therefore awarded him our premium of \$5.00 as offered at County Fairs.



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In Wisconsin.

MRS. E. O. JONES, Baraboo, received our cash premium of \$5.00 for the best display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the fair held by the Sauk County Agricultural Society, Baraboo, last fall.

Our special premium of \$5.00 was awarded to ALEXANDER LEES, Mondovi, for the best display of the products of Burpee's seeds at the Buffalo County Fair, which was held at Mondovi last August. November 27th, 1907, Mr. Lees wrote:—"I succeeded in obtaining twenty-six premiums on vegetables and flowers, *twenty-four of them being firsts*. Our fair was held early and vegetables were behind, so was at a disadvantage in contesting with those who had sandy soil, my own being very heavy and moist. *Burpee's seeds gave complete satisfaction.*"

"*Your seeds all sprouted this year and produced very fine vegetables.* Besides taking first on the vegetable collection, they took first on a number of different varieties," writes LLOYD BAMFORD, Plymouth, when advising us of his success in winning the society's first premium on his display of vegetables at the Sheboygan County Fair, held at Plymouth, September 3d to 6th, 1907. Having won the society's first premium on this display, Mr. Bamford was also entitled to our special premium of \$5.00. Mr. Bamford advises that he received a total amount of \$35.00 the past season on the products of Burpee's seeds.

"Burpee's seeds have won for me \$56.25. That shows that Burpee's seeds are all they are claimed to be. * * * I wish you could see my new English 'Beacon' Sweet Peas. They are perfect beauties.

* * * My sweet pea vines are still green (November 7th) and thrifty, but the frost has nipped the buds. Had the frost stayed away the vines would be covered with flowers." These are extracts from letters received from Mrs. SADIE CLEMMONS, Portage, in reference to her displays of flowers grown from Burpee's seeds at the Columbia County Fair, held at Portage, September 3d to 6th, 1907; the Dane County Fair, held at Madison, September 17th to 20th, 1907; Kilbourn Inter-County Fair, held at Kilbourn, October 1st to 4th, 1907. Mrs. Clemmons took *Sweepstakes* on her display of flowers at the Dane County Fair, said display being grown from Burpee's seeds exclusively. At each of these fairs Mrs. Clemmons received the Burpee Premium offered at County Fairs. This premium was divided at the Columbia County Fair, \$2.50 being offered for the best display of flowers and \$2.50 for the best display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds, making the total amount paid by us in premiums to Mrs. Clemmons the past season \$12.50.

JULIUS BLANKENBURG, Portage, was awarded the Burpee Premium on his collection of vegetables at the Columbia County Fair held at Portage last September. As stated above, this fair divided the Burpee Premium of \$5.00, offering \$2.50 each for best display of vegetables and best display of flowers grown from Burpee's seeds.

When sending us certificate of award, the secretary of Dodge County Fair Association said in reference to the exhibit made by FRANK J. LINDLEY, Fox Lake,—"His exhibit was one of the best displays of vegetables ever on exhibition at our fair, and he is entitled to any special offered by you." Mr. Lindley wrote, December 12th, 1907:—"I won about \$115.00 in premiums on the products of your seeds this year, including the \$5.00 I received from you for the best display of vegetables at the Dodge County Fair. You may depend upon an order from me next spring. *Your seeds have always given the best satisfaction and I consider them second to none.*"

At the fair held by the Berlin Agricultural and Industrial Association (Green Lake County Fair) last August, WILLIAM M. EDWARDS, Berlin, received the association's first premium on his collection of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. This entitled Mr. Edwards to the special Burpee premium. Mr. Edwards advises us that, including our check for \$5.00, the total amount of premiums received by him the past season on the products of Burpee's seeds exclusively was \$18.00.

"I made ten entries and received nine premiums, and would have won the tenth on Neapolitan Peppers only for a mistake I made in giving the wrong number, as they were the finest red peppers on exhibition," states Mrs. M. J. MURPHY, Oconto, when acknowledging receipt of our check for \$5.00 in payment of premium awarded her on her display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the fair held last September at Oconto by the Oconto County Fair Association.

In Wisconsin.

STEVE MEIDAM, Appleton, exhibited collections of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds at the Outagamie County Agricultural Society's Fair, held at Hortonville, September 23d to 25th, 1907, and the fair held by the Fox River Fair and Driving Association at Appleton, September 9th to 12th, 1907. At both these fairs he received the Burpee Premium. He advises us that he won \$29.25 at the Fox River Fair and \$40.75 at Outagamie County Fair, making a total of \$70.00 won the past season on the products of Burpee's seeds.

At the fair held by the WISCONSIN STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE at Milwaukee, September 9th to 13th, 1907, JOHN GRAPE, Waukesha, was awarded the Burpee Premium on his display of vegetables grown from Burpee's seeds. We quote from a letter received from Mr. Grape, September 27th:—"Again I won the Burpee Prize at the WISCONSIN STATE FAIR. *It is easy to do this with Burpee's seeds* against other seeds, but not so easy when you have to compete with Burpee's seeds themselves. *Indeed the fight is always between the Burpee patrons.* I took twenty-eight prizes out of thirty entries, amounting to \$78.50, exclusive of your special. *The Burpee's Earliest Pink Tomatoes* did even better with me this year than last. I have sold up to this date (September 25th), the first killing frost, \$107.00 worth of tomatoes picked from just two hundred plants. Who can beat this? *I consider Burpee's Earliest Pink the best tomato. Hurrah for Burpee's seeds!*" They grow and will also make the gardeners' banka counts grow." Total amount of premiums received by Mr. Grape was \$98.50, on the products of Burpee's seeds exclusively.

"I received the first premium (society's) on 'Best Display of Vegetables' grown from Burpee's seeds, which entitles me to your premium as offered in the FARM ANNUAL," writes Mrs. CLARA THINES, Eau Claire, when sending us certificate of award from the secretary of the Inter-County Fair, held at Durand last October. This fair is the regular County Fair of the Pepin County Agricultural Society. Having won the society's first prize on this exhibit, Mrs. Thines accordingly received our check for \$5.00, the amount of premium we offer at County Fairs.

In South Dakota.

Our special premium of \$5.00, offered for the best collection of vegetables grown from our seeds and exhibited at the fair held by the Minnehaha Fair and Festival Association during the first week of October last, was awarded by the judges in charge to JAMES WARING, Sioux Falls. The secretary of this fair advises us that Mr. Waring exhibited "eighteen varieties and all of them were very fine specimens." Mr. Waring writes that in addition to our special premium he won *first prize* (\$2.00) for the best two heads of Red Cabbage and *first prize* (\$2.00) for the best peck of Tomatoes, which were the *Dwarf Stone*.

The secretary of this fair stated in his letter to us concerning the awards at the Minnehaha Fair that the exhibit by EARL B. SWARTHOUT, Sioux Falls, was also worthy of special mention. Mr. Swarthout exhibited forty-six varieties grown from our seeds, but from the fact that they were not as well matured as the display made by Mr. Waring, he did not secure the premium. "but is entitled to much praise for the very excellent showing." We therefore awarded a special prize of \$3.00 to Mr. Swarthout in appreciation of his efforts.

Some Interesting Figures.

During the eight years in which we have offered the special BURPEE PREMIUM for competition at State and County Fairs, ten exhibitors have reported having won in cash premiums on the products of *Burpee's Seeds* a total of **eleven thousand, four hundred and forty-six dollars and three cents (\$11,446.03)**. You should read carefully the interesting account on page 3, where we give, year by year, from 1900 to 1907, a synopsis of the winnings of those exhibitors to whom has been awarded each year the "*Burpee Hundred Dollar Special*."

THE "BURPEE-IMPROVED" BUSH LIMA BEAN.

The many excellent reports received on this new variety have been extremely gratifying, as all the writers speak most enthusiastically of its merits. We were, of course, familiar with its fine bush habit of growth and the large size of both pods and beans, but were considerably surprised to receive so many reports of its being *so much earlier in season* than the original *Burpee's Bush Lima*, and even in some instances ahead of the *Quarter-Century Strain*. It is apparent also that the larger and thicker seed beans make a stronger start under favorable conditions than the smaller flat seed of the older varieties.

The reports uniformly refer to the vigor of growth and stiffly erect habit, which not only produces a large setting of pods, but holds them well above the soil, a most important feature in a wet season or where they are grown on heavy soils. In point of earliness, when planted at the same time, the pods of THE BURPEE-IMPROVED BUSH LIMA were ready for use five to ten days ahead of the original Burpee's Bush Lima, and were produced in greater numbers, that is, the pods on *The Burpee-Improved* were not only larger but there were many more early pods to the plant. In point of productiveness *The Burpee-Improved* excelled all other varieties, as the pods and beans were fully a third larger in size and the pods average one and two more beans to the pod than the original Burpee's Bush Lima. When shelled, the yield of the green beans from the same number of pods was, by measure, nearly double that of the older type, while in flavor and tenderness *The Burpee-Improved* fully equals, if it does not surpass, the finest large-podded pole varieties.

In at least one instance, *The Burpee-Improved* equalled the small podded *Henderson's Bush Lima* in earliness. This very early season of maturity, combined with the productiveness of *The Burpee-Improved Bush Lima*, as well as the large size and superior flavor of the green beans, will be a great "boom" to gardeners in the cooler northern sections, where it has been impossible to grow fine Limas heretofore, owing to the short cool summer seasons.

Award of Prizes on The "Burpee-Improved" Bush Lima Bean.

For Most Prolific Bush.

- First prize, \$50.00—G. H. PASSEY, Mamaroneck, N. Y. 164 pods
As Mr. Passey sent us the most prolific bush, he received also the special prize of \$100.00 for the most prolific bush of either *The "Burpee-Improved"* or *Fordhook Bush Lima* that was sent in competition.
- Second prize, \$35.00—F. L. HOGUE, Carpinteria, California. 121 pods.
- Third prize, \$25.00—J. A. CAMPBELL, Fort Spring, W. Va. 96 pods.
- Fourth prize, \$20.00—ABEL STEELE, Ferguson, Ont., Canada. 84 pods.
- Fifth prize, \$15.00—JOHN McCLEARY, Gardener to Mrs. R. G. C. Walker, School Lane, Germantown Philadelphia, Pa. 36 pods.
- Sixth prize, \$10.00—BENJ. F. CONOVER, R. F. D. 3, New Brunswick, N. J. 35 pods.

For Best Two Largest Pods.

- First prize, \$25.00—F. L. HOGUE, Carpinteria, California, one pod 7½ inches long containing six beans, and one pod 7¼ inches long, containing five beans.
- Second prize, \$15.00
Third prize, \$10.00
- As we received from two different customers two pods 7½ inches long, containing five beans each, we divided the second and third prizes, awarding \$12.50 each to: SAMUEL H. LOMAN, R. F. D. 2, Nassau, N. Y., and G. H. PASSEY, Mamaroneck, N. Y.
- Fourth prize, \$5.00—J. E. MORSE, Box 75, Northville, Mich., one pod 7½ inches long, one pod 7¼ inches long, containing five beans each.

For Clusters Containing Largest Number of Good Pods and Beans.

- First prize, \$25.00—SAMUEL H. LOMAN, R. F. D. 2, Nassau, N. Y., cluster of six pods, containing 21 beans.
- Second prize, \$15.00—F. L. HOGUE, Carpinteria, Cal., cluster of five pods, containing 19 beans.
- Third prize \$10.00—C. L. GOODRICH, Glendale, Md., cluster of five pods, containing 17 beans.

For Photographs.

- First prize, \$20.00—J. M. MASTERS, R. F. D. 8, Franklin, Ind.
- Second prize, \$10.00—WILLIAM J. S. BRADWAY, Hancock's Bridge, N. J.
- Third prize, \$5.00—J. E. MORSE, Box 75, Northville, Mich.
- Fourth prize, \$2.50—A. H. CHESLEY, 60 Westbrook St., Portland, Maine.
- Fifth prize, \$2.50—MARTIN L. BENSON, Dongola, Union Co., Ill.

For Reports.

- First prize, \$50.00—WM. W. FOUST, Barnegat, Ocean Co., N. J.
- Second prize, \$25.00—WARREN M. HALL, Proctorville, Ohio.
- Third prize, \$15.00—THOMAS J. STEED, R. F. D. 6, Buena Vista, Ga.
- Fourth prize, \$10.00—C. H. BREWER, Rahway, N. J.
- Fifth prize, \$7.50—J. E. MORSE, Box 75, Northville, Mich.

Ten Prizes of \$5.00 each to:

- CHAS. G. ADDISON, Springfield, Md.
H. F. STRATTON, Lebanon, Tenn.
MISS ADDIE M. BROYLES, Box 57, R. F. D. 6, Hendersonville, N. C.
MRS. EMMA DURFEE, Newark, Wayne Co., N. Y.
MRS. L. STILWILL, Box 12, R. F. D. 1, La Grande, Oregon.
MARTIN L. BENSON, Dongola, Ill.
REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, Danville, Quebec, Canada.
W. W. MARTIN, Brookfield, Mo.
MRS. MARY SHERIDAN, 817 Main St., Newton, Kansas.
J. W. JUNG, Randolph, Wisconsin.

Ten Prizes of \$2.50 each to:

- CHAS. D. HINDS, 701 Avery Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
MRS. M. M. EDGAR, Ventura, Cal.
J. WESLEY GRIFFIN, Box 770, Warsaw, Ky.
MOSES H. KESEY, West Salisbury, Vt.
W. J. BONE, Stockton, N. J.
E. E. MILLER, Morristown, Tenn.
MRS. F. E. LYON, Schooner Point, Indiana.
J. R. LAWRENCE, Raynham, Mass.
MRS. H. LELAND SANGER, South Woodstock, Conn.
MRS. M. E. BURCKHALTER, Peachontas, Iowa.

Twenty-five Prizes of \$1.00 each to:

- FLORA G. MELLEN, McLean, New York.
MRS. FRANK G. HILDBRETH, R. F. D. 2, Herkimer, N. Y.
MRS. M. WINNIE, Honesdale, Wayne Co., Penna.
LESTER W. SPEER, 126 Prospect Place, Rutherford, N. J.
G. H. PASSEY, Mamaroneck, N. Y.
GEORGE A. BRENT, "Brentwood," Anchorage, Ky.
LEO A. HAENN, Tanguy, Chester Co., Penna.
MRS. GEO. W. CHAPPELEAR, Delaplaine, Va.
JOHN T. TEAT, Cardington, Ohio.
JOHN W. ROWLAND, Whittier St., Rahway, N. J.

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Award of \$1.00 Prizes,—continued.

MRS. J. SIDNEY SHAW, Box 233, Prescott, Ontario, Canada.
MRS. J. L. FLAGG, Box 82, R. F. D. 1, Lawrence, Mich.
MISS CLARA A. CURTIS, 66 Village Ave., Dedham, Mass.
MRS. NANCY GRAYBILL, Kernstown, Va.
JOHN S. HUNTER, Box 75, R. F. D. 3, Savannah, Mo.
R. OSBORNE, Hurlock, Md.
JOHN D. SMITH, Box 253, Mackinaw, Ill.
W. G. CLEARY, R. F. D. 11, Lebanon, Tenn.
E. HALLEY, 490 Stratford Road, Brooklyn, New York.
EDWARD F. BIDDLE, R. F. D. 5, Des Moines, Iowa.
GEO. W. WILLIAMS, Greenhurst, Md.
JOSHUA D. OWINGS, Westminster, Md.
MRS. W. H. BRADFORD, R. F. D. 64, Troy, Pa.
M. S. RYBOLT, Bridgeport, Ind.
W. G. BULGIN, Franklin, N. C.

First Prize Report.

WM. W. FOUST, Barnegat, New Jersey, October 1, 1907, writes:—After a thorough trial of *The "Burpee-Improved"* I unhesitatingly pronounce it decidedly the best bush lima in existence. Some of its many good points are—

Earliness: It is the earliest of all bush limas, with the possible exception of the small seeded *Henderson Bush Lima*. I regret that I did not include the *Henderson* with the other sorts I planted for comparison, as I am satisfied that *The "Burpee-Improved"* would have given the *Henderson* the closest call for earliest it ever had. *The "Burpee-Improved"* was ten days earlier than the old *Burpee Bush*, ten days earlier than *Early Leviathan Pole*, over two weeks earlier than *Kumerle Bush* and *Salem Improved Pole Lima*, and five days earlier than the new *Fordhook Bush Lima* (which last variety is remarkably early for a "thick lima").

Hardiness and Vigor: During the phenomenally cold and wet spring of 1907 *The "Burpee-Improved"* germinated quicker than any other lima, except the *Fordhook Bush Lima*, both these varieties coming up several days in advance of other sorts, and both varieties were as easy to transplant as cabbage plants.

Stockiness: Even when just up, the thick stalk was very much in evidence and the stocky habit was continued throughout the season, every plant forming a perfect bush, standing perfectly against wind and rain without even a suggestion of a runner, nothing being put forth but bean stalks.

Size: Pods were much larger than in the original *Burpee Bush*, with beans considerably larger and thicker. There were pods as large as those of *Salem Improved Mammoth*, with beans as large and much thicker.

Quality: It had that indescribably delicious lima flavor that is only found at its best in the various types of large lima, both bush and pole, and the large green beans were of attractive appearance. Made into succotash, especially when the *Seymour's Sweet-Orange* or *Golden Bantam Sweet Corn* was used, it was simply great.

Productiveness: It yielded better than any other bush lima, and kept on forming pods late in the season.

For the above reasons it is destined to become the standard bush lima of the future.

It is "Perfection."

W. W. MARTIN, Brookfield, Mo., October 10, 1907, writes:—The NEW BURPEE-IMPROVED BUSH LIMA BEAN is perfection,—*The King of Beans*. The plants are absolutely erect, owing to the heavy main stalk which is strong enough to hold all of its branches entirely from the ground. The season here has been very wet, but the many hard, beating rains had no effect on the vines as they stood erect through the entire season, not even a pod touching the ground, thus preventing mildew and rust. The vines are very symmetrical in shape, being about twenty-six inches in height by about two feet across the top and at this date, October 6th, are filled with blossoms and long, flat pods, hanging very thickly in clusters of five or six, the pods averaging five and one-half to six inches in length by an inch and a quarter in width, containing never less than three and more frequently five beans of almost supernatural size. I placed five beans over the ones shown in illustration on page 15 of the catalog and my beans completely covered those in illustration, showing that your picture does not do it justice. As compared with *Burpee's Bush*, it is better in every way: in size, in shape, in earliness, in productiveness, and in the erect growth of the bushes. In flavor it is unexcelled.

Excel All Other Varieties.

H. F. STRATTON, Lebanon, Tenn., August 30, 1907, writes:—Planted twelve beans each of "BURPEE-IMPROVED" BUSH LIMA, "FORDHOOK" BUSH LIMA, *Kumerle* or *Dreer's Bush Lima* and *Burpee's Bush Lima*, May 20, 1907. It was too cold to plant earlier. June 10th all were up except *Dreer's*, which appeared June 15th. All were planted in the open ground and all received exactly the same treatment. I got twelve plants from "BURPEE-IMPROVED," nine from "FORDHOOK," eight from *Burpee's Bush* and three from *Dreer's*. The photographs in your catalog show correctly the difference in size of the shelled beans of these four varieties as attested by pods which I send you. My tests, made with much care and observation, show that "BURPEE-IMPROVED" excels the others, all points considered, and this is saying a great deal. It excels the others in size of pods, number of beans in the pods, and size of shelled beans. FORDHOOK is second in these respects, the beans in *Burpee's Bush Lima* being a close rival of FORDHOOK in size; being flatter they appear as large, but FORDHOOK is fatter and thicker and the pods with me were much better filled. *Dreer's Lima* is outclassed in all respects, and yet it is a good bean and carried from twenty to thirty-five short, stubby, well-filled pods to the plant, the beans being roundish, plump and small. Some of the stalks of THE BURPEE-IMPROVED and FORDHOOK bore as many pods as an entire plant of *Dreer's*. The stalks on *Dreer's* fell to the ground at once, while the others stood erect with their pods, maturing pods and blooming and producing new pods all the time in the greatest profusion, until the plants are almost overburdened with the great number and weight of the pods, filled with the large heavy beans. The plants are as strong and stocky as could be desired and the branching habit is wonderful, far excelling *Dreer's* in this respect and in strength, size and vigor of plant. They continued to bloom and branch and produce pods long after *Dreer's* had ceased. I had one bush of *Burpee's Bush Lima* that had about the same number of pods on it that "BURPEE-IMPROVED" had, but the latter were heavier and better filled. With this one exception the BURPEE-IMPROVED was more prolific than all the others, running from fifty to one hundred pods to the plant, with FORDHOOK a close rival, running seventy-five and eighty pods to the plant. These pods referred to were the third crop; the drought of two months, hot weather, and fresh manure and cultivation while in bloom having caused the loss of the first and second crops. The results were attained under the most trying circumstances on ordinary clay and gravelly upland. These two new Limas are certainly marvels. The size of the crop they bear will only be limited by conditions and the treatment they receive. They showed a remarkable ability to resist drought and hot weather, remaining fresh and green throughout.

"In a Class by Itself"

C. H. BREWER, Rahway, N. J., Sept. 16, 1907, writes:—BURPEE-IMPROVED BUSH LIMA. "Improved" hardly expresses the great superiority of this new lima bean over all others of the bush type. The plant grows in perfect bush form, and holds up its load of large-sized pods and beans through the strong, stocky, compact habit of growth. Pods of large size are borne in clusters and filled with beans fully one-third larger than any other bush Lima bean. Foliage healthy, of a dark glossy-green color, withstanding unfavorable weather conditions better than any of the other bush Limas, as I have tested them all. Every feature of THE BURPEE-IMPROVED BUSH LIMA is so far ahead of all others as to put it in a class by itself.

The shelled beans in the green stage are of that beautiful greenish tint so much desired by lovers of Lima beans. It is a good cropper and fully one week earlier than *Burpee's Bush Lima*.

FORDHOOK BUSH LIMA BEAN. Strong, stiffly erect plants of true bush type, loaded with pods nearly twice as large as those of any other Lima of the potato Lima type. Pods grow in clusters, many containing five large pods, each pod containing three to four beans of great size and of delicious flavor when cooked. It is champion of the "Potato Lima" class, and I will save every bean for seed and discard the *Dreer's* as soon as I can replace with the FORDHOOK. Very productive and the earliest type of the potato lima class I have yet grown.

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The Single Beans are Truly Immense.

J. E. MORSE, Box 75, Northville, Michigan, October 11th, 1907, writes:—From comparative tests in our grounds between *The Burpee-Improved* and *Burpee's Bush Lima* beans we note the following:

Both varieties planted on same date (June 3d), in same kind of soil, and received identical treatment. The spring was exceedingly wet and cold; in July a severe hail-storm whipped off nearly all blossoms borne above foliage, and cut and broke off many leaves. A prolonged drought followed this setback. The plants also suffered from depredations of moles. *Burpee-Improved* came through the ordeal in better shape than *Burpee's Bush*, growing more vigorously, with heavier foliage, and matured its crop sixteen days earlier. This advantage alone would decide any gardener in favor of the *Improved*; and, in addition to this, we find the plants set more pods, larger pods and more beans to the pod. Thus the much longer season, together with increased number and size of beans, makes *The Burpee-Improved* a much heavier cropper than *Burpee's Bush Lima*. The single beans of *The Burpee-Improved* are also larger, being truly immense, and are of even better quality than *Burpee's Bush*. The thin, green skin of *The Burpee-Improved* is much more tender than the thick white skin of *Burpee's Bush*, and also the fatter, chubby beans seem richer in flavor than do the thinner ones.

Ten plants of each variety were considered in the test, with the following results as to yield:

First picking from <i>Improved</i>	Sept. 1st
" " <i>Bush</i>	Sept. 17th
Most prolific bush— <i>Improved</i>	41 pods
" " <i>Bush</i>	26 pods
Average number of pods for 10 plants—	
<i>Improved</i>	29 pods
Average number of pods for 10 plants—	
<i>Bush</i>	19 pods
Entire crop of <i>Improved</i>	9½ quarts pods
Entire crop of <i>Improved</i>	3¼ quarts shelled beans
Entire crop of <i>Burpee's Bush</i>6 quarts pods
Entire crop of <i>Burpee's Bush</i>1½ quarts shelled beans

Both varieties were cut short by heavy frost during latter part of September. In our test *The Burpee-Improved* yielded more than double the amount of shelled beans yielded by *Burpee's Bush*. This we think was largely brought about by earlier maturing of the crop of *The Burpee-Improved*.

In size of pods our *Burpee-Improved* did even better than the photos on page 15 of *Burpee's Catalog* for 1907, our largest one measuring 6¾ inches long and 1½ inches broad. Our largest bean measured 1½ inches long, 1½ inches wide and ⅞ inch thick. Our entire crop would easily stand up beside the green beans pictured on page 11 of catalog noted above.

Description: *The Burpee-Improved Bush Lima* grows stiffly erect to a height of 24 to 30 inches. From the main stem branch many laterals, which throw out long shoots on which the beans are borne quite well above the foliage, in clusters of four to nine pods each. The plants are about 24 inches through and have heavy foliage of broad, dark green leaves. The pods are from five to nearly seven inches long, average about one and one-fourth inches broad and one-half inch in thickness, and contain from three to five beans of immense size and delicious flavor. The green beans when full sized average 1½ by 1 by ⅓ inches in size, are green in color, with very tender skin. The dried beans are of a greenish-white color and much meatier than ordinary lima beans. Good points in favor of this variety are freedom from rust and anthracnose, easy shelling of beans, immense yield and early maturity. We predict that *The Burpee-Improved Bush Lima* will displace all other varieties of bush Lima beans, with the market gardeners if not with the home growers.

Of Luscious Flavor.

REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, Danville, Quebec, Canada, October 4th, 1907, writes:—*Burpee's Bush Lima* is an excellent variety, but *The Burpee-Improved* surpasses it in such respects as these:—1st. It is more vigorous; 2d. It has larger pods and beans; 3d. It is about a week earlier; 4th. It is a much heavier cropper. At the same time it retains the luscious flavor for which *Burpee's Bush Lima* is justly celebrated, so that, everything considered, the former will be displaced altogether by the latter in a few years. Both this and its companion, *Fordhook Bush Lima*, are worthy to be called "new creations," and I thank you for having called my attention to them.

Continuously Loaded with Large Pods.

THOMAS J. STEED, R. No. 6, Buena Vista, Ga., September 10th, 1907, writes:—*The Burpee-Improved Bush Lima* is without doubt the finest lima bean ever introduced. It is far superior to any lima bean now existing. This new bean has the same good eating quality as the best large pole limas, while the plants are more productive and the pods and beans are larger than the largest pole limas.

April 24th, 1907, I planted one packet of *The "Burpee-Improved" Bush Lima*, which contained thirteen seeds. Every seed grew, making thirteen mammoth bean bushes, measuring thirty-three inches in height and twenty-eight inches across the top. They are continuously loaded with large pods throughout the season. They begin bearing quite early and continue until the frost stops them. The beans are ready for use about the same time as those of the *Henderson Bush Lima*, or about ten or twelve days earlier than *Burpee's Bush Lima*. The bushes stand very erect, holding their large crop of pods well up off the soil, which prevents them from rotting. The branches grow out from the main stalk like *Burpee's Bush Lima*, and from these branches long, stout spikes are thrown out well above the foliage, on which the pods are borne in very prolific clusters. The leaves are dark green in color and are very broad and tough, which makes them proof against light frost and insects. Both the pods and beans are very large. Pods are from four to six and one-fourth inches long and one and three-eighths inches wide by one-half inch thick, and the green beans are one and three-eighths inches long, by one inch wide and three-eighths of an inch thick. The pods contained from four to five beans each. This new bush lima will outyield *Burpee's Bush Lima* by at least thirty-five per cent. This increased yield is due to the plants being more productive, pods containing from two to three more beans each and the beans being much larger. It will outyield *Henderson's Bush Lima* by fully forty per cent., as it takes a whole pod of *Henderson's* lima beans to make one bean of *The Burpee-Improved*. This new lima bean has long roots, which go very deep into the soil, which enables it to resist both dry and wet weather to a remarkable degree and to hold itself firm in the soil.

"The Best Lima in Cultivation."

MRS. L. STELLWILL, Box 12, R. F. D. 1, La Grande, Oregon, October 3d, 1907, writes:—A report of *The Burpee-Improved Bush Lima Bean*. Last spring I received from you the seed of *The Burpee-Improved Lima Bean* and also the *Burpee's Bush Lima*. The seed of the *Burpee-Improved* was so different, so much larger in size. On June 1st in well prepared soil I planted twenty-four seeds each of both varieties for a comparative test trial. And just after planting it commenced raining and was so cold and cloudy for two weeks that I thought that every seed had decayed. But to my surprise twenty seeds of the *Burpee-Improved* came up and grew and only six of *Bush Lima* grew, it showing a much stronger vitality for germinating. They all grew up into enormously large bushes in a remarkably short time and commenced blooming and setting the pods sooner. The plants are of a much stronger and larger growth, well branched, and they stand very erect and the foliage is a darker and richer green. None of the leaves had the first sign of rust or blight. They are wonderfully prolific.

And one can hardly realize that so many pods could be borne on a plant as there was on them. The bushes stand so erect and uniform in size. It was a sight to see them. Our seasons are so cool and short it is almost impossible to grow the limas, and for the last four years I have tried nearly all varieties and failed. In my former home I have grown the limas and had thought no other kind would equal the "B's" *Bush Lima*, but I am fully convinced that this new variety excels it, and is without a doubt decidedly the best lima in cultivation. The beans are so large and are such a pearly whiteness which makes them very attractive and easy to prepare for cooking, and when cooked they have an excellent flavor, being very tender and delicious. I gave them a great deal of care and had thought I would have a fine bush to send you, but, unfortunately, the frost came too soon. I will send you two pods of both varieties so you may see the difference. I think this new lima bean an exceptionally fine introduction and one that will be greatly appreciated by every one, for surely it is the best variety of all the limas, and is indeed a grand novelty, and one like the old *Burpee's Bush Lima* will stand a long time before it finds its rival or equal.

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Of Delicious Flavor.

MISS ADDIE M. BROYLES, R. F. D. 6, Box 57, Hendersonville, N. C., September 28th, 1907, writes:—The New "Burpee-Improved" Bush Lima Bean. This fine new lima has made plain the fact that there is always a rich treat in store for those who give Burpee's novelties a fair chance. It was grown beside Burpee's Bush Lima, the two being planted on the same date, and the test showed it to be a superior bean in many respects. It has done well here, considering that the season has been dry all through. It is evident that the crop would have been some heavier if there had been frequent showers. The plants are of perfect bush habit, while some of the plants of Burpee's Bush Lima make short vines. The bushes stand up well, there being an ample supply of long roots, which take a deep, firm hold in the soil. They are of good size, being about two feet high and measuring twenty inches across the top. The foliage is abundant and of thick substance, closely resembling that of Burpee's Bush Lima. The main stalk and the branches are very large and are sufficiently strong to hold the load of fine pods well above the ground. These pods are borne in clusters of three to five and contain three to five beans each, with an average of four. Compared with Burpee's Bush Lima, it is found to be a much heavier cropper on account of the increased size of both beans and pods. These pods are of good size, averaging four and a half inches long by one and one-eighth inches wide. The beans are almost twice as thick as those of Burpee's Bush Lima. By actual count of the pods The "Burpee-Improved" produced an average of sixty pods to the bush, while Burpee's Bush Lima produced an average of only fifty-five, and these pods contained, at most, only three beans each. The flavor of The "Burpee-Improved" Bush Lima as grown here is milder and more delicious than that of Burpee's Bush Lima, the flavor of the latter being very rich and strong. The "Burpee-Improved" is a few days earlier than Burpee's Bush Lima. This new lima is very meritorious and is sure to grow in favor with every one.

One Week to Ten Days Earlier.

J. W. JUNG, Randolph, Wisconsin, October 4, 1907, writes:—Probably no greater advance was ever made in a vegetable than the BURPEE-IMPROVED BUSH LIMA BEAN. The plants show great hardiness and vigor from the time the plants come up until maturity. The leaves are very large, of a dark-green color and of much more substance than the BURPEE BUSH LIMA; therefore, showing its superiority over the old variety in this respect by being *much hardier*. The plants are of true bush growth and when full grown measure about thirty inches high by twenty inches across. The stalks on which the pods are borne are thrown out from the lateral or main stalk and *stand well above the foliage*, where the sun can reach them during the day. This feature probably accounts in a great measure for their *increased earliness*. The pods are borne in clusters of three to eight.

The pods are *truly of mammoth size*, often six inches long and containing five of the monstrous beans each. It is more productive than Burpee's Bush Lima in three ways, viz.: More prolific bushes; larger and better filled pods, and increased size of beans. The beans are very tender and of a most delicious, rich, buttery flavor.

In season of ripening it is from one week to ten days earlier than the Burpee Bush Lima, making it a most valuable variety for planting in the Northern States.

Bears Earlier "With Marvelous Prodigality."

MRS. EMMA DUFFEE, Newark, Wayne Co., N. Y., October 2, 1907, writes:—BURPEE-IMPROVED BUSH LIMA, planted May 25th (same date as Burpee's Bush Lima for comparison), was ready for use in eleven weeks,—eight days in advance of Burpee's Bush, bearing *continuously* and with *marvelous prodigality* until claimed by frost. It was of larger growth than Burpee's Bush and more ruggedly constituted, which carried it without injury throughout all this summer's severe drought; whereas, a large portion of buds and pods of Burpee's Bush withered and dropped off. Plants though branching freely were stiffly upright through wind and storm, showing not the least tendency to vine, with foliage more luxuriant than Burpee's Bush, larger and heavier in texture, equal to large pole limas. Pods were borne on longer and stouter stalks, well up from ground, thus keeping them clean, free from blight and easier and more quickly gathered. They were also smoother and more symmetrical and uniform in shape and size. There were no culls

Bushes are Laden with Pods all Summer.

CHAS. G. ADDISON, Springfield, Md., October 3d, 1907, writes:—The Burpee-Improved Bush Lima Bean grown in comparison with the original Burpee's Bush Lima. I planted both varieties about the 15th of May in ordinary garden soil, in rows side by side, the rows being six feet apart. Both vegetated with hardly a missing hill, and grew perfectly, each receiving the identical same care and attention throughout the season. As compared with the original Burpee's Bush, which itself is a magnificent bean, and which I have been planting ever since it was introduced some fifteen years ago at the price of 75c. for four seeds (and which until this summer I thought could not possibly be excelled, having grown all the other varieties of Bush Limas in comparison with it), I find The Burpee-Improved Bush Lima to be even more superb, as the bushes are much larger and more vigorous in growth—are stiffer, stronger and more erect, a *perfect bush without the slightest inclination to run or climb*, holding the pods off of the ground so well that I have been unable to discover a single damaged one among them the whole season, as is so common with most other bush limas, as many as 30 per cent. sometimes spoiling in wet weather.

The Burpee-Improved Bush Lima is quite 25 per cent. more prolific than the original Burpee Bush Lima (a most wonderfully productive bean as it is), as there are not only more pods on The Burpee-Improved Bush Lima, but they are considerably larger and fuller, the beans themselves also being half as large again on the average. The Burpee-Improved is also a more continuous bearer than the original, as the bushes in my garden have been laden with pods all summer, the first being ready for the table at the beginning of August, and still, October 3d, are yielding abundantly, while the original Burpee Bush Lima after its first and second bearing (in August and September) are now without any green pods whatever.

Taken all in all, The Burpee-Improved Bush Lima as well as the Fordhook Bush Lima (which I have already reported on) are absolutely unrivaled, and it would be a hard matter for even the far-famed Luther Burbank to produce anything to excel them. Hereafter I shall discard all other varieties, both pole and bush, as I am well provided now with a good supply of seed which I am carefully saving for next year's planting.

"They are Wonderful Producers."

MRS. MARY SHERIDAN, 817 Main St., Newton, Kansas, September 20th, 1907, writes:—I got a packet containing twelve seeds of "Burpee-Improved" Bush Lima Bean and gave them a careful trial to learn thoroughly what they would be worth to me as a market gardener. Every seed came up and were a perfect success from start to finish. The main stalks grew strong, erect and stiff. Each main stalk threw out an abundance of lateral strong branches on which grew a heavy foliage. The main and lateral stalks produced an immense quantity of long spikes, and on these spikes grew clusters of pods, from five to ten perfect big pods in a cluster, the pods having from five to ten of the largest beans in existence. Many of the pods were over six inches long and one and a half inches wide, near one inch thick. The shelled beans were near one and a half inches long, one inch wide and half an inch thick. When the bushes were done growing some were thirty-five inches tall and thirty-one inches across the top. I gathered a vast quantity of excellent large beans from the twelve bushes and every bean is priceless to me to raise from for selling next season. The "Burpee-Improved" Bush Lima Bean will be a big profit to me as a market gardener. The immense size of the shelled beans is astonishing, and they are wonderful producers and the best of flavor, with all their many good qualities combining. Therefore, they are one of the grandest additions to my market garden that I ever have or ever will get hold of. The value of "Burpee-Improved" Bush Lima over Burpee's Bush Lima is a great deal. I think a great deal of Burpee's Bush, but "Burpee-Improved" is double what Burpee's Bush is, for the bushes are much larger, giving room for more beans to the bush; the pods and shelled beans are near as large again, so there is a great gain in quantity in "Burpee-Improved" over Burpee's Bush Lima. The "Burpee-Improved" were ready to use eight days, this season, before Burpee's Bush. "Burpee-Improved" Bush Lima Bean is at the head of all the bean family. In all my forty years of gardening I have never found anything that is so popular with me as "Burpee-Improved" Bush Lima Bean.



FORDHOOK BUSH LIMA BEAN.

Reproduction of Photograph sent by F. OUGHELTRIE, Verona, N. J., and for which we awarded First Prize.

FORDHOOK BUSH LIMA BEAN.

This most distinct of all varieties of the toothsome Lima Bean has won a host of friends in its first year's trial by discriminating gardeners, and our only regret in reading over the many excellent reports we received in competition for the series of prizes offered in the 1907 FARM ANNUAL, is that we could not award a prize to each and every report. We feel well assured, however, that all of our customers who grew the *Fordhook Bush Lima Bean* the past season and tested its fine table quality will feel amply repaid by the productiveness of the plants and the luscious sweetness of the green beans, and will agree with us that the *Fordhook Bush Lima* is one of the most valuable additions to the list of fine garden vegetables that has ever been offered.

Many of the customers sending these reports made a planting of the *Kumerle* or *Dreer Bush Lima* at the same time for a comparison, and all were unanimous in stating that the new *Fordhook Bush Lima* is greatly superior to the other variety in every way. These comparisons start with the more desirable form of growth as shown by the *Fordhook Bush Lima*, as the plants of this new variety are always stiffly erect and of true bush form, with the large dark green leaves of the ordinary limas, while the *Kumerle* or *Dreer* branches sprawl over the ground, with smaller yellowish or pale green leaves, and many of the pods on the latter mildew or rot in wet weather and are unfit for use. The strong erect growth of the *Fordhook* holds the pods well above the soil, and all pods and beans produced were gathered in fine condition, even in localities where the summer was exceptionally wet.

In point of productiveness the *Fordhook* was from one to two weeks earlier than the *Kumerle* or *Dreer's Bush Lima*, and in one instance yielded three times as many shelled beans by measure from the same number of pods; the pods of the new *Fordhook* containing one to two more beans, while the individual beans were very much larger in size. The *Fordhook* was also more continuously productive than the *Kumerle* or *Dreer*, blossoming and setting pods throughout the season until the plants were cut off by heavy frosts.

In point of flavor there is no comparison between the *Fordhook* and the older fat Limas, commonly known as "*Potato Limas*," as the beans of the older varieties, even when young and tender, have a dry mealy character and lack sweetness, while the thick fat beans of the *Fordhook* are identical in tenderness, sweetness and flavor with the best of the pole lima varieties and cook even more quickly. In fact, we think it is entirely safe to say, both from our own tests and from the reports sent us, that the *Fordhook Bush Lima* is the very tenderest, sweetest and finest flavored of all Lima Beans, and resembles the old *Potato Lima* only in structure of pod and the easiness with which they can be gathered and shelled from the pod. In illustration of this most essential feature for the housewife, one report states that the pods could be gathered by the handful from the large clusters as they grew on the plant, and another that five pints of pods gave three pints of fine shelled beans.

Award of Prizes on Fordhook Bush Lima Bean.

For Most Prolific Bushes.

- First prize, \$50.00—G. H. PASSEY, Mamaroneck, N. Y. 126 pods.
 Second prize, \$35.00—F. L. HOGUE, Carpinteria, California. 119 pods.
 Third prize, \$25.00—EDWARD F. BIDDLE, R. F. D. 5, Des Moines, Iowa. 70 pods.
 Fourth prize, \$20.00—SAMUEL H. LOMAN, R. F. D. 2, Nassau, N. Y. 60 pods.
 Fifth prize, \$15.00—ABEL STEELE, Ferguson, Ontario, Canada. 59 pods.
 Sixth prize, \$10.00—JACOB E. SWARTWOOD, Sciota, Pa. 55 pods.

For Best Two Largest Pods.

- First prize, \$25.00—J. M. LIGHTLE, 512 N. 8th St., Coshocton, Ohio, for one pod 7 inches long containing five beans and one pod 6½ inches long containing four beans.
 Second prize, \$15.00—MRS. YANTIS R. PIGG, Rose-land, Mo., for one pod 6½ inches long, containing five beans, and one pod 5½ inches long containing four beans.
 Third prize, \$10.00—L. A. LOWMASTER, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, for one pod 6 inches long containing four beans and one pod 5½ inches long containing four beans.
 Fourth prize, \$5.00—F. C. MENAUGH, Williamstown, Ky., for one pod 5½ inches long containing four beans and one pod 5½ inches long containing four beans.

For the Largest Clusters.

- First prize, \$25.00—F. OUGHELTREE, Verona, N. J., for a cluster of nine pods containing 30 beans.
 Second prize, \$15.00—G. H. PASSEY, Mamaroneck, N. Y., for a cluster of seven pods containing twenty-four beans.
 Third prize, \$10.00—F. L. HOGUE, Carpinteria, Cal., for a cluster of six pods containing twenty-three beans.

For Reports.

- First prize, \$50.00—CHAS. G. ADDISON, Springfield, Md.
 Second prize, \$25.00—THOMAS J. STEED, R. F. D. 6, Buena Vista, Ga.
 Third prize, \$15.00—MRS. M. M. EDGAR, Ventura, Cal.
 Fourth prize, \$10.00—WM. W. FOUST, Barnegat, Ocean Co., N. J.
 Fifth prize, \$7.50—E. E. MILLER, Morristown, Tenn.

Ten Prizes of \$5.00 each to:

- G. M. HUMPHREYS, Alexandria, Va.
 HENDRICK VAN CLEEF, JR., Box 16, Cliffwood, N. J.
 J. E. MORSE, Box 75, Northville, Michigan.
 THOS. C. ROBERTS, Box 38, Rutledge, Mo.
 W. W. MARTIN, Brookfield, Mo.
 W. G. BULGIN, Franklin, N. C.
 MRS. EMMA DURFEE, Newark, Wayne Co., N. Y.
 REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, Danville, Quebec, Canada.
 C. A. BROWNSON, Rochester, Mich.
 H. J. WRIGHT, 262 Rademacher St., Detroit, Mich.

Ten Prizes of \$2.50 each to:

- CHAS. D. HINDS, 701 Avery Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
 MRS. ELLA S. BENSON, Dongola, Ill.
 WM. McMORRAN, Fox Lake, Wis.
 R. B. PLUMLY, Lincoln University, Pa.
 JOHN T. TEAT, Cardington, Ohio.
 C. H. BREWER, Riverside Farm, Rahway, N. J.
 J. WESLEY GRIFFIN, Box 770, Warsaw, Ky.
 MRS. MARY SHERIDAN, 817 Main St., Newton, Kansas.
 J. W. JUNG, Randolph, Wis.
 MISS ADDIE M. BROYLES, Box 57, R. F. D. 6, Hendersonville, N. C.

Twenty-five Prizes of \$1.00 each to:

- MRS. D. W. C. RUFF, 732 Globe Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.
 JOHN S. LINSLEY, M.D., Baldwin Place, N. Y.
 BRINTON W. JACOBS, R. F. D. 1, Malvern, Pa.
 MRS. RALPH T. WARD, No. Lansing, Mich.
 MRS. M. WINNIE, Honesdale, Pa.
 J. R. LAWRENCE, Raynham, Mass.
 H. MARTIN VAIL, 318 Primrose St., Syracuse, N. Y.
 MRS. H. LELAND SANGER, South Woodstock, Conn.
 MISS IDA A. MELLE, McLean, Tompkins Co., N. Y.
 MRS. F. E. LYON, Schooner Point, Ind.
 MRS. L. STILWILL, R. F. D. 1, La Grande, Ore.
 R. OSBORNE, Hurlock, Md.
 JOHN S. DONELSON, Box 88, R. F. D. 2, Delavan, Ill.
 LEO A. HAENN, Tanguy, Pa.
 GEO. R. PROCTOR, R. F. D. 3, Washington, Ill.
 A. W. STEINRUCK, Middletown, Pa.
 JOHN McCLEARY, Gardener to Mrs. R. J. C. Walker, School Lane, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.
 JOSHUA D. OWINGS, Westminster, Md.
 MRS. J. L. FLAGG, Box 82, R. F. D. 1, Lawrence, Mich.
 D. NELSON RYDER, Cuylerville, N. Y.
 GEO. A. BRENT, "Brentwood," Anchorage, Ky.
 W. G. CLEARY, R. F. D. 11, Lebanon, Tenn.
 LESTER W. SPEER, Rutherford, N. J.
 EDWIN SHAW, Kibbie, Mich.
 A. G. BACON, Perry, N. Y.

For Photographs.

- First prize, \$20.00—F. OUGHELTREE, Box 125, Verona, N. J.
 Second prize, \$10.00—M. S. RYBOLT, Bridgeport, Indiana.
 Third prize, \$5.00—WM. J. S. BRADWAY, Hancock's Bridge, N. J.
 Fourth prize, \$2.50—J. E. MORSE, Box 75, Northville, Mich.
 Fifth prize, \$2.50—H. MARTIN VAIL, 318 Primrose St., Syracuse, N. Y.

First Prize Report.

CHAS. G. ADDISON, South Springfield, Maryland, October 1st, 1907, writes:—I am now prepared to give you results of my experience with *Fordhook Bush Lima Bean*, a packet of seed of which I got of you last spring and grew them in my garden in comparison with *Dreer's Bush Lima*—the seed of the latter also bought of you. I planted them in the same bed, the rows running side by side, four feet apart, on the 14th of May, and in the first place I must say that the seeds of the *Fordhook Bush Lima* were so absolutely pure and perfect that of the twelve seeds that were in the packet every one vegetated and grew splendidly, with one single exception. The remaining eleven commenced to bloom very early, considering the backward season, and by the beginning of August the first beans were ready for the table, the *Dreer's* being several days later; and such magnificent lima beans as the *Fordhook's* I have never seen in all the thirty-five years' experience I have had in growing them for both market and home use, excelling my highest expectations.

While I cannot say it yields more pods to the bush than *Dreer's*, which is wonderfully prolific, it is certainly 50 per cent. more heavy in yield, as both pod and bean are considerably larger, the full-grown green bean being almost as large as the average size chestnut and fully as thick; while the vines are as erect and shapely as a well-trained gooseberry bush two feet in height, the *Dreer's*, on the other hand, being inclined to sprawl on the ground, after the manner of a cucumber vine, though it will not take to the pole under any circumstances. The size of the pod and bean are not only much larger than *Dreer's* but the pods are much fuller, as I have found none with less than four beans, a great many shell out five and six perfect ones to the pod, while but few of *Dreer's* carry over three and many but two full-grown ones to the pod. Besides, this being a wet season, at least 10 per cent. of *Dreer's* rotted on the ground, while not a single one of the *Fordhooks* has rotted, so perfectly does the bush hold up the pods from coming in contact with the damp earth. Again, the *Dreer* seems to have but one full bearing, and then it stops, while the *Fordhook*, on the other hand, continues to bear constantly, after the manner of pole limas. The bushes at this writing (October 1st) are literally covered with pods in every stage of their growth, from the blossom to the fully matured and dried seeds, with every prospect of continuing in bearing until killed by frost, so vigorous and luxuriant are the bushes to-day, while on *Dreer's* not a blossom or a young pod can be seen.

Prize Reports on Fordhook Bush Lima Bean.

"Absolutely Immune from Disease."

H. J. WRIGHT, 262 Rademacher St., Detroit, Michigan, October 8th, 1907, writes:—Description of the *Fordhook Lima Bean*. This remarkable addition to the home garden is really a wonder, and is an attraction because of its unique compactness and bearing qualities.

I had ten bushes in my lot back of my house, height about 22 inches, width 18 inches, with a very stout stem, a dark green, healthy looking foliage, with clusters of large, fleshy-looking pods, peeping and breaking through the handsome leaves and seemingly ever-blooming plants. The stems bearing the pods bore from three to nine in number and the length of the pods was $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, containing inside three to five very large, handsome looking beans, of which it would not take many to fill a quart measure. The size of the bean itself is enormous, as one of my neighbors, who is an Englishman, said when he saw them, and they are the nearest he had seen in this country to an English Broad Bean. Upon measuring the beans I found the following: $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long by $\frac{3}{8}$ inch wide and $\frac{1}{16}$ inch thick. The dry seed I received from Mr. Burpee was $\frac{3}{8}$ inch long by $\frac{3}{8}$ inch wide and $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick. The most noticeable feature of the bean, I think, was the thickness, compared with the pole limas. Another noticeable feature I find was from the time they came out of the ground until the frost we had on the 25th of September the plants remained perfectly green and fresh looking. They were planted June 10th, came up on the 17th, and since that time I have not seen a trace of mildew, rust or blight on any of them. Seem to be absolutely immune from disease.

But the main thing to a bean lover is the flavor when eating them. My wife cooked some with green corn and some without. Those without the corn put me in mind of having creamed potatoes, only they had that rich bean mellow taste that the bean-eater longs for when he sees them. After eating some, the only discomfort I felt was not having one hundred plants instead of ten. It was a good thing for me I did not plant all I had when I got the seed, for those I planted May 14th never came up. Our season in Michigan was three to five weeks late this year and the ground was too wet and cold. I only have four hills of the "*Burpee-Improved*," which I find are very much the same as the *Fordhook*, except the bushes are not quite as large, but if I were a gardener and wanted something to make money from, I certainly should have plenty of these two limas. Picked limas or shelled were 35c. a quart in Detroit during August and 25c. in September, and little bits of beans at that. My plants at this writing are full of blossom and I counted from fifteen to twenty-one bearing stems upon the plants, which would average one hundred and eight pods to each plant. I only wish we could have had another month of warm weather, but it would seem that we must have that frost, or the beans would never stop growing.

A Report Worth Reading!

THOMAS J. STEED, R. No. 6, Buena Vista, Ga., Sept. 10, 1907, writes:—*FORDHOOK BUSH LIMA* is superior in every way to all of its type, whether bush or pole, of the thick, chubby sort. April 24, 1907, I planted one packet which contained twelve seeds of the *FORDHOOK BUSH LIMA*. Every seed grew, making twelve large bushes of a *stiffly upright growth*, bearing a very large crop of large thick pods and beans. The bushes measure thirty-two inches in height and twenty-six inches across and they are very strong, standing *boldly erect*. A great number of branches grow out from the stout main stalk, producing pods in clusters on spikes well above the foliage. The pods are from four to five inches in length by one and three-eighths inches wide and five-eighths of an inch thick, with mostly four beans to a pod, sometimes five. The green beans measure one and one-eighth inches long by seven-eighths of an inch wide and over three-eighths of an inch thick. It is from a week to ten days earlier than *Dreer's Bush Lima*, and will outyield *Dreer's* by forty per cent., as the bushes produce many more pods and the pods contain more beans; and the beans, both green and dry, are almost *double the size*. The pods do not rot like pods of *Dreer's*, as the *FORDHOOK* holds its pods well above the soil. The *FORDHOOK* is a continual bearer. The dry nor like wet weather does not stop them. The bushes will bear till frost.

The Finest Lima Bean Ever Eaten.

J. E. MORSE, Box 75, Northville, Michigan, October 14th, 1907, writes:—In habit of growth there is marked difference between the *Fordhook Bush Lima* and *Kumerle*, the *Fordhook* being perfectly upright while the *Kumerle* trails on the ground with laterals spreading flatly instead of stiffly erect as in the *Fordhook*. The pods of *Fordhook* are borne on stems thrown out from the main stem and laterals, as many as six or eight on one stem, and held well above the soil so that pods are not discolored or rusty, as so often happens with the trailing *Kumerle*. The foliage of the *Fordhook* is heavier and leaves much broader and darker; the pods are nearly a third larger than *Kumerle's*, and contain more beans to the pod; while the beans, either green or dried, are twice the size of the *Kumerle*.

In our test, *Fordhook* and *Burpee-Improved* ripened or matured together, while *Kumerle* and *Burpee's Bush Lima* were seventeen days later. This early maturing of the crop gives a much greater yield, as both varieties continue to bear until cut off by frost. The increased size of beans and number of pods are important factors in greater yield of the *Fordhook*.

In quality we could discover little or no difference as to flavor or richness, although *Fordhook* is much the larger. We consider *Fordhook* the finest lima bean we have ever eaten and believe it will become the favorite wherever grown.

Of the *Fordhook*, five plants gave four quarts of pods and three pints of shelled beans. Five plants of *Kumerle* yielded three quarts of pods; $1\frac{1}{2}$ pints of shelled beans. Largest pod of *Fordhook* was $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, and $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch thick. Largest pod of *Kumerle* was 4 inches long, $\frac{7}{8}$ inch in width and $\frac{3}{8}$ inch thick. In size of beans our crop gave specimens fully as large as those pictured on page 11 of *BURPEE'S FARM ANNUAL*, with *Kumerle* not more than two-thirds as large. Plants of the *Fordhook* grew from two to two and a half feet high, bore pods in clusters of five to ten pods each on stems thrown well out from centre of plant. Pods contain from three to five beans each, which are extremely thick and crowded so closely in pods that the ends are flattened. In color they are light green, whether immature or dry. The pods open easily in shelling and easily give one quart of shelled beans to three quarts of pods; most varieties require three and one-half or four quarts of pods to one of shelled beans. *The crop matures in about ninety days from planting*. If we were confined to one variety for home use or market, we should choose the *Fordhook Bush Lima*.

"Impossible to Exaggerate its Merits."

MRS. EMMA DUFEE, Newark, Wayne Co., N. Y., September 30th, 1907, writes:—*Fordhook Bush Lima* is truly a revelation. It is impossible to exaggerate its merits. A most remarkable feature in favor of both this *Lima* and *Burpee-Improved* is their wonderful ability to succeed and produce an immense crop under all conditions of weather or neglect.

Fordhook Bush Lima planted May 25th (same date as *Dreer's* for comparison) gave its first picking in twelve weeks, one week in advance of *Dreer's*. *Dreer's* being of prostrate growth, many pods after rain or wind, being beaten to the ground, were spoiled; while *Fordhook* being far sturdier, stood stiffly upright (enabling closer planting and easier cultivation), impervious alike to wind or storm; its bean-bearing stalks longer, stouter, holding its immense load of pods well up from ground, thus withstanding mildew, etc. Foliage was more luxuriant than *Dreer's*, larger, and heavier in texture. Their pods were more uniformly and perfectly shaped. It not only greatly excels *Dreer's* in productiveness and habit of clustering, but beans and pods are twice their size, while in thickness of bean *Fordhook Bush Lima* has no equal. In shape the bean resembles *Dreer's*, being plump and round, but it is far more beautiful in appearance. Either green or cured they are sweet, tender and luscious with the genuine rich lima flavor,—mild and delicious.—and in cooking hold well their shape. To my thinking, *Burpee's Bush* and *Dreer's Limas* are simply not in it with either *Burpee-Improved* or *Fordhook Bush Limas*. The only way they compare the least favorably with them is in flavor. In short, *Fordhook* is a combination of excellences and of incalculable value, and where once used will thereafter prove indispensable.

Prize Reports on Fordhook Bush Lima Bean.

Of Most Delicious Flavor.

MRS. M. M. EDGAR, Ventura, Cal., September 28th, 1907, writes:—The general form and habit of growth of *The Fordhook Bush Lima Bean* is that of the most perfect type of a bush bean, having absolutely nothing of a spindling or spreading nature, and though branching freely, is sturdy and upright as a young seedling tree, and apparently as able to support the weight of its crop of remarkably large, fleshy, well-filled pods in fair weather or foul.

Near the base of the branches, just far enough from the soil to escape contact with it, these pods are so thickly set as to appear almost huddled, and they are also borne in clusters of two to seven to the ends of the branches. In general appearance both pods and beans resemble those of Dreeer's Bush Lima, being very thick and fleshy, and the pods have one creased edge; but the *Fordhook* pods and beans are *much larger every way*, and the pods contain more beans, usually four, but very often five. The crop of *Fordhook* matures about a week earlier than that of Dreeer's Bush Lima.

The actual superiority of the *Fordhook Bush Lima* over *Dreeer's Bush Lima* as regards form and general manner of growth must be seen to be realized, and the fact that in a long row of these most valuable beans not one plant showed a tendency to sprawl or vine is positive assurance of its fixed bush habit. As decided confirmation of its constitutional vigor to a marked degree, every specimen bush showed the same heavy, dark green growth of foliage, the leaves being both long and broad and of heavy texture. In flavor the bean is most delicious, excelled by none. The bush attains a height of two feet or more, and as much in breadth. Beyond doubt a bean so large in size, so prolific, so early in maturity, of such desirable manner of growth, with flavor the best, and meritorious in every respect as is the *Fordhook Bush Lima*, must speedily be considered a necessity in every garden.

Matures Pods Until Cut Down by Frost.

REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, Danville, Quebec, Canada, October 4th, 1907, writes:—In BURPEE'S FARM ANNUAL FOR 1907 you begin your description of this wonderful creation, *Burpee's Fordhook Bush Lima Bean*, by stating that it is "altogether unique." Your claim is well founded and your description is by no means overdrawn, for it so far surpasses all other varieties that there is scarcely a chance for comparison. As soon as the bean comes up through the ground the plants begin their rapid, sturdy growth, the bushes being so erect and stocky that, despite their length and branching habit, they need but little support. The foliage seems tropical compared with that of *Challenger Pole Lima*, *Kumerle* or *Dreeer's Bush Lima*; the bushes are a richer green color, nearly double the size, and yielding at least one-third heavier crop than the aforesaid varieties, while the length and width of the pods and the size of the beans are fully double. I observed also that this novelty is about two weeks earlier than Dreeer's. It begins to bloom early in August in the North and keeps forming and maturing pods until cut down by frost. It seems to stand the cool, wet weather better than the others. The pods are borne in large clusters along the stalk. Where the conditions are favorable, I should estimate the general average number of pods per bush at fifty, and the length of each at four and one-half inches. The beans retain their delicious, tender and appetizing flavor throughout the season. Being so much superior in size, beauty, yield and every other respect to all others, they are bound to supersede them in the near future, and I doubt if your supply will be equal to the demand.

Of Rich Buttery Flavor.

G. M. HUMPHREYS, Alexandria, Va., September 16th, 1907, writes:—*Fordhook Bush Lima* has created quite a sensation among bean growers here. The yield of big fat beans is simply enormous. It stands over *Kumerle* or *Dreeer's Bush*, or the *Challenger*, like Burpee's seeds do over all competitors. Double in size, and nearly double in number of beans to the pod, places it beyond reach by any other bean of its kind. I planted May 15th and cut the first full pods from one vine July 20th. I continued cutting as fast as filled. From this vine I cut 167 pods and counted 547 beans, pods containing from two to five large, fat beans, delicious in rich, buttery flavor. See samples sent you July 30th. Since then some of the pods and beans have been heavier in weight. At this writing the vines are still setting fruit.

"Longer, Wider, and Thicker than Dreeer's."

W. W. MARTIN, Brookfield, Mo., October 6, 1907, writes:—The *FORDHOOK BUSH LIMA* is the thickest bean I ever saw. The thickness, however, does not take away any of the length or breadth; it is big in every way. It is longer, wider and thicker than *Dreeer's*. The bushes are of very erect growth, resembling a small tree, and are about two feet high by about the same distance across the top. The erectness of the bushes is in marked contrast to the vines of *Dreeer's* which sprawl all over the ground. The pods are larger than *Kumerle*, naturally containing more beans, averaging from three to five, while the latter never run over three, some pods having only two beans. The pods are nearly as large as *BURPEE'S NEW IMPROVED BUSH LIMA*, the beans somewhat thicker, but otherwise not quite so large; flavor just as good,—it would be impossible to be better. To appreciate the erect growth of the vines they should be seen growing beside the sprawling bushes of *Dreeer's Bush Lima*. The vines have not had the slightest tendency to fall over and we have had an unusual amount of hard, beating rains. Neither vines nor pods have shown a sign of rust or mildew. It is a better yielder than *Burpee's Bush Lima* and far better than *Dreeer's*. It is likewise earlier than either.

"One Pint from Twenty-two Pods."

W. G. BULGIN, Franklin, N. C., October 4, 1907, writes:—Last spring I purchased of you one packet of *FORDHOOK* and one of the *BURPEE-IMPROVED BUSH LIMA BEANS*, and herewith wish to say that in my seventy-seven years' stay in the flesh I have not seen such advance in one year in any product of the soil. As to the *FORDHOOK BUSH LIMA's* value, it is far above the *Kumerle* or *Dreeer's Bush Lima*. The gap is so wide a comparison is difficult. The one is a strong, large, upright bush; the other a sprawling vine, with most of its crop on the ground, in a partly decayed useless condition. The *FORDHOOK shells one pint of fine fat beans to twenty-two pods*; the *Kumerle* one pint to seventy-six pods, or more than 200 per cent. more time required to prepare a dinner's supply. (Time is cash these days.)

To compare the two beans carries my memory back forty years when our pork supply was hogs we called *Razorback*, then up to the pure blood Berkshire of the present time. The one gave us 150 pounds (including skin, bone and snout) at two years old; the other, 300 pounds or more fine meat, at nine or ten months, which last I prefer. I certainly would not part with the seed I have if I could not replace it. All the lima beans have served their purpose well in their way and time, but the *FORDHOOK* and *BURPEE-IMPROVED* will very much far more do so, in the highest superlative degree.

"Pods Seem to be All Beans."

C. A. BROWNSON, Rochester, Michigan, October 3, 1907, writes:—I have been much interested in Lima Beans for many years and have tested many varieties, but none have reached the standards of perfection combined in the *NEW FORDHOOK BUSH LIMA*. The weather in the early part of the season was very unfavorable for plant growth, and a severe drought in August blighted many of the blossoms, but the result has been surprising. The plants attained a height of twenty inches and breadth of eighteen inches, of a strong upright growth, showing no inclination to climb, standing firm and erect during heavy storms of wind and rain, the dark-green leaves retaining their color during a severe drought. The lower part of the plants were literally a solid mass of pods from three to four inches long, filled to bursting in some instances with large beans, often one inch long and three-fourths of an inch wide and from three-eighths to one-half inch thick, and packed so closely in the pods that the ends were flattened in some for lack of room. They cook quickly and possess a rich flavor which is lacking in other varieties. The pods were so numerous that I could gather twelve or fourteen at a single grasp. I picked two quarts of pods at random, which yielded a full quart of shelled beans. The pods were so closely packed with beans they seemed to be all beans. They mature eight or ten days in advance of the *BURPEE-IMPROVED*, which matures in fine succession when planted at the same time. Nature has surely reached her limit in giving us this wonderful, unique bush lima. Any one who is fond of green lima beans will make no mistake in giving this best of all beans a trial.

Prize Reports on Fordhook Bush Lima Bean.

"A Copper Cent Compared to a Golden Eagle!"

WM. W. FOUST, Barnegat, N. J., Oct. 1, 1907, writes:—FORDHOOK BUSH LIMA bean is a grand thick Lima, larger and better than the *Challenger* or *Shotwell's Improved Pole Thick Lima*, while both pods and beans were *more than twice as large* as the *Kumerle Bush*, besides being decidedly better and *two weeks earlier*. Of all the bush Limas I tried the FORDHOOK was much the earliest and largest, with the exception only of the BURPEE-IMPROVED, which was five days earlier and somewhat larger. THE FORDHOOK stood perfectly upright in spite of wind and rain, while *The Kumerle* was flat on the ground almost from start to finish. FORDHOOK stands transplanting well, which makes it valuable for starting in hot-beds. When compared with the FORDHOOK the *Kumerle* reminded me of a copper cent compared with a twenty-dollar gold piece,—so decidedly better was the FORDHOOK, more especially in size (both of bean and pod), earliness, vigor of growth, stoutness of stalk and erectness of bush, yield and quality, the large pods bulging out with the immense beans which were of superlatively delicious flavor, of a beautiful greenish color and very thick. THE FORDHOOK was two weeks earlier than the *Kumerle*, and many of the pods were turning yellow before the *Kumerle* had any old enough to eat and the FORDHOOK was much more productive.

Compare the pods illustrated below with the pods of the *Challenger Pole Lima Bean*, shown on page 34 of THE FARM ANNUAL FOR 1908 and note the difference.

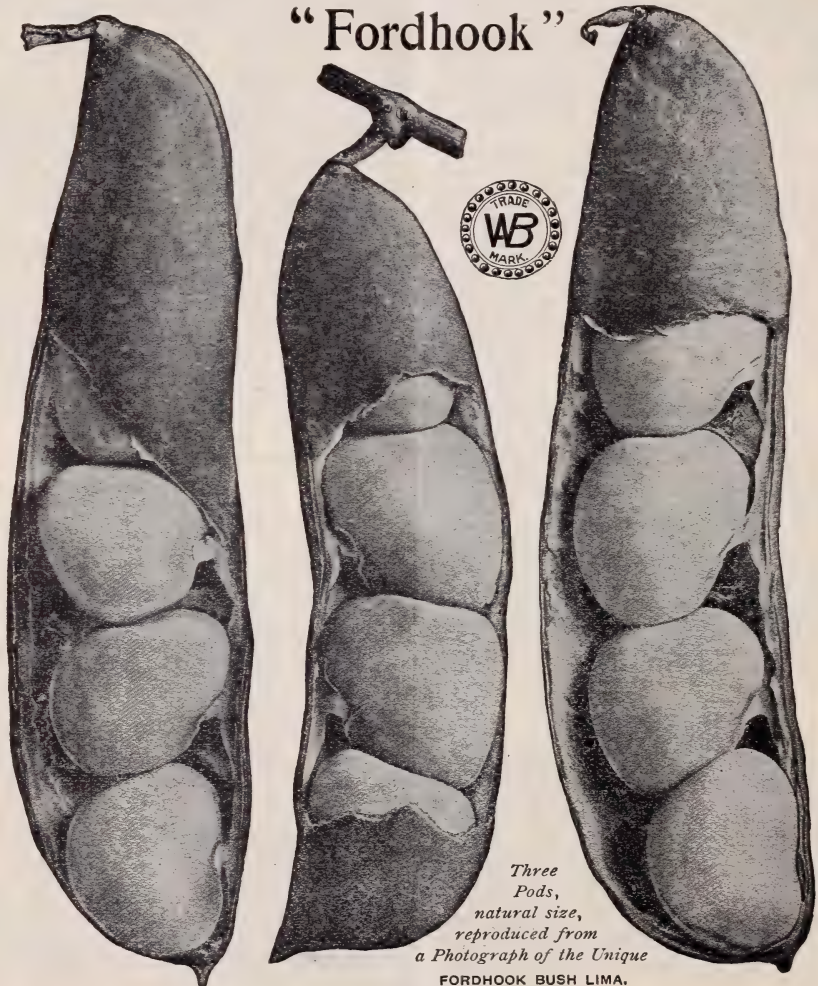
Beans "More than Twice as Large!"

E. E. MILLER, Morristown, Tenn., Sept. 20, 1907, writes:—THE FORDHOOK BUSH LIMA may be described as a bean of a new and distinct type. While resembling *Dreer's Bush Lima* in shape and flavor it is very different in other respects. The stalks show no tendency to vine, but grow erect and self-supporting in *true bush form*, making compact masses of large thick leaves and broad thick pods two feet high and of equal diameter. The pods, which are borne in great profusion, are often four or five inches long and contain three to five beans. These beans are shaped like *Dreer's*, very thick and round, but are *more than twice as large*. Many of them when green are more than an inch long and over half an inch in thickness. The quality is all that could be desired. In addition to the merits of upright growth, greater productiveness and much greater size, it is also slightly earlier than *Dreer's* and would seem bound to supplant that variety, as it possesses all its merits in an *intensified degree*.

Fordhook Bush Lima Bean.

This is undoubtedly the most unique and most valuable novelty ever offered.

We regret that space will not permit our publishing many more reports sent by enthusiastic planters all over the United States and Canada. It will pay you to read the reports printed and you should also refer to pages 3, 6, and 7 of BURPEE'S FARM ANNUAL FOR 1908.



PRIZE REPORTS ON SUGAR CORN, SEYMOUR'S SWEET-ORANGE.

Fine flavored sugar corn is one of the Burpee specialties, and we are very glad to have our opinion of the superior flavor of the new Seymour's Sweet-Orange so heartily confirmed by the many reports from customers who planted the trial packets of this variety as offered in THE FARM ANNUAL FOR 1907.

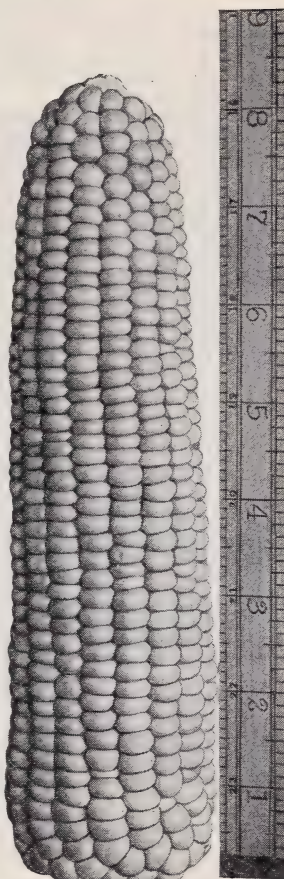
Only one report classes it as being inferior in flavor to our *Golden Bantam*, while the majority class it as being fully equal in sweetness and flavor, and quite a number of reports place it even ahead of the *Golden Bantam* on account of its larger ears and the greater length of time that it remains in fine condition for the table.

Nearly all reports describe this new corn as being a most desirable second early or mid-season variety, growing from six to seven feet in height, of hardy vigorous growth, and producing an average of two good ears to a stalk. The ears are ready for use five days to a week later than those of the *Golden Bantam* planted at the same time, and are from six to seven inches in length, with twelve to fourteen rows of deep, rather slender grains of a light canary-yellow tint when ready for the table. A few reports describe a much stronger growth of stalk and larger ears, which doubtless come from heavy feeding and extra cultivation, which would also tend to a later season of maturity.

As a succession and companion variety to the *Golden Bantam*, the *Seymour's Sweet-Orange* is all that can be desired, as the growth is stronger, the ears larger, very well filled and the grains are exceptionally sweet, tender and full of milk. A great point of merit with the *Seymour's Sweet-Orange* is that when the grains develop they remain soft and tender and retain their sweetness for a longer period than those of the second early white corns of similar season. All reports from cool northern localities praise the hardness of growth and early season of maturity, while those from the south speak of the protection afforded from worms and smut by the strong heavy husk—thus showing its desirability for planting under widely varying conditions and surroundings.

One friend, in praising the *Golden Bantam* and *Seymour's Sweet-Orange* as the finest extra early and second early corns, states that if we will introduce a *Golden Evergreen* as good as these two for a late or main crop planting he will abandon the white sweet corns entirely.

Our own table tests of the *Seymour's Sweet-Orange* during the summer of 1907 fully confirmed our judgment of the superior sweetness and fine flavor as noted in THE FARM ANNUAL FOR 1907, but we are very much gratified to have our own estimate of its merit so heartily confirmed by such a large number of our customers throughout the country.



SECOND PRIZE PHOTOGRAPH.
Reduced in size.

Award of Prizes on Sugar Corn,— Seymour's Sweet-Orange.

For Ears.

- First prize, \$25.00—MRS. V. V. BREESE, R. F. D. 2, Cambridge, N. Y.
 Second prize, \$15.00—E. OTTAWAY, 9601 S. Roby St., Chicago, Ill.
 Third prize, \$10.00—C. B. VEGHTER, Metuchen, N. J.
 Fourth prize, \$5.00—SAMUEL M. CHAPIN, R. F. D. 7, Union City, Penna.
 Fifth prize, \$5.00—J. A. MEEKER, Danbury, Conn.

For Photographs of Single Fresh Ears.

- First prize, \$25.00—JESSE TRAYER, 190 Alexander Av., Upper Montclair, N. J.
 Second prize, \$15.00—S. A. STOCKWELL, 3204 E. 51st St., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Third prize, \$10.00—A. W. STEINRUCK, Middletown, Pa.
 Fourth prize, \$2.00—GEO. C. NEWMAN, 2845 Brattleboro Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.
 Fifth prize, \$2.00—H. MARTIN VAIL, 318 Primrose St., Syracuse, N. Y.
 Sixth prize, \$2.00—WM. J. S. BRADWAY, Hancock's Bridge, N. J.
 Seventh prize, \$2.00—MRS. EMMA DURFEE, Newark, Wayne Co., N. Y.
 Eighth prize, \$2.00—MRS. D. J. WARD, Elkhorn, Wis.
 Ninth prize, \$2.00—L. A. LOWMASTER & SON, R. F. D. 5, Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

For Postal Card Reports.

- First prize, \$25.00—D. J. ETZ, 74 Harrison Ave., Rutland, Vt.
 Second prize, \$15.00—JOHN W. KEMP, 95 Hamilton St., Worcester, Mass.
 Third prize, \$10.00—JOHN D. SMITH, Mackinac, Ill.
 Fourth prize, \$5.00—GEORGE R. PROCTOR, R. F. D. 3, Washington, Ill.
 Fifth prize, \$5.00—RANDALL BROS., Cherty St., Lyons, N. Y.
 Sixth prize, \$2.00—MISS ADDIE M. BROYLES, Box 57, R. F. D. 6, Hendersonville, N. C.
 Seventh prize, \$2.00—MRS. ZACK CHANDLER, R. F. D. 1, La Grande, Oregon.
 Eighth prize, \$2.00—MRS. J. H. CONGER, La Junta, Colorado.
 Ninth prize, \$2.00—C. B. SIMRELL, Babylon, N. Y.
 Tenth prize, \$2.00—MOSES H. KELSEY, West Salisbury, Vt.

Thirty Prizes of \$1.00 each to:

- MRS. E. A. VANGORDER, Gen. Del., Greensboro, N. C.
 C. H. BREWER, Riverside Farm, Rahway, N. J.
 REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, Danville, Quebec, Canada.
 H. MARTIN VAIL, 318 Primrose St., Syracuse, N. Y.
 MRS. J. SIDNEY SHAW, Box 233, Prescott, Ont., Canada.
 E. E. MILLER, Morristown, Tenn.
 MRS. MARY SHERIDAN, 817 Main St., Newton, Kansas.
 MRS. L. STILWILL, Box 12, R. F. D. 1, La Grande, Oregon.
 MRS. F. E. LYON, Schooner Point, Indiana.
 MRS. RALPH WARD, 1217 Chestnut St., North Lansing, Mich.

Prize Reports on Seymour's Sweet-Orange Corn.

Award of \$1.00 Prizes.—continued.

JESSE TRAYER, 190 Alexander Ave., Upper Montclair, N. J.
Mrs. D. J. WARD, Box 488, Elkhorn, Wis.
ELI DAUGHTREY, Franklin, Va.
H. M. MARSH, Danville, Ky.
Mrs. R. A. JUDY, R. F. D. 2, Decatur, Ill.
J. C. ROSS, Box 308, Leamington, Ont., Canada.
Dr. Wm. Y. FOX, Taunton, Mass.
T. C. ROBERTS, Box 38, Rutledge, Mo.
JOHN S. DONELSON, Box 88, R. F. D. 2, Delavan, Ill.
O. E. FULTS, R. R. 2, Washington C. H., Ohio.
JOSEPH WARD, Eau Claire, Wis.
Geo. O. DAVIS, R. D. 13, Lostant, Ill.
J. W. JUNG, Randolph, Wis.
JOHN S. HUNTER, Box 75, R. F. D. 3, Savannah, Mo.
CHAS. G. ADDISON, Springfield, Md.
LEO A. HAENN, Tanguy, Chester Co., Pa.
WM. W. FOSTER, Barnegat, Ocean Co., N. J.
WM. J. S. BRADWAY, Hancock's Bridge, N. J.
Mrs. Wm. C. BROCKLESLEY, West Hartford, Conn.
S. A. STOCKWELL, 3204 E. 51st St., Minneapolis, Minn.

First Prize Report.

D. J. ETZ, 74 Harrison Ave., Rutland, Vt., September 28th, 1907, writes:—On May 24th I planted *Seymour's Sweet-Orange*, *Burpee's Golden Bantam*, *Howling Mob* and *Burpee's New White Evergreen*. Result: ears fit to use *Bantam* first, *Seymour's Sweet-Orange* four days later, *Howling Mob* five days later than *Seymour's Sweet-Orange*, and *Burpee's New White Evergreen* eight days later than *Howling Mob*. *Seymour's Sweet-Orange* grew seven to eight feet high; foliage in plenty; blades of great length; mostly two ears to a stalk, frequently three. *The sweetest of all sweet corn*. Many ears eight and nine inches long, well filled to the tip; twelve rowed generally, occasionally fourteen; grains lengthy, of a bright, straw yellow. They have a tenderness and flavor superior to all others. A succotash made with Cranberry beans—well, I dare not tell how much I can eat.

The Best Second-Early.

JOHN W. KEMP, 95 Hamilton St., Worcester, Mass., September 26th, 1907, writes:—Last May I planted *Sweet-Orange* beside *Golden Bantam* and *Crosby's Early*, giving each the same care. *Golden Bantam* was ready for use first, eight days later came *Sweet-Orange*, followed in nine days by *Crosby's Early*. *Sweet-Orange* grew about 5½ feet in height and several stalks bore three good ears. These were about 7½ inches long, being larger and handsomer than *Golden Bantam*, yet possessing the same unsurpassed, sweet, delicious flavor and tenderness. It is indeed the best second early I have ever used.

Remains Tender for a Long Time.

Mrs. J. H. CONGER, La Junta, Colorado, October 5th, 1907, writes:—Of the fifty grains of *Sweet-Orange Corn* seed which I planted last spring every kernel grew, although the conditions attending its growth in the beginning were rather unfavorable, as our section was visited with very cold rains just after the seed was planted. This cold temperature lasted for several days and, of course, did to some extent hinder the quick growth of the plants. But they withstood this disadvantage remarkably well and grew right rapidly after all. The stalks were of medium size, from five to six feet in height, of good strong substance that resisted wind and storm. Each kernel produced from three to five stalks—not suckers, but good, strong stalks—which had from one to two good ears, and in some cases three were seen on a single stalk. The ears were from seven to nine inches in length and well filled with twelve or fourteen rows of medium sized but rather slender grains of a canary yellow, which was turned to a bright orange when hard. As it follows very closely the very early sorts and remains tender for a remarkable length of time, it is especially desirable for the main crop. Its handsome appearance, which attracts the eye, and the peculiar, delicious flavor of the very tender and juicy grains make it an ideal sweet corn for both the home gardener and the trucker.

Very Milky and Sweet.

JOHN D. SMITH, Mackinaw, Ill., September 19th, 1907, writes:—Last spring I bought only one packet of the *Seymour's Sweet-Orange Corn* and grew 18 dozen of well-formed ears. I consider it one of the best varieties for table use and would be very profitable to grow. The ears fill out well and the grain is very milky and sweet. It is a second early and forms larger stalks than most second earlies. It is quite an acquisition in growth and quality.

Unusually Rich, Juicy and Sweet.

MISS ADDIE M. BROYLES, Box 57, R. F. D. 6, Hendersonville, N. C., September 7th, 1907, writes:—I planted *Seymour's Sweet-Orange Corn* in a good rich soil on May 8th, and although the weather was cool and dry nearly every kernel came up and the plants looked healthy and vigorous. The growth was steady, developing fine blades and rather large stalks, the latter being of strong substance, which enabled them to stand up well. The stalks averaged six to seven feet in height and produced three and four good ears to the stalk. The ears form well up on the stalk, being three and four feet from the ground, and are well covered with stout, long husks. Ears of average size measured seven inches in length and were filled with twelve to fourteen rows of slender grains which are a deep yellow color. The grains are unusually rich, juicy and sweet, this distinct, fine flavor not being excelled by any other variety I have ever raised. The first ears were ready for use on July 23d. *Sweet-Orange* is an excellent main crop variety of sugar corn.

Slender Grains of a Canary-Yellow.

Mrs. ZACK CHANDLER, R. 1, La Grande, Oregon, September 28th, 1907, writes:—Report on *Seymour's Sweet-Orange Sugar Corn*. I planted seed on May 26th and it germinated. Every hill came up. It has done very nicely, as corn is very hard to grow here. *Sweet-Orange* has a stalk of strong, quick growth, about six feet in height, with quite long blades of dark green foliage, with three good ears on a stalk. The ears are set up about 2½ feet from the ground and the ears are nearly all of a size, being about 8 inches long, also filled with fourteen rows of medium sized, deep, slender grains of a canary yellow. The grains are very tender and juicy and of a rich, sweet flavor. It is the very finest corn I have ever raised.

"One Likes it Better and Better."

C. B. SIMRELL, Babylon, New York, October 5th 1907, writes:—I tested *Sweet-Orange Corn* this summer in comparison with *Golden Bantam*, *Epicure* and *Evergreen*. It is a large-eared, second early, splendid to follow *Golden Bantam*. Quality is excellent, sweet, tender, meaty. *One likes it better and better*. Ear of a very graceful form, small cob, closely set kernels, a beautiful appearance. It is very productive, the stalks being loaded down with ears, many having two or three each. Stalk is medium in height, strong enough to carry its load, and of considerable fodder value. As a *Golden Bantam* enthusiast, I am glad to welcome *Sweet-Orange*. Now give us a *Golden Evergreen* for a late corn and you may drop all the white varieties.

"Sweeter Than Any White Corn."

MOSES H. KELSEY, West Salisbury, Vermont, September 25d, 1907, writes:—I planted the *Seymour's Sweet-Orange Corn*, and although the weather was cold and dry nearly every kernel grew. The stalks were of medium height, strong and leafy, and strongly rooted, resisting wind and storm. Every stalk produced two ears, and one stalk had five large ears of the very finest quality. Some ears were nine inches in length, filled with rows of finest golden yellow and the sweetest corn I ever tasted. It is far sweeter than any white corn I am acquainted with, and coming so closely after the first early corns makes it a great acquisition to our list of corn. I consider it the best of all the second early corns, good while growing and best of all when eaten. It is, in fact, the "*King of them All*."

Bears Uniformly Large Ears.

RANDALL BROS., Cherry St., Lyons, New York, September 23d, 1907, write:—In reporting our experience with *Seymour's Sweet-Orange Corn*, we wish to say that after trying one cooking we have determined to save all the seed to plant next year for our trade. The seed was planted and cultivated impartially with other varieties, but surpassed in yield and excellence any other main crop variety. Its growth was not retarded by the killing drought of August, and while many fields bore only nubbins the *Sweet-Orange* bore uniformly large ears and averaged two good ears to a stalk. It was common in our field to see three well-developed ears on a stalk. To follow *Golden Bantam*, which it much resembles in color and flavor, we believe *Sweet-Orange* will ultimately supersede all main crop varieties.

BURPEE'S "NAMELESS" LETTUCE, NOW KNOWN AS BURPEE'S EARLIEST "WAYAHEAD."

Ever since our first start in the seed business we have sought to improve by careful selection of stocks or seed-bearing plants the standard varieties of lettuce, and have introduced a greater number of new sorts of positive merit than any other house, therefore it is extremely gratifying to have our latest introduction so widely acknowledged to be the very best and earliest heading variety, either for the home garden or market, that has ever been offered to the gardening public.

For several years we have offered a series of prizes for the best reports on a number of new varieties offered in BURPEE'S FARM ANNUAL, for the special purpose of interesting the largest possible number of gardeners in these varieties and at the same time to learn just how these varieties (which we know to be desirable with us or in the hands of the originators) will succeed under the widely different conditions of soil and climate in the gardens of our customers in all sections of the country. Occasionally a new variety may only prove valuable in some sections,



BURPEE'S EARLIEST WAYAHEAD LETTUCE First Prize Photograph,—reduced in size.

but in the case of the *Nameless Lettuce* (BURPEE'S EARLIEST "WAYAHEAD") we have received a greater number of reports than in any previous competition of this character, and these reports all testify enthusiastically to its extreme earliness, fine quality, sure heading character, and the great length of time the plants will stand in fine condition after heading before they start to seed.

The reports of its extreme earliness, compact habit of growth, the minimum amount of outer leaves, the very large, firmly folded head, as compared with the size of the entire plant, the attractive coloring of both the outer leaves and the blanched inner leaves composing the heads, with their refreshing crispness and delicious flavor, fully justify the description of *Burpee's Earliest "Wayahead"* as offered under the title of *New Nameless* or number 476 in the FARM ANNUAL FOR 1907. A perusal of the few reports printed herewith will show the desirability of this fine and extremely early lettuce more clearly than the necessarily brief description we are able to give it in THE FARM ANNUAL.

Award of Prizes on New Early Lettuce, "Burpee's Nameless," now known as Burpee's Earliest "Wayahead."

For Name.

Prize, \$50.00—WARREN E. BEEBE, Of the firm of Edgar Beebe & Sons, Wever, Iowa.

For the Best Photographs of a Single Head.

First prize, \$15.00—THEO. L. REEVE, 238 E. Main St., Middletown, N. Y.

Second prize, \$10.00—JOHN McCLEARY, Gardener to Mrs. R. J. C. Walker, School Lane, Germantown, Phila., Pa.

Third prize, \$5.00—T. J. HARRIS, Trenton, Mo.

Fourth prize, \$5.00—PELEG SMITH, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Fifth prize, \$5.00—CHAS. D. HINDS, 701 Avery Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

Special prize of \$1.00—S. H. BLANKENBEKER, R. F. D. 14, Jeffersontown, Ky.

For Reports.

First prize, \$25.00—J. E. MORSE, Box 75, Northville, Mich.

Second prize, \$15.00—C. F. CASE, 48 Irving St., Hartford, Conn.

Third prize, \$10.00—VICTOR LABADIE, 185 North Harwood St., Dallas, Texas.

Fourth prize, \$5.00—C. H. BREWER, Riverside Farm, Rahway, N. J.

Fifth prize, \$5.00—J. W. JUNG, Randolph, Wis.

Twenty Prizes of \$1.00 each to:

J. S. S. POWELL, Tangent, Oregon.

MRS. MARY SHERIDAN, Newton, Kansas.

G. M. HUMPHREYS, Alexandria, Va.

JOHN S. DONELSON, Box 88, R. F. D. 2, Delavan, Tazewell Co., Ill.

MARY P. MURRAY, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada.

MRS. NELLIE HICKS DRAKE, 3 Mill St., Newark, N. Y.

MRS. EMMA DURFEE, R. F. D., Newark, New York.

MISS ADDIE M. BROYLES, Box 57, R. F. D. 6, Hendersonville, N. C.

CLARENCE A. CORNELL, Box 390, Ridgewood, N. J.

MRS. A. W. LITTLE, R. F. D. 84, Frewsburg, N. Y.

Prize Reports on Burpee's Earliest "Wayahead" Lettuce.

Award of \$1.00 Prizes,—continued.

WM. McMORRAN, Fox Lake, Wis.
REV. L. C. HOOVER, 589 E. 18th St., Portland, Oregon.
PELEG SMITH, Frederickton, N. B., Canada.
REV. G. W. WHITE, Box 19, R. F. D. 1, Whitwell, Tenn.
MISS LUCY M. SHNYDER, 738 S. Duke St., York, Pa.
P. F. FARRAR, White Bear, Minn.
A. A. B. CAVANESS, Baldwin, Kansas.
MRS. L. STILWILL, Box 12, R. F. D. 1, La Grande, Oregon.
MRS. J. H. CONGER, La Junta, Colorado.
CHAS. D. HINDS, 701 Avery Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

Burpee's Earliest "Wayahead."

WARREN E. BEEBE, of the firm of Edgar Beebe & Sons, Wever, Iowa, August 26th, 1907, writes:—We are market gardeners and receive about thirty catalogs from seedsmen yearly and we usually try everything new that promises any kind of a "hit" in the vegetable world. Therefore, when you came out with your New "Nameless" Lettuce last spring we gave it a trial. We know what all the head lettuces are like. We know what *May King* is and *Big Boston* and *Crisp as Ice* and all the others, and do you know what we found? We found that your lettuce was *way ahead* in earliness, was *way ahead* in size, was *way ahead* in quality, was even *way ahead* of *May King* in keeping qualities. We thought we had found something when we found *May King*. We know we have found something *now*. In fact, since your lettuce is *way ahead* of every competitor in the head lettuce line, and since it is a *head* lettuce, we would suggest that you call it *Burpee's Wayahead Lettuce*.

There's lettuce heads and lettuce heads and lettuce heads galore,
There's *May King* heads and Boston heads, and twenty hundred more:
And some are good and some are bad, but when it all is said,
There, marching in the front of all, is *Burpee's Wayahead*.

In earliness it beats the rest;
In quality it beats the best;
In size it grandly stands the test:
In fact, it's *Wayahead*.

A Truly Perfect Head.

C. F. CASE, 48 Irving St., Hartford, Conn., September 9th, 1907, writes:—I have no use for anything but a head lettuce, which I have grown for years, and among my friends and neighbors have a reputation for the most tender, crisp and in every way the finest lettuce grown. When I say head lettuce, let me explain that we eat only the solid head, stripping off the outer leaves and finding the inner blanched portion so delicate, crisp and palatable that with our breakfast we simply shake a dash of salt and eat it without dressing of any kind.

We care so little for anything but the head lettuce that my aim is always to get it to the heading point as quickly as possible, after which the slowest to shoot to seed is best for me. When I put in your *May King* last season we all thought perfection had been reached, but "*Nameless*" stood the test and came out ahead.

In order to make a thorough and impartial test—right here in Hartford, where the celebrated *Hartford Bronze* originated—I have sowed at intervals this season each of the following varieties: *Hanson*, *May King*, *Simpson*, *Hartford Bronze* and your *Nameless*, sowing each of the five varieties each time, and without exception the *Nameless* has beaten all others in every respect. In transplanting we found the plants more stocky, stronger roots, they pick up more quickly, always retains its beautiful green, and when headed up makes a more truly perfect head. For flavor we found it sweeter than any other and without the trace of bitter in the *Hartford Bronze*, being even richer and more buttery than *May King* and of better color all through, better blanched and no trace of the pinkish or rusty bloom of the *May King*, which comes second in my list. As for the others in the test, they are not to be compared in any way with "*Nameless*."

For colored plate of *Burpee's New Lettuce Earliest "Wayahead"* see insert facing page 27 of *THE FARM ANNUAL* for 1908. This new lettuce is sure to become extremely popular with all planters where an early hard-heading delicious "butter-head" lettuce is desired.

First Prize Report.

J. E. MORSE, Northville, Michigan (Box 75), September 7th, 1907, writes:—This new white-seeded lettuce is the finest and "*earliest of all*" the "*Butterhead*" lettuces. In form and growth it closely resembles "*May King*," but differs from it in being a week or ten days earlier than this variety, and in color, which is at all stages of growth of a uniformly soft, bright green, with never a trace of burning or spotting of the leaves, whether grown in sun or shade.

The closely folded inner leaves of the large heads are beautifully blanched to a soft lemon hue and are remarkably tender and crisp. The leaves of the entire plant are rather thick and broad, with smooth edges, and are crumpled like those of a fine Savoy cabbage.

From seed sown in the open ground the hardy young plants grow very quickly to measure twelve or fifteen inches across, with large, solid, nearly round heads, weighing from nine to twelve ounces when trimmed ready for market. The mild yet rich and buttery flavor, the beautiful form and color, and extreme earliness of this new lettuce should make it the most popular variety grown for both the market and the home gardener.

As yet, September 7th, none of our plants show any indication of going to seed. This superb lettuce has combined to a remarkable degree more essential qualities, extreme earliness, rich flavor, beauty of appearance, heat and drought resistance, long-standing and all-seasons properties than has ever come under my notice before in all my many years' work in growing vegetables.

The "King of Salads."

VICTOR LABADIE, 185 North Harwood St., Dallas, Texas, June 8th, 1907, writes:—Complying with your request for report on your *New Nameless Lettuce*, I beg to advise:

This new tender lettuce in my experience stands without a rival both as a market and home sort and will soon be remarkable for its well deserved popularity, and should be given a double *Bull's-Eye*.

This most tempting variety was a large multi-leaved, cup-shaped, rather compact plant, of upright growth, forming solid heads with a broad, thin, flat bordered, crispy leaf of the finest texture, and when the leaf is young and forming, head is rather savoy-leaved, holding well the cooling dews. The plant is deep-rooted and, on my place, free from disease. Hence I cannot speak for its resistant qualities. The leaf is distinctly free from rust, blister or blemish, savoying in gentle rolls.

About the forty-fifth day of its growth the leaves become more crumpled and begin to cluster thickly about into a solid head, surrounded by an abundance of luxuriant and deliciously sweet and buttery, brittle-grained protecting leaves, the head attaining its solidity the seventy-sixth day, which would allow for two crops on the same land before the dog-days of July, outside of a continual succession, of course, throughout the planting season.

The color is medium green, much lighter on the under-side, very similar in many respects to your German Black-seed. There was no bitterness present even on heads which stood for one hundred and fifteen days, when it bolted. The weather during January and at planting time, February 10th, was decidedly warm and dry, but it was remarkably cool from March 1st to May 8th and wet during the latter part of this period. This grand variety, leader of the delicate quality class, has many characteristics which are its own and readily identify it as a distinct sort in that its virtues cover the whole scope of requirements of the *King of Salads*—size without loss of quality, color without a blemish, softness along with crispness. A lettuce for the connoisseur and one that will surely win its way with its juicy sweetness, cooling the palate and warming the heart of the most discriminating epicurist, and a boon to marketers.

First Prize for Photograph.

THEO. L. REEVE, 238 E. Main St., Middletown, N. Y., August 14th, 1907, writes:—By this same mail I send you two photographs of the same head of your "*Nameless*" Lettuce, raised by me from seed purchased of you, in competition for the best photograph of a single head. This head weighed one pound and a half, after the root was cut off, and as you will notice by one of the photographs, measured fourteen inches in diameter. The heads were so even in size it was a difficult task to select one that was the largest.

NEW EARLY HARD-HEAD BUTTER LETTUCE (NAUMBURGER), FROM GERMANY.

Trial packets of this new early heading lettuce from Germany were sent out with the orders of many of our customers during the season of 1907, and to encourage a wide trial of this variety we printed on the packets an offer of a series of prizes for the best reports on its growth and merits in the gardens of our customers. A large number of reports were received during the summer and early fall praising it very highly as a hardy, quick-growing, solid-heading lettuce of fine quality and beautiful appearance. With nearly all planters it proved to be greatly superior to such well-known forcing sorts as the *May King*, *White-Seeded Tennis Ball*, etc., in size and earliness, and as standing next to *Burpee's Nameless* (now *Burpee's Earliest "Wayahead"*) in earliness. With us this new lettuce is several days later than the "*Wayahead*," grows to rather larger size, the leaves are darker in green, tinged with brown on the outer edges, and, next to the "*Wayahead*," we consider it the finest early variety for growing an early crop in cold frames or in the open ground.

Award of Prizes on Gratis Lettuce from Germany, New Early Hard-Head Butter, which is Offered in Burpee's Farm Annual for 1908, under the Name of Naumburger.

For Reports.

- First prize, \$20.00—J. W. JUNG, Randolph, Wis.
Second prize, \$10.00—Mrs. J. SIDNEY SHAW, Box
233 Prescott, Ontario, Canada.
Third prize, \$5.00—F. X. SHELDON, 2913 Ave. H,
Galveston, Texas.
Fourth prize, \$2.50—JOHN S. LINSLEY, M.D., Box
32, Baldwin Place, West-
chester Co., New York.

Fifteen Prizes of \$1.00 each to:

- Mrs. M. E. BURCKHALTER, Pocahontas, Iowa.
L. J. PAGE, McPhearsan, Arkansas.
REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, Danville, Quebec, Canada.
HUGH McLELLAN, Richmond, Kentucky.
Mrs. EMMA DURFEE, R. F. D., Newark, Wayne Co.,
N. Y.
JOHN S. DONELSON, Box 88, R. F. D. 2, Delavan,
Tazewell Co., Ill.
Mrs. W. F. WHITTINGTON, Middletown, Va.
F. L. GRANT, Plainville, Conn.
A. J. LA GROW, 517 N. Harvey Ave., Oak Park, Ill.
CHAS. D. HINDS, 701 Avery Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
Mrs. MINNIE WINNIE, Honesdale, Wayne Co., Penna.
Mrs. H. J. BURNAP, Alabama City, Alabama.
MISS ADDIE M. BROYLES, Box 57, R. F. D. 6, Hender-
sonville, N. C.
JOHN T. TEAT, Cardington, Ohio.
Mrs. L. STILWILL, Box 12, R. F. D. 1, La Grande,
Oregon.

A Salad of Great Excellence.

J. S. LINSLEY, M.D., Box 32, Baldwin Place, West-
chester Co., New York, September 11th, 1907, writes:
—The test of *New Hard-Head Lettuce* was begun by
planting seeds in a window-box on March 29th, 1907.
Subsequent plantings were made in the open ground
on May 18th, June 23d and August 1st for an all
season garden test. * * The March planting was
transferred without hardening to the open ground on
April 25th, and the weather was very changeable and
inclement until June. * * As soon as the weather
encouraged growth a wheel-hoe trench was made along
the rows, filled with liquid manure from the stables
and a furrow of mealy loam turned upon the trench.
The plants made a good growth, and about the middle
of June filling up with dry earth was begun for the
purpose of blanching. The first heads used were on
June 28th, about five days later than "*Nameless*."

The new "*Hard-Head*" was of a dark green, slightly
tinged with reddish-brown. The rows had an even
width of ten inches and the plants when lifted
measured ten inches across the outer leaves. The
very compact head measured eight inches in height
and the root four inches. The heads were remarkable
for the close crimping of the leaves, compactness and
heavy weight, surpassing *May King*, *Nansen*, *Deacon*
and all hard-heading varieties that I have seen or
grown. The flavor surpasses that of *Iceberg* and the
crisp, hard heads make this a very valuable addition
to the commercial varieties.

The third planting is now in perfect condition,
September 11th, although the long drought reduced
the size of the plants about one-third, but the quality
is unimpaired. The *New Hard-Head* deserves to be
marked with a large Bull's-Eye, for it is a salad of
great excellence.

First Prize Report.

J. W. JUNG, Randolph, Wisconsin, August 10th,
1907, writes:—Your new *Hard-Heading Butter Lettuce*
is one of the finest extra early heading varieties
yet introduced; whether grown in the open ground
for spring and summer use or grown in the greenhouse
for winter use, it is always sure to produce a fine,
solid head.

The plants are remarkably quick growers, produc-
ing heads much earlier than our old forcing varieties
such as *Boston Market* and *Matador*. It has few
outer leaves and can, therefore, be grown more closely
together in the greenhouse or frames. The outer
leaves are of a rich, glossy green color, while the heads,
which measure four to five inches in diameter when
trimmed, are blanched to a beautiful, creamy yellow
color. The leaves are buttery, very tender, and of
sweet, mild flavor. The quality of this variety is
equal if not superior to the late cabbage-heading
sorts. During hot summer weather this variety has
stood for two weeks after the heads were formed with-
out rotting or running to seed. The leaves are
of thick, heavy substance, and will remain fresh and
tender a long while after being cut, a point much de-
sired in a shipping variety.

Its extreme earliness, ironclad hardiness and ex-
cellent quality cannot fail to make it a leading variety
for both forcing and outdoor growing.

An Excellent Keeper.

Mrs. J. SIDNEY SHAW, Box 233, Prescott, Ont.,
Canada, September 27th, 1907, writes:—When I
ordered my seeds last spring you kindly sent me a
packet of lettuce seed from Germany for advance
trial. I gave it a fair trial and find it is an early
variety of unexcelled merit. The plants grow to
quite a large size, but are never coarse; leaves thin,
slightly crumpled, with fine veining; heads large,
round and of a beautiful appearance; the outer leaves
a rich, bright green, the inner leaves creamy white,
deliciously tender and sweet, and retains its sweetness
for a longer time than any other variety I have ever
grown.

It remains long before going to seed, is extremely
vigorous and hardy, does not blight in any way, with-
stands heat and drought to an unusual degree, is erect
in growth and an excellent keeper. I have never
grown any lettuce that suited me so well as this Ger-
man variety, and I have raised all leading kinds.

Slow to Run to Seed.

F. X. SHELDON, 2913 Ave. H, Galveston, Texas,
June 16th, 1907, writes:—Report on *New Early Hard-
Head Lettuce from Germany*. I planted seed March
22d, 1907. Transplanted to beds 15 inches each
way, and on May 25th the heads were jammed against
one another. I cut fine, large heads, very solid and
well blanched inside, on the 25th day of May, one week
ahead of *Burpee's Nameless*. This lettuce is a vigor-
ous grower, making large, solid heads, free from rot on
under side; stands up well on a good, stout stem;
is dark green in color with reddish-brown spots on
outer leaves about time of maturing; inside of head
nicely blanched and buttery in flavor. It is slow to
run to seed, as I have some I am saving for seed which
were headed and ready to cut May 25th. These are
just showing seed stalks. The outside leaves are
leathery, which makes this lettuce an A1 shipper, just
the lettuce for market gardeners and truckers. In
color it resembles the famous cream butter, but with
me it has proved to be larger in head and slower to run
to seed.

Award of Prizes on New American "Gigantic Thick-Leaved" Mustard.

This quick-growing, large-leaved mustard has not been offered for sale, but trial packets were included in the orders of customers who purchased the special novelties for 1907, and in sending out these trial packets of this new mustard to our customers during the season of 1907, we offered a series of prizes amounting to \$47.50 for the best reports on the value and desirable features as compared with the older and standard varieties.

The reports received speak very highly of its hardy and very rapid growth, the large size and abundance of the leaves, their attractive appearance and fine flavor when used as a boiling greens or served as a salad. Those who grew it during the summer of 1907 regard it as being even more desirable than our new Elephant Ear Mustard, hitherto the largest leaved sort in both productiveness and the length of time the plants will remain in fine condition before running to seed. Several of the reports refer to the great value of the leaves when fed to young poultry, as well as their crisp, mild and refreshing flavor when used as "greens" or a fresh salad on the table. While all of the reports describe the growth from spring and summer sowings, we would state that the growth in the cool fall months is even larger and more distinctly characteristic, as this new mustard makes a broader, more rounded and heavier leaf than any variety that we have ever grown.

For Reports.

- First prize, \$20.00—Mrs. EMMA DURFEE, R. F. D., Newark, Wayne Co., N. Y.
 Second prize, \$10.00—Mrs. L. STILWILL, La Grande, Oregon.
 Third prize, \$5.00—HAROLD D. WINES, 1208 Hill St., Ann Arbor, Mich.
 Fourth prize, \$2.50—M. R. CAMPBELL, R. F. D. 2, Beaver Dam, Va.

Ten Prizes of \$1.00 each to:

- REV. G. H. A. MURRAY, Danville, Quebec, Canada.
 Mrs. GEO. W. CHAPPELEAR, Delaplane, Va.
 MISS ADDIE M. BROYLES, Box 57, R. F. D. 6, Hendersonville, N. C.
 J. W. JUNG, Randolph, Wisconsin.
 CHAS. D. HINDS, 701 Avery Ave., Syracuse, New York.
 C. A. BROWNSON, Rochester, Mich.
 J. A. DILLS, Beta, N. C.
 REV. J. R. LAWRENCE, Raynham, Mass.
 Mrs. A. L. GLAZE, Elkton, Giles Co., Tenn.
 Mrs. HARRY HAYNES, Forest Grove, Oregon.

Enormous in Size.

Mrs. L. STILWILL, Box 12, R. F. D. 1, La Grande, Oregon, September 30th, 1907, writes:—A report of the *New American "Gigantic Thick-Leaved" Mustard*. I planted seed of it the last day of March, also planted seed of the *Burpee's Elephant Ear* and *Fordhook Fancy*. The new mustard proved to be exceptionally quick-growing, of the tenderest and most excellent quality of any mustard that I have ever grown. It is a much better variety for growing in the spring and summer months than the *Burpee's Elephant Ear*. It is enormous in size and is truly a grand plant. It keeps for the longest time before running to seed. The leaves are very thick and of good substance and a beautiful shade of green, and when cooked it is very tender and appetizing and is extra fine for salads. The seed is also extra good for using as a spice.

Best for Table Use.

M. R. CAMPBELL, R. F. D. 2, Beaver Dam, Va., September 25th, 1907, writes:—I received a packet of your "*Gigantic Thick-Leaved" Mustard* seed in the spring and now send in my report. The seeds were sown the middle of May in good, rich garden soil, came up within a week and were thinned out to sixty plants, which grew off rapidly. When fully grown the leaves averaged 9½ inches in width and 14 inches in length and two plants produced enough leaves for a dish for a large family. The leaves were light green in color and were especially tender and appetizing when boiled. In my opinion this is the best variety for table use, on account of its rapid growth and the great size and excellent flavor of its tender leaves.

First Prize Report.

Mrs. EMMA DURFEE, R. F. D., Newark, Wayne Co., N. Y., August 1st, 1907, writes:—I planted the trial packet of "*Gigantic Thick-Leaved" Mustard* with many misgivings as to our fancying *mustard* as a green, and consequently sowed as usual several packets of spinach. Much I regretted later it had not all been this new mustard, for after one cooking of same we unanimously voted to henceforth use nothing else for greens, as it is incomparably superior in quality and richness of flavor to anything we ever used for the purpose. Grown in very rich soil it was ready for use in two weeks, and still in prime condition up to six and eight weeks after seed sowing, at which time it then started to seed. Plants were strong and thrifty, never touched by disease or insect, standing heat and drought unflinchingly, each one throwing out twelve to fifteen immense, very thick, beautiful dark green leaves (with very short stem), slightly rough or prickly on under-side, crumpled when small, measuring when full-grown twelve inches in length by nine across. Main rib is large, giving good support to leaf. Every part of plant, after roots are cut away, is edible throughout, cooking quickly and deliciously tender and maintaining to a remarkable degree its rich color after cooking, which greatly adds to its attraction when served. We found also the very young leaves made a delightful, refreshing salad served as or with lettuce. A trial will suffice to establish its merits and popularity with all lovers of boiled greens and salads. I trust you will be able to furnish seed in bulk of this most worthy mustard another year, as I shall want a good supply.

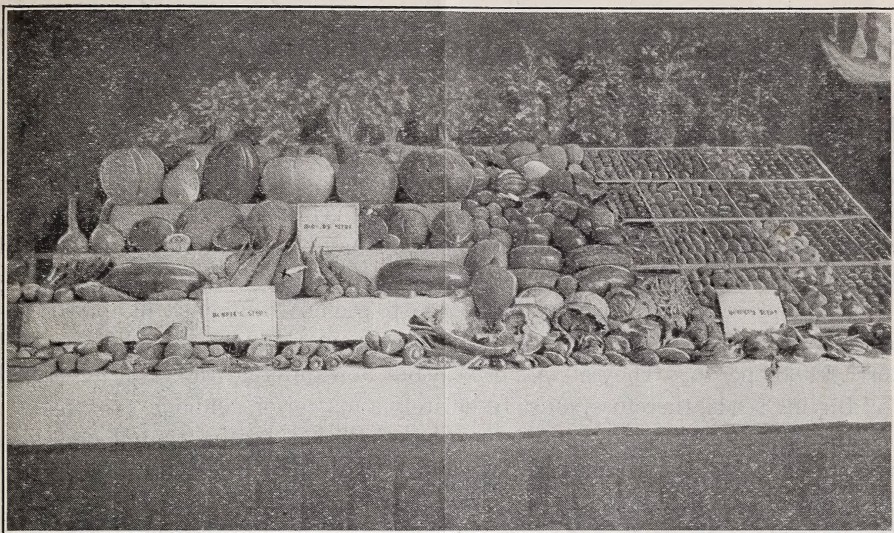
"It Literally Melts in the Mouth."

HAROLD D. WINES, 1208 Hill St., Ann Arbor, Mich., July 8th, 1907, writes:—In regard to your new *American "Gigantic Thick-Leaved" Mustard*, I would say that I found a plant of extreme delicacy and tenderness, so that when cooked like spinach it literally melts in the mouth. The leaves are of a bright to medium green in color and quite curly when young and about four inches long, at which time they are of the most attractive flavor. When they attain a length of six inches, which they do in a very short time, if they are cooked with spinach or other greens, and especially dandelions, they impart to it a flavor which is very fine and make the other greens much more appetizing. Some liked it when eaten raw with lettuce and a French dressing. The plant has a very large root system, fully twice as large as the top. This makes it especially easy to grow in hot weather and in the poorer soils, although of course the flavor is not so fine as when grown in a light, rich loam. The period of growth, in spring, for a plant four inches high, is about twenty-five days, and it is best and tenderest then.



BURPEE'S SEEDS are sold in any quantity, but only under seal. They are always Genuine as dated,—if seal is unbroken.





Largest and Best Collection of Vegetables at WASHINGTON STATE FAIR, North Yakima, Wash., September 23d to 28th, 1907. These vegetables were grown by WM. LEE, JR., and won the Society's First Premium for the Largest and Best Display of Vegetables and received also the SPECIAL BURPEE PREMIUM.

Award of Prizes on New American Bush Nasturtium,—“Ashes of Roses.”

For Reports.

- First prize, \$20.00—Mrs. M. L. HINDS, Kenwood, Madison Co., N. Y.
 Second prize, \$10.00—L. J. PAGE, McPhearson, Arkansas.
 Third prize, \$5.00—FLORA B. COTTERILL, R. F. D. 13, Fairview Ave., Dayton, Ohio.
 Fourth prize, \$2.50—Mrs. EMMA DURFEE, R. F. D., Newark, Wayne Co., N. Y.

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 MRS. J. H. CONGER, La Junta, Colorado.
 MRS. S. E. ABBOTT, “Hillcrest,” East Aurora, N. Y.
 CHAS. D. HINDS, 701 Avery Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
 LUCY M. SHNYDER, 738 S. Duke St., York, Pa.

We have not space in which to publish reports received in competition for prizes offered. Unfortunately our crop of seed was unsatisfactory, which will explain why we do not offer the variety in BURPEE'S FARM ANNUAL FOR 1908.

Award of Prizes on New English “Beacon” Sweet Pea.

For Reports.

- First prize, \$20.00—CHAS. G. ADDISON, “Bonnie Doon,” Springfield, Md.
 Second prize, \$10.00—Mrs. M. L. HINDS, Kenwood, New York.
 Third prize, \$5.00—Mrs. EMMA DURFEE, R. F. D., Newark, Wayne Co., N. Y.
 Fourth prize, \$2.50—J. W. JUNG, Randolph, Wis.

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 CHAS. D. HINDS, 701 Avery Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
 THOS. J. STEED, R. F. D. 6, Buena Vista, Ga.
 C. B. SIMRELL, Babylon, New York.
 MRS. L. STILLWILL, R. F. D. 1, La Grande, Ore.
 JOHN S. LINSLEY, M. D., Baldwin Place, N. Y.
 JOHN D. SMITH, Mackinaw, Ill.
 SADIE CLEMMONS, 207 E. Coanut St., Portage, Wis.
 WM. H. DINGS, Lead, South Dakota.
 JOHN S. HUNTER, Box 75, R. F. D. 3, Savannah, Mo.
 MISS LIZZIE THURMAN, Hodgenville, Kentucky.
 MRS. J. L. FLAGG, R. F. D. 1, Lawrence, Mich.
 MRS. H. M. MARSH, Danville, Kentucky.
 L. J. PAGE, McPhearson, Arkansas.

We regret that lack of space prevents our publishing reports on this New English Sweet Pea.

More than TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS in Cash Prizes Won the Past Season by Planters of Burpee's “Seeds that Grow.”

Ten Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-three Dollars and Forty-five Cents (\$10,243.45) is the total amount that we know has been actually received by planters of BURPEE'S SEEDS IN PRIZES THE PAST SEASON. Even without considering the extra amount for prizes awarded of which we do not know the value at State and County Fairs on the products of our seeds, this total doubtlessly has not been equalled by any other brand of seeds.

Burpee's Seeds are Famous for their Prize-Winning Products.

See page 2 for prizes won by Burpee's Seeds at the different International Exhibitions. You will find page 3 very interesting, as we give there a careful synopsis of the winnings of those to whom we have awarded each season our “One Hundred Dollar Special.” As stated on page 15, ten exhibitors have during the past eight years won a total of **Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-six Dollars and Three Cents (\$11,446.03)**. This record we feel proud of. If we have favorable weather during the growing season of 1908 we shall not be the least bit surprised if some one of our customers should report on the products of BURPEE'S SEEDS total winnings in cash prizes of **Two Thousand Dollars** or more.

SEEDS OF "THE BURPEE-STANDARD"

A Few Words About Quality in Seeds.

If you buy a ton of coal or a suit of clothes, you can judge what the quality is and decide whether you are paying a fair price. In buying seeds this is impossible. No one can tell from examination of the seeds whether they have been carefully saved from choice pedigree stocks, or whether they have been produced cheaply to sell wholesale at low prices. In fact, it is impossible to see any difference in appearance between turnip seed worth 40 cts. per lb., cabbage worth \$2.00, or cauliflower seed worth \$40.00 per lb. They all *look alike*,—but how different the resulting crops!

Buying seeds, therefore, must be entirely a matter of confidence.

Increasing numbers of planters are learning that we aim to tell *the plain truth* and strive always to maintain our motto that

Burpee's Seeds Grow and are the Best Seeds that Grow

You may get from other responsible growers seeds "*just as good*," but you cannot procure better nor can you get seeds *uniformly so good* for less money.

On our famous FORDHOOK FARMS in Pennsylvania and SUNNYBROOK FARM in New Jersey, we conduct the largest and most complete Trial Grounds. The number of field trials average about seven thousand, while more than fourteen thousand soil tests for vitality are made also every year.

BURPEE'S SEEDS are grown either on our own farms or produced for us, of *extra selected strains*, in such sections of America and Europe as have proved best suited to the finest development of the various Vegetables, Flowers, and Grains.

Besides numerous trips North, South, East, and West we made, the past year, as usual, two trips to California and one to Europe, to critically inspect our growing crops. No other American Seedsmen spend so much time or money either in testing seeds or traveling to examine contract crops. We do not attempt to compete in price, but *aim to excel in QUALITY*.

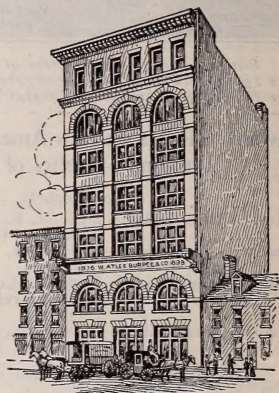
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