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# **BRIDGMAN NURSERY COMPANY**

**F. C. STAHELIN & SON**

GROWERS OF

**Strawberry and Other Small Fruit Plants**

**Bridgman, Michigan**

# POULTRY FOR PROFIT

## Golden Wyandottes

I am offering to the general public a choice of my flock of fine, well formed and healthy birds. I need not give you a lengthy description, but will say they lay a beautiful, large egg. They are of large size; cockerels less than one year old weigh with ordinary care seven to nine pounds; hens, six to eight pounds. They are splendid layers the year round and I think they are the best general purpose fowls on the market. Chicks are hardy, grow fast and mature early. Will lay when seven months old. Golden Wyandottes are very beautiful birds, the center of the feathers being a golden bay, the skin yellow and the comb a bright rose.



Golden Wyandottes.

I have the best stock this year I ever had. I make a specialty of Golden Wyandottes. We will be sure to please you with our stock.

Prices:—Eggs, \$1.50 per 13; \$3.00 per 26; \$4.00 per 40; \$7.00 per 100; \$13.00 per 200. Single birds, \$3.00; pairs, \$5.00; trios, \$7.00; five birds, either sex, \$11.00.

**Melvin W. Phillips, Proprietor, Box 75, Bridgman, Mich.**

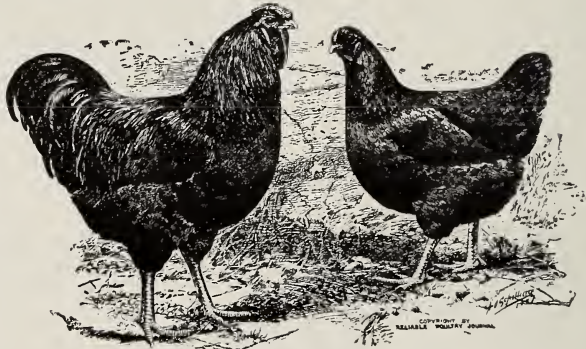
## Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds

Birds of Royal Quality

We breed and grow the finest strain of Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds from celebrated prize-winning stock. Our aim is the best winter layers. If that is what you want, we can supply you with eggs or birds that lay for us continuously all winter, and we see no reason why they should not do the same for you. They do this with ordinary care and feed. They need no petting. They are very hardy, and cold weather seems to have no effect upon them. These qualities make them birds that you can handle with satisfaction.

Prices:—Eggs, \$1.75 per 13; \$3.25 per 26; \$5.00 per 40.

Single birds, \$3.00; pairs, \$5.00; trios, \$7.00; five birds of either sex, \$11.00.



Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds.

Orders Filled in Rotation.

**Mrs. F. C. Stahelin, Postoffice Box 15, Bridgman, Mich.**

Mr. Phillips has a nice stock of Golden Wyandottes, and you will be well pleased with anything you may buy of him.



# Greeting to the Prospective Plant Buyer



**I**N PRESENTING OUR 1914 CATALOG, we wish to impress upon you the fact that we have listed only those varieties of fruits that we personally know to be of the best quality in every way. We have tested every one of them and know they are the best that can be had. You will not need to experiment with varieties that are sold at high prices. We do that for you, and if we find that they do not come up to promise made, we discard them. We presume that when you order plants, you wish to grow fruit, possibly for market and home use; that you do not wish to encumber your land and mind with things that do not pan out right. Bearing this fact in mind, we wish to say to our old and new friends that we give you accurate descriptions as we have found them in growing the fruits mentioned. We have a nice lot of plants and wish to serve you to the best of our ability.

We thank you for the confidence and the liberal orders you have given us during the past season.

Yours truly,

F. C. STAHELIN & SON.

## Our Guarantee

We guarantee our plants to be true to name; grown by us upon soil that is ideally perfect for the production of the best possible plants. That we will personally pack (or oversee it) that you will receive nothing but the very best of each variety. Every plant will grow and bear you as large a crop of berries as any plant grown, we do not care where you may get them and what prices you might pay for them. We have the plants, know how to grow them, and understand that when you pay money for them you would like to be assured that you will get nothing but first-class stock in every way. Knowing this, we assure you that we will please you and retain you as one of our regular customers.

Our stock of strawberry plants consists of all the leading standard varieties that have been proven in every way. We do not offer you a berry that is as large as a chickens egg nor berries that come as soon as the snow may leave the ground nor berries that bear all summer and part of the winter. But we offer you berries that will keep you on the jump to keep them picked. Berries that will span a six weeks 'packing season, and will make you money fast. Not a few quarts now and a few later, but great quantities of them. Berries that you can sell. That will have all the beauty, size, color, flavor, firmness and hardness combined. Many berries possess one of each of the above qualities, but when you get most of them in a few, you will have to discard a great many varieties that may be offered to you. Therefore, we do not carry on our catalog varieties that we think are faulty in any way. We grow berries for market, and realize that the best bring the most money, and these will be what you will get if we can prevail upon you to do what is to your financial interest.

**Strawberry Growing** is both interesting and profitable. Whether just a few acres of them, there is a fascination about the business that keeps your spirit at a high tension. From the time you have made up your mind from whom to order until the plants arrive, you wonder if they will come through all right and whether you have ordered the right varieties. Then comes the setting, which is easily done. After the ground has been floated and marked (we mark by dragging a chain which leaves a light, shallow mark and is easily followed), set about twelve to sixteen inches apart in the row. The depth of the hole must be determined by the roots of the plants, some plants have much larger roots than others. The person who sets the plants should be an interested party for many reasons. He should know that the holes are deep enough so that no dry sand or earth has been worked in, that the plant is well firmed, that it is not set too deep nor set in a depression where either the wind or rain may wash or blow earth so that the crown of the plant would be covered. Set the plant so the crown will be just about level with the top. Be very careful that you don't get too deep with the plant. Do not let some rival fruit grower do your setting. Should there happen to be a few poor looking plants of which there may be some doubt about growing, set them in a row by themselves four inches apart, and those can be reset in your new strawberry patch, thereby making a solid row without any breaks.

As soon as set, go over them with a hoe and loosen the soil, and follow this up with a cultivator until they commence to run. Keep them clean in the start and you will soon have a promise of a fine growth. If a patch is neglected and weeds are allowed to grow, this soon hinders the growth of the plants. Hoe and work them often and you will get results that will surprise you. An acre of strawberries can be made to produce three to five hundred bushels and will bring you large profits if kept clean.

After your rows have filled out and the cold weather comes, if your soil is tenacious and of a heavy nature, put on your mulching as soon as you think winter is here for sure.

Remove same in spring when the leaves commence to straighten up, and watch for the first ripe berries. Don't sell them, but use them in your own family. It keeps the boys and girls at home. You have the best right to the first and the magic news can be told, "We had a shortcake last Sunday." It helps to make the home pleasant and it wont be many days before you will have berries for everybody's shortcake. Keep your patch well picked. Better err on picking too green than too ripe.

**Order Early.** And we ask you to send your orders early. As only one-third of the price will be asked to accompany the order, it will insure you what you want and you will know that you will be able to get plants that you need for your spring setting. Our crop of plants is the very best we ever had and will be sure to please you. We can supply you with plants from a dozen to millions. We prefer a nice large order, but small ones will be appreciated, knowing that larger ones may follow. We are prepared for a large trade this coming spring. So send in your orders early. If you want to set a number of acres, write to us what you want and we will make you special prices.

**Shipping.** We advise shipping by express. Our shipping season commences as soon as the frost is out of the ground, and ends the early part of May.

**Payments.** Cash must accompany the order. If you wish to order early, one-third of the amount will book and hold your order until shipping season. The balance must then be forwarded before shipment will be made. Remit by Money Order, Bank Draft, Registered Letter, or postage stamps for amount under one dollar.

**Packing.** We make no charge for boxing or packing and deliver F. O. B., Bridgman, Mich.

**True to Name.** We endeavor to furnish plants true to name, but will not be responsible for more than the original cost of the stock.

**References.** We refer you to the Union Banking Co., of St. Joseph, Mich.; the U. S. Express Agent at this place; Dunn & Bradstreet's Commercial Agency.

**Plant Inspection.** Our plants are inspected by the Horticultural Inspector appointed by L. R. Taft, who is State Inspector of Nurseries and orchards.

**Certificate of Inspection.** A certificate of inspection accompanies each shipment, which insures you that the plants are free from all dangerous plant diseases.

## Breeding Strawberry Plants

This is a period of progressiveness. The old ways are matters of history. We no longer go to any strawberry patch to get our plants for the new beds, regardless of kind or condition, or the state they may be in. We are living in a time when all things have become new, and we go to the man who makes it a business to supply us with the best that his time and experience enables him to produce, and as such we present our plants to you. We have worked on this berry problem, have selected and "bred" such strains as we know will give you good results.

### Planting

To insure a good stand of plants great care must be exercised in planting. Many ways are recommended and many ways are successful. As to distance apart the plants should be set and the number of plants per acre, much depends on the various localities. For a matted row, which is most popular, the rows should be three and one-half or four feet apart and the plants on an average of eighteen inches apart in the row. Thrifty growing varieties in localities where strawberries make a luxuriant growth can be planted further apart. When it is desired to grow the plants without allowing the runners to root, as is done in the hill culture, the plants may be planted ten to twelve inches apart. All runners should be cut off as fast as they start and the plants will stool out and develop into enormous plants producing great quantities of berries.

### Soil and Location

It has been demonstrated that Strawberries will grow in almost any kind of soil and yield good returns. Good rich loamy soil, well drained, is best. Plant early varieties on high land, the late varieties usually do best on low ground, as they bloom late, after all danger of frost is past. During a dry season low land becomes very valuable for late berries. Its moisture will mature a good crop when high land will have become very dry.

### Cultivation

As soon after setting as practicable, the surface should be stirred very shallow, being careful not to disturb the roots of the plants, also not to cover up the hearts or crowns of the plant, as the latter will cause the plants to die, by rotting or smothering the crown. This early cultivation is essential for several reasons. First, to be sure that all the openings near the plant are filled, also to preserve moisture by arresting evaporation through capillary attraction.

This shallow cultivation should be kept up through the season, never allowing the surface to crust. It is necessary to do some hand work with the hoe in order to loosen all the surface and keep down weeds. The latter is very important, as one can not successfully grow two crops on the same ground at the same time. Blossoms should be pinched out from all spring set plants as they should not grow any fruit the first season, as it weakens the growth of the plant and is liable to kill them.

All runners should be cut off during the first six weeks, when if matted row is wanted the runners may be allowed to root until the desired row is obtained, after which all runners should be kept trimmed off.

### Mulching the Strawberry Bed

There are several things to be said for and against it. If your soil is of a texture that throws out the roots of your plants during the freezing and thawing period, which generally happens on clay soils, it is well to mulch, but if your soil will grow clover and not heave the roots out during the winter, mulching is unnecessary if you have good strong growth of plants; but if your plants are weak and look as if they were not able to go through the winter without some help it is well to spread several tons of fresh wheat or rye straw on an acre of land. Mulching retards the early ripening of the berries. Mulching should be put on as soon as the ground is slightly frozen and taken off as soon as the plants show spring life.

A TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER OF TREES OR PLANTS TO THE ACRE

Distance	No. of trees	Distance	No. of trees
1 foot apart each way.....	43,560	13 feet apart each way.....	257
2 feet apart each way.....	10,890	14 feet apart each way.....	222
3 feet apart each way.....	4,840	15 feet apart each way.....	193
4 feet apart each way.....	2,702	16 feet apart each way.....	170
5 feet apart each way.....	1,742	17 feet apart each way.....	150
6 feet apart each way.....	1,210	18 feet apart each way.....	134
7 feet apart each way.....	888	19 feet apart each way.....	120
8 feet apart each way.....	680	20 feet apart each way.....	108
9 feet apart each way.....	537	25 feet apart each way.....	69
10 feet apart each way.....	434	30 feet apart each way.....	48
11 feet apart each way.....	360	35 feet apart each way.....	35
12 feet apart each way.....	302	40 feet apart each way.....	28

**RULE**—Multiply the distance in feet between the rows by the distance the plants are apart in the rows, and the product will be the number of square feet for each plant or hill, which, divided into the number of feet in an acre (43,560), will give the number of plants or trees to the acre.





Gibson

## Strawberry Plants

✓ **AROMA.** A popular berry, grown by many in place of the Gandy. Foliage is smooth, deep green, of spreading habit, and gives the sun a clear right of way to the crowns. The leaves are long, broad and clean. As a pollenizer for late pistillates it is unexcelled, and its picking season is unusually long, as the blooms begin to open medium early and continue until late. The berries of this variety are very large, bright red. The flavor of the fruit is deliciously aromatic and very rich, and the flesh is smooth and solid. Its appearance in the box is most attractive, the prominent yellow seeds heightening the effect of the bright red of the flesh. We have grown an extra large stock of the Aroma plants and believe we can supply the demand for spring setting. We advise you to place your order early. Aroma will please you. It is the best late strawberry grown. Ripens a few days ahead of the Gandy and is twice as prolific.

✓ **AUGUST LUTHER.** Fruit is very uniform in size and shape. Plants are healthy and make a good row. The fruit is of good size, roundish, bright red, firm and very easily picked. It succeeds best on rather light soil. One of the best early varieties.

✓ **BRANDYWINE (Per.)** This has proven so satisfactory with all who have grown it that it is consequently in large demand. It is comparatively new and of great value by reason of its productiveness, large size, beauty and good quality. The berries are glossy crimson, very handsome, firm and solid, excellent in quality, with fine aromatic flavor. The berries color all

over evenly and retain a good size to the last, ripening in succession, and every berry maturing fully. Plant is remarkably vigorous, hardy and exceedingly productive, and its foliage is large, clean and healthy. A superb variety, and careful culture will give magnificent returns. Midseason to late. It is also an excellent pollenizer.

✓ **BEDER WOOD (Per.)** One of the very best early varieties for home use or market. It is a splendid grower, making a large number of strong runners. It has a perfect blossom, and is **immensely productive**. Fruit of good size, light red, medium firmness and good quality. One of the best to plant with early blooming pistillate varieties.

It certainly is a much better market berry than a lot of the newer sorts that are given lengthy descriptions and loudly praised. Its worst feature is its color, which is a little too light. I would recommend it as a reliable sort for market purposes.

It has a peculiarly dry and spongy nature which enables shipping it long distances without injury. It is an excellent plant-maker, setting freely and rooting deep; thus being able to withstand drouth better than those sorts not rooting so deeply. Recommend it as a paying market sort.

✓ **BUBACH (Imp.)** Fruit large and handsome, roundish, conical, bright scarlet, moderately firm. Plant a strong grower, with large healthy foliage and very productive. Succeeds on light or heavy soil. Desirable for home use or near market. One of the best. Season



✓ **BUBACH**—Continued.

early to medium. This is an old standby, and is deservedly popular. Plant growth vigorous, but does not throw out excess of runners. Best grown in hedge or half matted row. This variety is as well known and widely disseminated as any grown, and it is as popular as it was several years ago. We always run out of stock long before the close of the season. While it is hardly firm enough for long distance shipping, still it will hold up for ordinary marketing, and is one of the largest berries grown.

✓ **CLYDE** (Stam.) A very large, most wonderfully prolific strawberry, yields great crops of berries, slightly light in color, foliage sometimes insufficient to protect the berries from the sun, needs good rich soil, does best on moist soil.

✓ **CRESCENT** (Per.) An old variety, and still popular with some growers. A berry of fair size and flavor, productive. Good plant maker, one of the very best berries to resist spring frosts, not very firm, still firm enough for near markets.

✓ **ENORMOUS** (Per.) Medium to late, of irregular shape, very productive, crimson color, very fine flavor, exceedingly firm, very large.

✓ **FENDALL** (Imp.) Its claims by the originator: First, great vigor of plant growth. Second, large size, and delicious flavor. Third, length of bearing season. Fourth, wonderful productiveness. Fifth, splendid root system. Sixth, beauty and symmetry of form. Seventh, yielded at the rate of 525 bushels per acre. Eighth, Col. Bracket (Chief of Plant Division of the Agricultural Department, Washington, D. C.), picked and carried a quart of Fendall to Washington which required but nine berries to fill a quart. Fendall is a good grower on our ground; produces very large fruit; begins

**Senator Dunlap**

ripening fruit early and continues through a very long period. The plants make a clean, healthy growth, plenty of runners, and is a desirable fruit.

✓ **GANDY** (Stam.) One of the leading late varieties with fruit growers all over the country. The plant is a strong grower, fruit is large and firm, does not yield as heavy as some; requires strong soil and fertilizers to do its best. It is very late and a big showy berry. Gandy is always quoted at the highest price in every market. It is the finest looking fruit and sells quickly at top prices. You will not make a mistake if you want some Gandy for late fancy berries. We have a fine stock.

✓ **GLEN MARY** (Bisex). A well known variety, bright green foliage, upright grower. The Glen Mary is only semi-staminate. The berries are big, dark red beauties, with prominent seeds of bright yellow; the meat is rich and juicy, and crimson in color. They are of such high flavor that when once eaten more are wanted. As a good, firm shipper it is very popular; for fancy local market there are few, if any, better, and for this reason it is popular with both the large and the small grower. We have reduced the price on this popular variety so it comes within the reach of all.

✓ **GIBSON** (Stam.) A wonderful new strawberry. Gibson commences to bear with Senator Dunlap, Warfield, etc., but owing to its wonderful productiveness it continues till quite late, so we class it with our medium late varieties. It is a very strong grower, with long



### ✓ GIBSON—Continued.

roots that withstand dry weather, and has plenty of dark green foliage to protect its enormous crop of fruit from direct rays of the sun.

Look at these qualifications:

The vines are loaded with berries. You will hardly understand how the plants can produce such quantities of fruit.

Berry is extra large. One of our very largest strawberries.

Beautiful dark glossy red. The flesh of the berry is red clear through. Calyx bright green, adding greatly to its beauty and market value.

The flavor is as fine as can be found in any strawberry; a perfect table and canning berry and owing to its tough skin it is one of the very best of shipping varieties.

Nearly round and regular.

✓ **Fruit Stems.** Are plenty and are strong and upright. This keeps the fruit up out of the sand, where they are clean and where they are easy to find and pick.

The Gibson has been grown extensively in this county for several years, and is one of the most profitable commercial strawberries in this great "Fruit Belt." Will produce 650 cases on an acre.

✓ **HAVERLAND (Per.) (Medium).** This is a mid-season producer and has more competition as such than either the earlier or the late variety, consequently when it is said that the Haverland is a profit producing variety it means a great deal in its favor. The plants are healthy, vigorous and large, producing ample runners, and is a product of recognized ability. It is an extremely hardy variety and so productive that the stems are unable to hold the fruit from the ground. This makes mulching desirable, and that would assist to rapid handling at picking time. It is one of the good old varieties that have always stood well.

✓ **LOVETT.** Well established variety; good cropper; firm berry; mid-season. Not planted as much as formerly; still there is some call for it.

✓ **PRIDE OF MICHIGAN (Stam.) (Baldwin's).** Plants medium size, healthy, a good plant maker, has good strong fruit stems, fruit medium to large, glossy red color. Roundish, conical and regular in form, reasonably firm and productive, medium early. This new variety was introduced by Mr. Baldwin, who recommends it very highly. We have not fruited it.

✓ **CHESAPEAKE (Stam.) Late.** It is a seedling and has many good points of many good varieties. The plants are large, vigorous, rustless and without an inferior point. Foliage thick and upright, with an almost round leaf. It is a large stemmed variety and much of the fruit is held from the ground by them. They are similar in size to the Gandy, but more productive, firmer and of better quality. Green tips are unknown in the Chesapeake. It is a good producer on any land that will grow strawberries. One of the best late strawberries.

✓ **POCOMOKE.** From the standpoint of a commercial grower, this comes very near being a perfect variety. It is a healthy, luxuriant grower, making plenty of runners, and is an abundant bearer of large, firm, bright red berries. Never misshapen and holds up in size better than a great many varieties. It is a superior berry in every way. Very popular as a canning berry. Needs no petting and will produce large crops under reasonably good culture.

✓ **SAMPLE (Per.)** Season very late. The Sample strawberry is admired by everyone who has seen it. Berry is of large size and fine quality, quite firm; continues a long time in fruit; the



Wm. Belt



Stevens Late

✓ **SAMPLE—Continued.**

berries are large to the last. It will yield as many berries as the Haverland, and will average as large as the Bubach. Colors all over at once. Foliage perfect, fruit perfect. Needs no petting. Sample is one of our best late strawberries and you will like them. Our stock is large this year.

✓ **CRAMPTON** (Per.) Medium season. This is a new variety of great promise. A berry of very large size, good flavor, very productive when given good care. Good color, the berries are coxcomb in shape, has a light green foliage free from all plant diseases, has been introduced but a few years, and is gaining in popularity very fast. We have but a limited stock of these plants to offer this year, and will not sell more than 100 in one lot, and have made the price low for such a promising berry.

✓ **SENATOR DUNLAP.** This is the best all-around berry before the American public today. It is a hardy plant, has a long flowering season, resists drought, dark red color, very productive, has large round berries of perfect shape; mid-season to early. Plant Senator Dunlap. We recommend it. The demand for this variety has steadily increased every year since its introduction. It does well everywhere and produces enormous crops of fine fruit regularly.

Senator Dunlap is of the Warfield type, has a perfect blossom, is hardy, productive, a

splendid keeper and able to hold its own under any "rough and tumble" methods of culture to

which it is likely to be subjected. Senator Dunlap is a very heavy bearer of good size, evenly shaped fruit of a very beautiful dark red color; its flavor is delicious. For canning it is fine; making a rich, red syrup. It is a first class shipper, and retains its brightness long after being picked. It looks well on the market and sells at top prices. The best proof we have that this berry is a money maker everywhere is the fact that our customers in nearly every state in the Union are ordering Senator Dunlap in large quantities every year. We have an extra large stock of fine plants growing and would advise you to place your orders early.

✓ **STEVENS' LATE CHAMPION** (Per.) This new late variety seems to do well wherever tested. The originator describes it as follows: "Very large, fine flavored, bright color, good shipper, a fine bed maker, a heavy yielder, fine foliage." It ripens later than the Gandy and lasts until the Fourth of July. It certainly is a very strong and healthy grower, and a prolific bearer. For a late market it is ahead of the Gandy.

✓ **UNCLE JIM** (Stam.) Very large size; immensely productive, reliable variety, rich color, good flavor, fine for table or market, should be included in every collection.



✓ **WARFIELD** (Per.) One of the oldest, best known varieties of strawberries grown, and it still has many staunch friends scattered everywhere who have grown it regularly and still find it one of the best. It is a good sized berry, good color, fine flavor, very productive.

✓ **WM. BELT** (Stam.) A very fancy berry in every way; in size it is all one can ask, of the very finest flavor, beautiful bright red color, grown for fancy trade, it commands the top prices on every market, very prolific, plant free grower, and should be in every collection of fancy fruit.

✓ **TENNESSEE PROLIFIC** (Stam.) "Perfect" blossoms, fine grower, productive, large size, firm and popular with many growers. One of the best staminate varieties to plant, with medium early and medium pistillate kinds. A good, reliable sort. It is well to plant this berry with the Haverland and other varieties of its season.

✓ **SPLENDID** (Stam.) A very productive variety of medium size. Must be kept thin in order to keep it from getting thick in the row for best results, as it surely will do if left to have its own way. Has a strong staminate blossom, and is a good one for pollenizing such pistillate varieties as Warfield, Crescent and others of that type.

✓ **JESSIE**. Where the soil conditions are favorable, the Jessie is an exceedingly fancy berry for either home use or market. One of the very largest berries grown, beautiful color, fine flavor and always regular in shape.

✓ **NORWOOD** (Stam.) The plants are strong, making a liberal number of runners. Has a perfect blossom and holds its size well through the season. The berry is conical and regular in shape. Color bright red all the way through, growing darker with age. It is firm, a good

keeper, and will ship well. The quality is unsurpassed and the size unequalled, some attaining the enormous size of 2 1/2 inches in diameter. We have a fair size stock and are making the price low while they last.

### Fall Bearing Strawberry Plants

Much has been written the past two years about Fall Bearing Strawberries. To accommodate our customers we are growing the most productive varieties and can supply good strong plants. These varieties are very productive and will bear luscious fruit until killed by frost in October. For best results keep all bloom picked off in Spring and do not allow them to bear regular crop in June. Our varieties are the best.

#### Prices, Fall Bearing Strawberries.

	Dozen	Per 100
	Postpaid	By Express
Superb .....	\$1.00	\$4.50
Autumn .....	1.00	4.00
Francis .....	1.50	8.00

✓ **FRANCIS** (Per). Fruits from June till frost. Just as persistent as the Pan-American, but not so strong a plant maker. It is inclined to stool and makes very few runners.

✓ **AUTUMN** (Imp.) Is a genuine Fall Bearer. If weather is favorable will yield a fine crop of fruit late in fall. Not as profitable as some of the other fall croppers.

✓ **SUPERB** (Per.) A close rival to Americus. As a fall cropper, yields fruit only on the parent plant. The berries are a rich blood-red from surface to center. As a June cropper it yields enormous crops on the same plants and if the summer season is any way moist late in September the same plants are filled with fruit. Here is a strawberry plant that should be grown by every berry grower.

#### Your Strawberry Plants Were the Best I Ever Saw.

Clay Co., Missouri.  
Bridgman Nursery Company.

Dear Sirs:—After writing to six or more nurseries for prices on strawberry plants I decided that I would send my order to you. I am well pleased with the plants. Never saw finer or better rooted. They came through in first class condition, we took them out of the crate and set them the same day they came and the stand is complete. My neighbor has sent you an order.

Yours truly, FRANK WILSON.



Haverland

# Strawberry Specialties

## ✓ Cranberry Strawberry

A strawberry that has the taste and color of the cranberry. It is just as sour and answers all purposes of a cranberry. You can put it up in cans in strawberry season and use it for cranberries at any time you need something that is tart. You can use them for preserving and they are fine if you add enough sugar or if you want the sourest thing that grows on a strawberry vine. Send for a few dozen for trial. \$1.50 per doz.

The prudent housewife, who tries to be prepared for emergencies when company comes, would be more than repaid to have a few cans of this novel fruit in her cellar at all times.

### Healthy and Fine.

Dunlap Co., Mo., April 11, 1913.

Dear Sirs:—I received plants today. They seem healthy and nice.

Yours truly, C. S. THOMAS.

### Red Raspberries and Blackberries Doing Nicely.

Freeport Co., Me.

Bridgman Nursery Company.

Dear Sirs:—The Raspberry and Black berry plants are very fine and doing nicely.

Yours truly, W. K. HANAH.

## ✓ Early May

A new strawberry which we offer to the public for the first time. It is a berry of local origin and is very early. It is very hardy, of excellent color and flavor and we believe it is destined to be the leading early strawberry on the market, and is very productive. We are the original introducers of this berry and wish you would try a few. \$1.50 per doz.

## ✓ Wonder of the World

This is another berry of splendid worth. It bears more nice berries of highest quality than any we have ever seen. If it does as well with you as it does with us, you will like it. \$1.50 per doz.

### Fall Planting of Strawberries.

We can furnish strawberries for fall planting by the first of October.

### Fall Planting of Blackberries and Raspberries.

We can furnish plants for fall planting of any kind we list and especially recommend planting blackberries and red raspberries in the fall. They will get a wonderful start and go ahead and make plenty of growth for berries the following season.



Glen Mary





## Red Raspberries

Red Raspberries are being recognized as a great money maker. An acre planted to assorted varieties will make an income of several hundred dollars per year and come in a season when you will have time to look after them.

They will grow in any soil where water does not stand. On high or low land great crops are grown when they receive proper care. They should be planted in six feet rows, plants about three feet apart to get nice large berries. They should be trimmed down to about 2½ feet high.

✓ **CUTHBERT.** Best late market variety, strong grower, immensely productive, fruit firm, large size, of finest quality, season medium to late, hardy, yielding immense crops wherever planted, a general favorite to plant it for home use or market.

✓ **MILLER RED.** An early berry, does not winter kill. We think it is the best shipping berry grown, makes a nice growth of canes; for best medium season berry, set Miller Red; keeps its bright red color a number of days after being picked; a good hardy all around berry.

✓ **KING RED RASPBERRY.** This is the coming red raspberry, being fairly well known now; it is but a question of a few years until the King leads them all. The past season they brought the highest prices on the markets. The berries are very large, bright red, firm, make a splendid appearance in the box, cane hardy and a good grower. It is the earliest red raspberry grown, will please you in every way. Thrives well on heavy soil.

✓ **THOMPSON EARLY RED RASPBERRY.** Has been a favorite with many growers for a long time and on account of its earliness and the consequent high price it continues to hold its own. Were it better known it would be more generally planted.

## Purple Caps

✓ **COLUMBIAN** and **HAYMAKER.** Are neither red nor black, but seem to be half of each. The berries are covered with bloom and present no very enticing appearance when picked; not a desirable variety for market. Of very pleasing flavor, good size and prolific bearer, fairly hardy, do not succeed on all soils; have not met with great favor here and are being replaced by other varieties.

However, aside from the fact that these varieties are not of good appearance for market growing, the flavor is excellent.

### See What They Say.

Carelton, Mich.  
Dear Sir:—Mr. Hennery of this place informed me I could get good strawberry plants cheaper of you than at other places. He told me to write and have you send me a catalog and prices of best varieties if it would not be too much trouble, and oblige

C. H. WOODWARD.

After receiving catalog Mr. Woodward sent us a very flattering order.



## Black Raspberries

Should not be set closer than four feet apart in the rows and the rows should be seven feet apart. They should never be set on land that is in any way inclined to be wet. If there is anything that creates trouble with them, and causes more trouble, is for them to have "wet feet." Do not under any circumstances plant them where it is the least bit inclined to be wet. Strawberries, Red Raspberries, Blackberries, will all stand more wet, so look out for wet spots. We lost 25 acres when we first commenced by getting too WET.

✓ **CUMBERLAND.** The most popular Black Cap at the present time, because of its great size, firmness and great productiveness. The fruit is the largest of the raspberry family, often measuring seven-eighths of an inch in diameter, and is of such handsome appearance that it is sure to bring the top of the market. Cumberland is very hardy and will stand many degrees below zero without injury. It is the heaviest bearing variety now grown.

In Cumberland, you have berries that fill any want that you may have. We have fruited all of the other varieties, but they all fall away behind Cumberland. We have fruited it for a number of years and if you will trim them back so the stock will not be more than 2½ feet high and cut the laterals off to six inches in length, then you will get fruit that will surprise you and give you the largest picking season of any black raspberry. Cumberland sets so many berries that it is absolutely necessary to give it a severe trimming. It is covered with berries and could not hold up the immense load if they should all attain their proper size. Don't be afraid to trim them back. Don't let the ladies trim them. If you do, you will have too much wood to pick



Cumberland

over. They are easily picked and there is no question as to when they are ripe, and a nicer, blacker or finer berry you will never see.

✓ **GREGG.** Has been the leading market variety all over the country for years. Evaporators and canners prefer this berry to any other. A standard late Black Cap. It is of good size, has a slight bloom, fine flavor, carries well, is easily picked. Plants are fairly hardy and it is well to plant this variety in combination with others. We have grown this variety for many years and find it a good money maker.

✓ **KANSAS.** Entirely healthy, with tough clean hardy foliage. The fruit is very large, of black glossy color, entirely free from bloom. Firm and of best shipping qualities, wonderfully productive and has an extra long picking season. Very valuable for home and market.

✓ **EUREKA.** An extra early Black Cap, produces a great crop of large berries of good size, jet black, and holds its size well to the end, and because of its earliness always commands a high price.

✓ **CONRATH.** A valuable black raspberry and a great money maker, originated in this state, where it has a great many friends. Coal black in color, parts readily from core, good flavor, firm and of good size. One of the most productive of the black raspberry family. Is extremely hardy.

✓ **PLUM FARMER.** A variety from Northern New York; maturing the entire crop in a very short period, making one of the most profitable early market sorts. The berries are thick-meated, firm, with a bloom similar to Gregg. Berry large and very attractive when picked ready for market. Worthy of trial in the home garden and commercial field.



Eldorado

### Best I Ever Bought.

Rives Junction, Mich., May 5, 1913.  
Bridgman Nursery Company,  
Bridgman, Michigan.

Dear Sirs:—Just received my shipment of plants. They reached me in fine shape. They are the best stock I ever bought.

Yours truly, M. J. STEWART.



## Blackberries

Should be planted in light, dry soil about 4 feet apart and with rows 7 feet, requiring about 1,800 plants per acre.

A great many mistakes are made in setting them on soils that are too cold and wet. The blackberry roots like to get down in the ground away from the surface where it can gather those elements that are necessary for a crop of berries. If the soil is wet, its roots can only be on top, and a little dry spell cuts the crop. If you live in a section where the thermometer drops five or more degrees below zero, you should plant the hardier varieties which stand almost any degree of cold.

✓ **ELDORADO** stands at the head of the list. They never freeze back in Michigan, and we hardly know how cold it would have to be to kill them. They do well in the cold northwest where the cold is intense. They have replaced the Snyder, being twice as large and wonderfully productive. They are of fine quality, firm and good shippers, and for cold regions have no superior, doing equally as well in warmer sections. It needs no winter protection. We have a strain of Eldorado that will please you in every way. The real genuine Eldorado can be depended upon to produce great crops of luscious, sweet blackberries wherever you may be. We have a large stock.

✓ **WILSON'S EARLY.** The largest and most productive of the blackberry family, produces fruit in large clusters, holds its color better than any berry that is put upon the market, and brings the highest price at any and all times. It is a berry that can be shipped thousands of miles, and reach its destination in good shape. Is a berry that is always firm and can hang on the bushes for eight or ten days after ripening. In localities where it is known and its culture understood it is preferred above all others. The Wilson blackberry plant is somewhat tender and needs to be protected from severe cold weather, its habit of growth being somewhat willowy, easily admits of its

being bent close to the ground, where it can be quickly covered with some slight mulching for the winter. We have fruited the Wilson for 25 years and find it our best money maker.

✓ **BLOWER BLACKBERRY.** A very large blackberry of delicious flavor, jet black in color and a thrifty, upright grower. This variety is very hardy, very productive and we recommend it for the home garden. It is not quite so firm as some, still firm enough for shipment to near markets. A great many Blower Blackberry plants that are offered for sale are mixed. We guarantee ours to be true to name.

✓ **EARLY HARVEST.** If you want a blackberry that is sweet, ripens early and produces great crops, has the exact flavor and looks of the wild berry which it resembles in growth and size, plant the Early Harvest. The finest of all berries for canning. Not very hardy. Will do only for the milder climates.

✓ **WARD.** A new seedling of the Kittatinny, having all its good qualities. Healthy, strong grower, producing fine, large fruit, black throughout, of excellent quality. An exceedingly prolific sort, the bushes being covered with its fine fruit, equalling the Wilson in point of productiveness. Comparatively a new variety, the berries resembling the old Kittatinny in looks and flavor, but is free from the rust which practically wiped out the Kittatinny Blackberry. Needs no winter protection with us.

✓ **MERSEREAU.** Mammoth Early Ironclad Blackberry. Will stand 15 to 25 degrees of cold; needs no winter protection. Free from blight, rust and other diseases. Exceptionally sweet, rich and luscious. Canes of strong, upright habit, always strong enough to support the great crop of berries; bears regularly every year in any climate. A midseason berry following Early Harvest; should be in every collection; has berries in great quantities every year.

## Currants

Currants should be added to every fruit collection. It is a household favorite the world over, especially for making jelly. Nothing can come near it. Currant wine is fine for invalids. It has many household uses. The currant thrives on good, strong soil and needs plenty of fertilizer for large crops. Our plants are fine this year and we offer you the best varieties to select from. They should be set at least five feet apart each way and given good cultivation.

✓ **LONDON MARKET (Red).** Is the best variety for home use and market. A strong grower, productive, and bears very large fruit. Is exceptionally free from the attack of worms and borers, which helps to make it so popular.

✓ **WILDER (Red).** The strongest grower and the most productive, bunch and berry large, bright red, hangs on bushes in fine condition for handling as late as any known variety. Ripens with Fay's Prolific, fully as prolific and is in every way profitable. A popular berry for table and market.

✓ **FAY'S PROLIFIC (Red).** Well known and popular Currant, grown in every state in the Union. Color deep red, great bearer, large

bunches and berries hold their size until the end of the stem. Fine flavor, not quite so sour as some. Fay's Prolific is an extra fine red currant. Try them.

✓ **PERFECTION.** A new variety from New York. It has been awarded many valuable prizes and medals. Universally approved by the very highest authorities and should be tested everywhere as there is big money in growing large currants. We fruited them the past season, and find them by far the most handsome currant grown, the clusters were of immense size, full to the very tips, and we think they will be the coming currant for market and the home.

Marietta, Ga., Nov. 10, 1913.

Bridgman Nursery Company,

Dear Sirs:—Last spring I bought some plants from you. Among them 500 Cuthbert raspberry plants. The plants were fine. I wish to add to them, can you ship me at once 500 plants of Cuthbert raspberries. Please let me know as soon as possible.

Yours truly, JOHN A. MANGET.

## Gooseberries

The method of planting gooseberries is too well known to require an explanation, but it is a very profitable crop and the demand seems to be on the increase. They can be planted almost any place and do well under almost any conditions.

✓ **DOWNING.** Is a yellowish green berry, one of the oldest and most reliable of the large fruiting varieties. A very prolific bearer, of splendid quality and very fine for both table and cooking use. A vigorous grower and usually free from mildew.

✓ **HOUGHTON.** Bush a vigorous grower with slender branches, enormously productive, medium size, pale red when ripe, tender and good. The Houghton is a very profitable gooseberry, as the fruit hangs so thick on the branches that it can easily be stripped off by wearing leather gloves, then



Houghton

they may be run through a fanning mill to remove the leaves. This is the great advantage the Houghton has over any other Gooseberry.

## Grapes

Grapes should be planted about eight by twelve, requiring about four hundred and twenty-five per acre. Grapes are a very tempting fruit and can be grown in any locality. If you have not planted any try some this year, and get one of the luxuries that will cost you but little effort. We offer you a choice selection to pick from.

✓ **CONCORD.** A large blue black grape, ripens in northern states about the middle of September. A vigorous grower, the standard for productiveness and hardiness all over the country. We advise setting Concord for late crop. They are an excellent grape and will please you.

✓ **WORDEN.** An improved seedling of the Concord, being larger and handsomer, ten days earlier, of the best quality, very choice and reliable, not as prolific as Concord, and are not planted so extensively for market. An especially fine grape for home use, and the finest flavored black grape known.

✓ **MOORE'S EARLY.** Black, berries and bunch much larger than Concord, very sweet, being the finest table grape on the market. Vine exceedingly hardy and has been exposed to temperature of 20 degrees below zero without injury. It is one of the few varieties that is almost exempt from mildew or disease. Its earliness, good quality and fine appearance make it a very profitable market variety. We heartily recommend it.

✓ **CAMPBELL'S EARLY.** This is a new grape of great promise, excellent quality and very productive. Campbell's Early will not crack, and as a good keeper and shipper it is believed to be unequalled by any other grape. It ripens with Moore's Early and improves in flavor for some time after being ripe. An extra large cluster and berry of glossy black color, with a beautiful blue bloom, pulp sweet and juicy. Seeds part readily from the pulp. The vines can stand exceptionally cold weather, having been subjected to 18 degrees below zero without any apparent harm.

## White Grapes

✓ **NIAGARA.** The leading white grape throughout the country. Fruit is large and of fine quality, there is none that equals Niagara. Color is greenish white, changing to pale yellow when fully ripe. Skin thin. Clusters oftentimes weigh as much as two pounds. Vine is exceedingly free from disease of any character. You should not fail to set the Niagara as they are a choice table grape as well as a good market variety.



Concord

As a closing argument in favor of our plants, we wish to state that for the season of 1914 we have exercised more than ordinary care in growing our stock, and feel safe in saying that you will find them as good, at least, if not better than formerly.



# Price List of Small Fruits for 1914

## Strawberries

	100	500	1000
August Luther (S) .....	\$0.50	\$1.25	\$2.00
Aroma (S) .....	.55	1.50	2.50
Brandywine (S) .....	.55	1.50	2.50
Bederwood (S) .....	.50	1.25	2.00
Bubach (P) .....	.60	1.75	3.00
Clyde .....	.75	2.50	4.00
Crescent (P) .....	.50	1.25	2.00
Chesapeake (S) .....	.75	2.50	5.00
Crampton (S) .....	1.00		
Enormous (P) .....	.75	2.50	4.00
Gandy (S) .....	.55	1.50	2.50
Glen Mary (Bi-sex.) .....	.60	1.75	3.00
Gibson (S) .....	.60	1.75	3.00
Haverland (P) .....	.50	1.50	2.50
Fendall (P) .....	.75	2.50	4.00
Lovett (S) .....	.50	1.25	2.50
Michell's (S) .....	.50	1.25	2.00
Norwood (S) .....	.85	3.00	5.00
Pocomoke (S) .....	.50	1.25	2.50
Sample (P) .....	.50	1.25	2.50
Senator Dunlap (P) .....	.50	1.25	2.00
Stevens' Late (P) .....	.55	1.50	2.50
Splendid (S) .....	.50	1.25	2.00
Tennessee Prolific (S) .....	.50	1.25	2.50
Pride of Michigan .....	.50	1.25	2.00
Uncle Jim (S) .....	.55	1.50	2.50
Warfield (P) .....	.50	1.25	2.25
Wm. Belt (S) .....	.60	2.00	3.50
Jessie (S) .....	.80	2.75	5.00

## EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES

	Doz.	100	500
Superb (S) .....	\$1.00	\$4.00	\$20.00
Autumn (P) .....	1.00	4.00	18.00
Francis (P) .....	1.50	8.00	

## Red Raspberries

	100	500	1000
? St. Regis (Everbearing) ..	2.50	11.00	20.00
Columbian .....	\$2.50	\$8.00	\$15.00
Cuthbert .....	1.00	4.00	7.00
? Early King .....	1.00	4.00	7.00
Haymaker .....	2.50	8.00	15.00
Miller .....	1.00	4.00	7.00
Thompson Early .....	.90	3.25	6.00

## Black Raspberries

	100	500	1000
Cumberland .....	\$1.00	\$4.25	\$8.00
Kansas .....	1.25	4.50	7.50
Plum Farmer .....	1.50	6.50	12.00
Eureka .....	1.00	4.75	9.00
Gregg .....	1.00	4.00	7.00
Conrath .....	1.40	4.75	8.00

## Gooseberries

	Doz.	100
Downing .....	\$1.00	\$7.50
Houghton .....	.90	6.50

## Blackberries

	100	500	1000
Blower .....	\$1.70	\$7.00	\$12.00
Mersereau .....	1.70	7.00	12.00
Early Harvest .....	1.50	5.50	10.00
Eldorado .....	1.50	5.25	9.50
Wilson's Early .....	1.00	4.00	7.00
Ward .....	1.50	6.50	12.00

## Currants

	Doz.	100
Wilder .....	\$1.00	\$5.00
Fay's Prolific .....	1.00	5.00
London Market .....	1.00	5.00
Perfection .....	2.00	11.00

## Grapes

	Doz.	100
Concord .....	\$0.75	\$3.00
Campbell's Early .....	1.25	8.00
Niagara .....	1.00	4.50
Moore's Early .....	.90	4.00
Worden .....	.90	4.00
Champion .....	1.50	6.00

If Grapes are wanted in larger lots, write to us for prices. We have a large stock of one year and fancy two year old vines, and can supply you with any amounts.

We can also make you a better price on Strawberries or anything we list in lots of 5,000 or more of any one kind.



How would you like to have a strawberry patch like this. You can by purchasing Strawberry Plants from the Bridgman Nursery Co.

## Be Sure to Read This

Williamstown, Mass., November 18, 1913.

F. C. Stahelin & Son,  
Bridgman, Michigan.

Dear Sirs:—I received the Raspberry Plants in good condition. I did not count them all, but I counted enough to know I was dealing with an honest man. I have planted them out and I hope they will come along good.

The plants I got from you were **clean**, but I got some from another man with bunches on the roots, some as large as walnuts. I should like to know if that is any harm? I got some on plants several times before, but some of these had several on a single root. I should feel obliged to you if you could tell me what these lumps are. Please answer and oblige,

Yours truly, JAMES THOMAS.

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We wrote Mr. Thomas that the plants he got from the **other man** had root gall; that he had better burn them up, if he did not wish to start the disease in his new plantings.

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**Buy from the Bridgman Nursery Company and you will secure plants that are free from disease.**

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