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# Annual Catalogue

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THE ABOVE CUT SHOWS YOU HOW I GROW MILLIONS OF TRUE TO NAME CHOICE STRAWBERRY PLANTS

## Somerset Fruit, Seed, Poultry & Plant Farms

John W. Hall, Marion Station, Somerset Co., Md.

Being on the line of the N. Y. P. & N. R. R., I have unsurpassed facilities for prompt and safe shipments North, East, South and West. I always obtain the very lowest shipping rates for my customers.

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## A Good Reputation

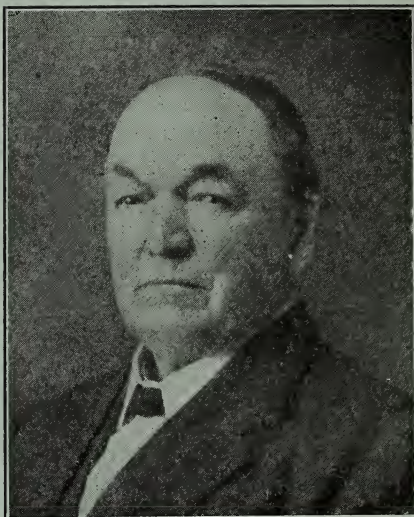
It has always been my effort to conduct my affairs along the lines of "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

I have been on the same farm, in the vicinity of Marion, Md. for over 60 years; and engaged in the plant and seed trade business since 1880.

I promise absolutely a square deal to any and all persons doing business with me. In my efforts to please, I frequently do more than duty commands.

If you doubt my responsibility or standing, I would advise any prospective patron before placing his order,

accompanied with the cash that they communicate with the Postmaster of Marion Station, or the Cashier of Farmers Bank of Somerset county of Marion Station, Md. or any responsible business man in or around this place.



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### FARMERS BANK OF SOMERSET COUNTY

MARION STATION, MD., JANUARY 14, 1914.

To Whom it May Concern:

We unhesitatingly recommend Mr. John W. Hall, as an experienced Nurseryman, perfectly reliable, and we believe any stock purchased of him will be found as represented and true to name. Our business relations with him have been entirely satisfactory through the many years he has been dealing with us. We believe him to be an honorable man in all of his dealings. We take great pleasure in recommending him to anyone desiring to purchase SEED, PLANTS or POULTRY.

Very respectfully yours,

ADEN DAVIS, Jr., Cashier.

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## Certificate of Nursery Inspection

No. 22.

To Whom It May Concern:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that on the 4th day of September 1913, we examined the Nursery Stock of J. W. Hall growing in his nurseries at Marion Station County of Somerset, State of Maryland, in accordance with the laws of Maryland, 1898, Chapter 289, Section 58, and that said nurseries and premises are apparently free, so far as can be determined by inspection, from the San Jose Scale, Peach Yellow, Pear Blight and other dangerously injurious insect pests and plant diseases.

This Certificate is invalid after August 1st, 1914, and does not include nursery stock not grown within this State, unless such stock is previously covered by certificate and accepted by the State Entomologist and State Pathologist.

College Park, Md., Sept. 9, 1913.

Thos. B. Symons, State Entomologist  
J. B. S. Norton, State Pathologist.



## *Friends and Patrons, 1914*

In presenting this edition of my 1914 catalog I wish to extend my thanks and best wishes to you for past favors. I assure all customers that their orders will have my careful attention. I realize that I cannot secure your orders unless you have CONFIDENCE in me. I solicit your orders strictly on the high-grade merit, and upon my reputation for honest dealings and faithful discharge of my duty. My record of THIRTY-THREE YEARS doing business direct with the public is certainly gratifying to me, and I know it is appreciated by my customers from the many testimonials I receive every year. Every year shows a marked increase in business. I cannot afford a dissatisfied customer as a great portion of my business comes to me through the recommendation of my customers. I enjoy the increase in business this way as it is convincing to me that I am pleasing my customers. I aim to so conduct my business that a cause for complaint cannot possibly arise, but should it occur, I ask an opportunity to rectify same. I do not allow any company or firm to treat their customers better than I do mine. I know that there are honest nurserymen but the general public does not know those that are honest or dishonest. I do not only claim to be honest and reputable, but I prove it. No man is asked to take my unsupported word for this statement, I make every customer a judge. Confidence and trust are essential. There is no way in which a prospective customer can acquire this CONFIDENCE and trust except by experience. I wish to impress upon your minds the importance of buying the best seeds and plants that can be procured, and those that are TRUE-TO-NAME. My plants are always dug from young beds that have not been allowed to fruit. I tie all plants 25 in a bundle, keep them from wind and sun and they will reach destination in first class condition and ready to grow. In digging plants the entire row is dug the parent and all inferior plants are discarded and nothing but well rooted plants are shipped. It is poor economy to lose sight of quality and buy cheap because it is a little saved. I handle but one grade of seeds and plants, the best and highest in quality. The best is the cheapest. It costs no more to grow good stock that is TRUE TO NAME than it does poor and worthless stock, therefore good stock is worth many times the difference. My seeds and plants give perfect satisfaction wherever grown.

The testimonials received from my customers are very natural and highly appreciated. For the lack of space I will print only a few.

Marion Station is one of the largest shipping points of Strawberries in Maryland, and our land is ideal for growing plants as well as the fruit.

It is a pleasure to me to send my customers my catalog from year to year.

I wish to thank each and every one of my customers for their generous patronage in the past, and hope for a continuance of same.

I wish every reader of this catalog a happy and prosperous New Year.

I remain, Yours for Prosperity,

***John W. Hall, Marion Station, Md.***

## Please Read Carefully Before Ordering

**Terms, Etc.** Payments in advance. In ordering please be sure to write name and address plainly, postoffice, county, express office, and state by what method or route you prefer having goods shipped.

**Examine Carefully.** Upon receipt of goods report at once should there be any cause for complaint, and we will promptly correct the error.

**Order Early.** Please send in orders early—the earlier the better.

**Substitutes.** In case I should be out of any variety ordered, patrons should state whether or not I can substitute other varieties just as good, in place of those ordered. When no instructions accompany order, I shall feel at liberty to substitute other varieties as nearly similar as possible to have equal or greater value. When parties are unknown to me, orders should be accompanied by one-fourth cash, balance when you want stock shipped. Of course, in all cases I shall do my best to please.

**Our Shipping Season.** We can get stock out in good time for Southern trade during the mild weather in winter; at any time as late as the 10th of May for Northern customers.

**Important.** I make no charge of any kind for any package delivered free on board cars at Marion. The purchaser always pays the transportation charges. If there is no regular freight agent at your station all of the charges must be prepaid before shipment. Therefore cash should be sent with the order to cover these charges.

**When to Order.** To make sure of getting just what you want, just as soon as you get this catalog, read it carefully, then make out your order while it is fresh on your mind, and send it to me. Stock will then be reserved for you and shipped when directed. Orders acknowledged when received and forwarded as soon as weather permits. If I cannot fill your order, I will return your money promptly.

**Our Western Friends.** Wishing to plant my improved Second Crop Seed Potatoes and Berry Plants, need not hesitate to order because of transportation charges, because we have very low rates. I cannot give rates to all points, but they are low.

**How Far Do I Ship?** Just as far as I have orders to go. A certificate of inspection will be attached to every shipment.

**How Best to Remit.** By Registered Letter, Bank Draft, Check to my order, by Postoffice Money Order on Marion Station, Md., Express Money Order, or by Postage Stamps (taken for fractional parts of a dollar)—one and two cent stamps preferred.

**Reference.** Aden Davis, Cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Marion Station, Somerset county, Md.; Warren F. Sterling, Cashier of the Bank at Crisfield, Md.; R. G. Dunn & Co.

# Description and Price-List of Hall's Improved Second Crop Seed Potatoes

## Grown With Special Care For Good Seed

The importance of second-crop seed potatoes for a sure crop and profit, is yearly increasing.

**IMPORTANT.** Price of potatoes are subject to market changes. If wanted shipped in barrels add thirty five cents, extra, otherwise I ship in sacks. Full sack contains two and three-quarter bushels. Sacks free.

Farmers are confronted with a serious problem when it comes to purchasing potatoes that are **TRUE TO NAME**, and will produce bumper crops of the finest quality. Farmers, North, East, South and West have been planting my seed for years, which is proof that they give satisfaction. The seed you purchase of me is grown on my own farm, and under my own supervision. Nothing but true stock is permitted to grow, all mixed stock is culled out while growing if there be any. I know my stock to be 98% pure.

My customers report larger, better and earlier crops from seed bought of me than from any other seed. My seed potatoes are a nice medium size, and will go farther in planting, two barrels of mine will go about as far as three barrels of larger seed, hence the saving.

To be sure of getting your order filled, you had better order at once as I have not had enough for the past two seasons to fill orders, have had to return their money.

### *What The Rural New Yorker Says about Seed Potatoes.*

ISSUE OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1913.

Many Southern potato growers find themselves face to face with a great problem. The Irish Cobbler is the favorite variety for growing in parts of the South. While not the earliest, this variety is a great yielder, a strong, quick grower and with a shape that is recognized in the market. The demand is for "COBBLERS" though other varieties are introduced and sold. The popularity of this variety has led to mistakes and dishonesty until the papers do not fit the potato. Northern growers have begun to mix in with the Cobblers other varieties of much the same type and appearance until complaints come thick and fast about bogus seed. A grower will find one third or more of his crop of some late variety which is worse than useless for his purpose. The only advantage the Southern grower has, is ability to get his crop into early market. The true Cobbler permits him to do this, but it is nonsense for him to plant varieties which will ripen along with cobblers grown in the latitude of New York, yet this is what happens when this mixed or mongrel seed is planted. At the time when his potatoes ought to be in market the late varieties which



have been palmed off on him have barely begun to set tubers. This thing is rapidly becoming a serious nuisance and the seedsmen and seed growers must stop it or lose their reputation and their trade. This mongrel seed is as bad a fraud upon the purchaser as is selling grade cattle for pure bred stock, and the average buyer has little idea how badly the Irish Cobbler seed is adulterated. The mix-up is so bad that no seedsman has any business to guarantee pure Cobbler seed unless every tuber is grown under his own eye and misfits or "rogues" pulled out before they form tubers.

The Irish Cobbler proposition has certainly come to be a horror and a nightmare with many potato growers. This excellent variety has been so mixed up with other sorts that we know of growers who despair of ever obtaining pure seed, and they are forced to abandon Cobblers. The original mix-up seems to have been made by contract growers who supply the large dealers. In this way the bogus seed has been spread all over the country, and has thus got away from the trade.

**Irish Cobbler.** One of the most valuable early potatoes ever sent out and more extensively planted than any early variety. It ripens with the very earliest. The particular feature which impresses many growers is the thriftiness of the vines. The yields are very large for an extra-early variety, equal to many of the late ones. Form oval and smooth, round, plump and handsome. Tubers beautiful, creamy white, slightly netted, having few eyes, indented, strong, well developed. Flesh pure white, fine quality. The best extra early, white potato grown. The quality of the seed planted has much to do with the crop you get. My stock is unsurpassed for big yields and fine quality. Advise placing orders at once. Price per peck, 60c.; bushel, \$1.75; in barrel sacks, \$4.25. Sacks free.

**Early Fortune.** A most desirable variety, productive; in form and color it resembles the Early Rose, but in quality it surpasses it. It is a handsome potato, and the quality, shape and color is one of the best early potatoes. Price, peck, 50c.; bushel, \$1.75; in barrel sacks, \$4.00. Sacks free.

**Rose of Aaron.** Seedling of Early Rose, but not as early by about ten days. If you have been planting the Early Rose, try the Rose of Aaron. Price, peck, 60c.; bushel, \$1.75; in barrel sacks, \$4.00. Sacks free.

## Intermediate and Late Varieties.

**Green Mountain.** A large, handsome, flat, oval shape, white. One of the finest eating potatoes known to the trade. Shallow eyed, very smooth and a prolific yielder. It commands an extra price in the city markets. As a table variety it is unexcelled. Not susceptible to disease and is fast becoming the standard white potato for late planting in this country. My stock is fine. Price, peck, 50c.; bushel, \$1.50; barrel, \$3.75; in barrel sacks, \$3.25. Sacks free.

**White Star.** This wonderful yielding variety is of large size, flesh white, color of the finest quality, and is an excellent keeper. It is medium early and late. Price, peck, 50c.; bushel, \$1.50; in barrel sacks, \$3.50. Sacks free.



**Maggie Murphy.** Late, unexcelled for a large crop. It will produce large crops on thinner land than any other variety, whether wet or dry. Skin is a pinkish tint. It produces an unusually large proportion of large marketable tubers and few small ones. Vines remain green up to maturity. Price, peck, 50c.; bushel, \$1.50; in barrel sacks, \$3.50. Sacks free.

Three Rivers, Mass., December 15, 1913.

Mr. Hall, Dear Sir:—I was much pleased with the Second-Crop Irish Cobbler potatoes you shipped me this spring. I would like to have you save me 4 sacks of good seed, same as you did this spring, for next spring planting.

Yours very truly, H. D. Ger.

Ludlow, Mass., December 23, 1913.

Mr. Hall, Dear Sir:—The Second-Crop Cobbler seed potatoes I got of you this spring, planted by the side of other kinds, came up stronger and more even and were of better quality. I presume I shall want some seed this spring, both early and late kinds, if you have some O. K. stock.

Yours truly, Mervin H. Pease.

## How To Grow Strawberries.

If you have not already got a strawberry bed you should start one this spring. They are as easy to grow as corn or potatoes, the fruit delicious and healthy. They may be grown on most any soil that is adapted to ordinary farm and garden crops, land moist but not wet. If wet, well drained, ground should be well prepared. For a crop well enriched. Some good stable manure, fertilizer, or wood ashes. Plant as early in the spring as possible, as this is the best season of the year to plant, and be sure to get good strong well bred plants TRUE-TO-NAME. Keep roots from being exposed to sun or wind. Do not set plants too deep. Set them so the crowns will be even with the top of the ground. Press soil about the roots. For field culture set in rows three or three and one-half feet apart. The plants should be planted from 15 to 16 inches apart, according to habit of the variety. Shallow and frequent cultivation is the kind needed for the rapid growth of plants, it keeps grass and weeds down, also keeps soil moist and mellow. Next winter when the ground freezes cover the bed lightly with straw or leaves. This will keep the soil clean.

### *Description of Varieties.*

**Gandy.** This is one of the most reliable large late berries grown. It is an old standard variety that you can depend upon every time. The plant is a strong grower and a good plant maker. The large, handsome appearance of the fruit always command for it the highest price in market. The fruit always grows large and is one of the best shippers known. It is grown largely here and it brings the dollars. I have a large stock of A No. 1 plants.

**Hanback's Beauty.** The originator of this wonderful berry has introduced several good varieties of Strawberries that have done well over the country. He claims that Hanback's Beauty is the best of them all, by far. It is a cross between the Mascot and Gandy, but much larger than Gandy, more prolific and firmer. It has a beautiful glossy red color with no white tips. Very firm, it can be left on the vines for three days after they are ripe then they will be in first class condition for shipping to distant markets. It ripens with the Gandy, but can pick long after the Gandy is gone. It has a large double cap, plants large and entirely healthy, no blight or rust, foliage tall and thick. I have only fruited in spring set plants, which was fine. Try it, I do not think you will make any mistake.

**Chipman.** Originated in Sussex county, Del., by a grower of 30 years experience in berry growing. The plants are strong, upright, large and healthy growers. The fruit is very large and early with tall broad bright foliage that never shows any sign of rust or disease. It has a strong perfect blossom and a good kind to plant with pistillate varieties. It has a large green cap of even size and shape. Succeeds equally as well on light and heavy soil. It is predicted that it will soon become one of the leading commercial varieties. This berry proved a winner again in 1913 at the Somerset Seed, Plant & Poultry Farm. Notwithstanding the great drouth and hot weather in the fruiting season. This berry stood it all much better than others and produced a fine crop of large berries which sold at fancy prices. I say, plant it.

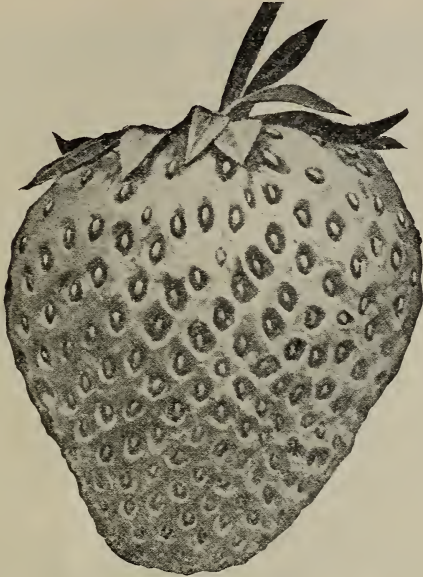
**New York.** It is so popular that it has several different names as agreed by nurserymen, viz: Ryckman, Uncle Jim, Oswego, Corsican, Maximus, Wonder, Dornan, Dollar, Pride of Michigan, Armstrong and Morgan's Favorite. It produces an abundance of large and vigorous plants, deep rooted, with bright glossy green foliage, and very productive. Fruit large and always brings a fancy price. Color, blood red, with a bright surface. It is strictly fancy and a prize winner and has produced 15 berries that filled a quart under ordinary culture. Season of ripening, mid-season.

**Klondyke.** Of Southern origin. One of the few great standard varieties. Productive, firm, brilliantly colored. Famous on all markets as a shipper and seller. This variety is so firm that it classes as a re-shipper. It is firm enough to distribute from large markets to small ones and it commands top prices. The Klondyke has been quite extensively planted the past few years.

**Michael's Early.** Extra early berries, bright scarlet, conical. An old and popular variety. A good table berry with excellent flavor.

**Heflin Early.** A splendid early variety for market or home use. It is early to ripen, of large size, beautiful red color, splendid flavor and excellent canning qualities.

**Red Bird.** Originated in Mississippi and has been thoroughly tested. Find it to be a wonderful producer of large berries. Color bright red and when offered to the public it was said to be as early as Excelsior, but after testing, it was found to be a few days later, but a fine berry. It is pistillate and must be planted with some perfect blossom variety.



CHESAPEAKE



GANDY

**Superb.** FALL BEARER. It is superb indeed, and considered the best of all the fall-bearing varieties. Plants set in early spring will produce fruit in the fall of the same year. The Strawberry grower need never fear the late spring frost with this new variety. When planted in early spring with blossoms kept off until mid-summer or until about four weeks before you want ripe fruit, you can get a crop the same year. The following spring you will get a full crop the same as you would any other variety, then another crop in the fall. The old varieties of the Fall-bearing varieties have been poor plant makers. Superb will make as fine a bed of plants as most of the old standard varieties, such as Haverland and Sample. One of the greatest uses for the fall-bearing strawberry is for the home garden as it is possible to have ripe berries every day from the time the first ripe berries come in the spring until they are cut off in the fall by the frost.

**Fendall.** This berry was originated by Charles E. Fendall of Baltimore County, Maryland. The plant is strong vigorous and healthy. Foliage a beautiful light green, easily distinguished from other varieties and has not shown the slightest blemish in any respect. The berries are very large and of fine flavor. It is wonderfully productive, the berries lay in piles around the plants, good plant maker. The berries are beauties, rich in color, smooth and glossy, with long stems, a large showy cap. I think it will become a general favorite when it is well known. In 1906 its yield was at the rate of 16,800 quarts per acre with originator.



**Chesapeake.** This berry has been fruited extensively over the country and has proven very popular. Plants vigorous, no rust. The foliage is thick and leathery, upright leaf stems, the greater portion stands up holding the fruit from the ground. It bears more fruit to the single stem than any variety we know of. Blossom is perfect, fruit uniform, large, averaging larger than Gandy. It is more productive, firmer and better quality. Without the green tips. It colors all over at once and ripens about the same time as Gandy. I sold all the plants I had last season and could have sold as many more. I have a large stock this season.

**Senator Dunlap.** I have fruited this variety for several years. It has proved to be one of the best grown. Some varieties may surpass it in some respects, but as an all around berry it has few equals. The berry is adapted to all sections as it seems to do well everywhere, more so than any other variety. Plants medium in size. A severe drought seems to affect it much less than other standard varieties. It has a perfect blossom, rich with pollen to plant with pistillate kinds. Enormously productive. Fruit medium to large, uniform in size, conical shape, a bright glossy red. The meat is bright all through, excellent quality, good shipper.

**Pride of Somerset.** It surely has the right name. Originated near Marion Station, Somerset county, Maryland, the famous berry district. The way this berry came into prominence was, the originator was the first to ship berries from this station. It is a chance seedling. In the season of 1912 when the crop of berries on most all varieties was a failure PRIDE OF SOMERSET was as fine as anyone would ask for. It is a strong grower of extra large, deep rooted plants that will stand drouth. It has a long bearing stem, which is an advantage as most all early varieties bear all of their fruit very close to the ground. It is as early as Excelsior. Fruit very large and will continue to be large until last are picked. Foliage, tall, light green, which has never shown any sign of rust or disease. Berries, bright red, medium long and round, large green cap, very solid and will stand shipping to any distant market. I believe it to be the coming new berry. Give it a trial. My plants are fine.

**mple.** The demand for this variety of plants has increased and has proven to be very popular all over the country. A strong grower with dark green leaves, a good plant maker. The berries are large, deep red color, firm for distant shipment and has a smooth, glossy appearance. Imperfect blossom. It is not only one of the most beautiful late berries, but one of the largest and most prolific, uniform in size. The fruit retains their large size until the end of the season.

**Tennessee Prolific.** Is one of good medium early variety, large size and very productive. It is very vigorous, healthy, with never a spot of rust. I believe it is a variety that will do well under most any circumstance. It has a strong staminate blossom, and is especially valuable as a pollenizer. This variety is largely grown in the vicinity of Norfolk, Va., one of the largest strawberry sections in the world. A good one.





A BLOCK OF CHESAPEAKE PLANTS

**Early Ozark.** Originated in Missouri. My plants came from the originator in the spring of 1909. A cross between Aroma and Excelsior. This was in great demand last spring. After fruiting this variety on what few plants we had left were well pleased with it as an early variety. The foliage is very thick, dark green without a spot of rust or blight, exceedingly productive. Blossoms large and rich in pollen, fruit firm, early as Excelsior or Michael's Early, in size it is the largest extra early variety grown. Fifteen berries filled a quart rounding full. My stock of plants are fine. To be sure of getting plants of this wonderful early berry let me have your order early.

**Stevens Late Champion.** Extra late, of the Gandy type and more productive. The berries are large and a little rough in shape. It is popular in many places.

**Pride of Cumberland.** Large and uniform in size, resembling the Gandy. Compared with the Gandy, it is a week or more earlier in ripening, of the same large cap and deep red color that makes it very showy in appearance and unexcelled for shipping.

**Aroma.** A late variety similar to the well known Gandy in many respects. Fruit very large and roundish, rarely mis-shaped. Color, deep glossy red, firm, one of the leading varieties as a long distance shipper, excellent quality. Its greatest popularity is in the middle west.

**Ewell's Early.** This berry was originated by Mr. Ewell of Accomac county, Va., and has been grown by him for several years. It boomed itself as the originator was the first one to ship berries from this section. Then the berry growers began to inquire of him why it was that he shipped so early, and it was then he told of his exceedingly early berry. The more information they got the more anxious they became to plant it. The past season was unfavorable for a crop, owing to the extreme drouth, but the "Ewell's Early" produced a heavy and a paying crop—blossoms perfect. It does not begin to bloom as early as some of the very early varieties, but grows very quick, and every blossom seems to mature a berry that is as early as Excelsior, more uniform in size, a good shipper, color a bright glossy red, a tremendous cropper, plants strong, healthy growers, with clean healthy foliage, which is free from all diseases. A good plant maker. Try it.

**Bubach.** Which used to be called Bubach No. 5. A well known standard variety. The berries are cox-combed. Plant is perfect, having a dark green foliage, very stout crown. A prolific grower, sets enough plants to give large size berries, season early to medium. I have the genuine stock.

**Climax.** A luxuriant grower, gives enormous yields of fine, firm fruit. A very popular market berry where well-known. It ripens early and bears a large crop.

**Brandywine.** Perfect blossom, medium late. This variety thrives in almost any soil and usually gives good results. Fruit colors all over, berries large, regular of conical form, color bright glossy red which extends to center, flesh firm, of excellent quality, very productive. It is a favorite in the South as well as in the North. An old reliable variety.

**Excelsior.** I have not yet found any strawberry earlier than this one. It is self pollenizer, the berries are medium to large in size and very productive, good color, fruit firm. Taking the whole country over this has been a standard variety for a number of years and is probably as largely grown now for market as any extra early variety. It is also about the surest to bear. Very often Other early kinds are killed by frost.

**Three W's.** This berry is a chance seedling and possesses many points of excellence. The foliage is beautiful, clean and healthy, dark green in color and very attractive. Fruit large, glossy red, firm good quality, very productive. At St. Louis World's Fair it won the highest prize and had a record of keeping ten days. My plants are very strong and healthy and look as though they would produce a tremendous crop.

**Missionary.** Hailed from the South. Plants vigorous, healthy and strong grower and a great plant maker. Plants medium large and berries large and hold their size well through the season. It is early, but not quite as early as Excelsior and Hoffman. It is an enormous bearer, firm and a good shipper. It is planted here extensively for the market.

**Wm. Belt.** Fruit large to very large. A bright red in color. Fine quality and productive. Planted very largely in some sections.





### GOOD, CLEAN CULTIVATION ALWAYS PAYS

**Mascot.** Seedling of Sharpless and Gandy plants. Healthy and strong grower and free from disease. It will bear two berries to Gandy's one and of larger size. Berries dark red, season of ripening a few days later than Gandy. Firm and good shipper.

**Superior.** This berry is very popular, the plants are vigorous growers large and healthy, with dark green foliage, perfect blossom, immensely productive, of medium to large bright red berries, very firm. It ripens early and continues a long time in bearing and does well on different soils.

**Haverland.** Has proven to be one of the most profitable mid-season varieties ever sent out. It seems to do well everywhere. I have been planting them for 20 years and they have not lost one particle of vigor. It never rusts or has other diseases. It is enormously productive, berries lie in heaps around the plants. It should be mulched as the fruit stems are not able to hold the immense load of berries from the ground. Another good point in its favor is its ability to withstand frost at blossoming time, often bearing a full crop when other varieties are badly damaged. If you are in doubt as to what to plant you will make no mistake in planting some Haverland. It has an imperfect blossom, but the easiest to fertilize of any imperfect variety grown. There has been a great many mixed plants sent out for Haverland, but if you place your order with Hall you will get A No. 1 plants and true to name.

**Sons Prolific.** A new berry, originated in Missouri and is said to be a seedling of Bubach fertilized with Aroma. Introducer claims that beyond a doubt it is the greatest shipping berry. Its parentage is plainly shown in both plant and fruit. Berries are said to be a darker red than Aroma, about the same shape, but larger. I have not fruited it yet but as far as I have seen of it, the introducer has not over estimated it. I think it worthy of a trial.

**Improved Hoffman.** It is among the earliest. The true Hoffman is at home in this section. Largely grown for many years and is still grown by many of our leading farmers. Handsome crimson color, with a gloss like varnish, perfect shape, great firmness, excelled by none as shipper and seller.

Roslyn, N. Y., May 1, 1913.

Dear Sir:—I wish to say the 18,000 Strawberry plants came through in fine shape. After being in the express office over, Sunday I think every plant will live. Several of my neighbors who saw them say, they were the best plants they had seen. I thank you for filling my order so satisfactory.

Yours truly, Silas S. Albertson.

Kingwood, W. Va., April 15, 1913.

Dear Sir:—Received the Strawberry plants Monday, April 14, and have them all in the ground. I never saw better plants nor never bought any kind of plants of any Nurseryman packed as neat and careful as the plants I received from you. They are the finest plants I ever saw.

Yours truly, Geo. W. Herndon.

Rising Sun, Md., May 8, 1913.

Dear Sir:—I received the Strawberry plants in fine shape. Thanking you for your promptness in filling my order.

Yours truly, Chas. F. Orr.

Enid, Pa., April 15, 1913.

Mr. J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—I received my Strawberry plants on the 12th and they were fine plants, well packed and in fine condition.

Yours truly, John M. Schenck.

## *Asparagus Roots*

Have a nice stock of plants that will be strong rooted.

**Palmetto.** New variety of Southern origin, now being largely planted. As compared with Conover's Colossal, it is earlier, a better yielder, more even and regular in growth, and of fine quality. One year—100, 50 cents; 1000, \$2.50. Two years—100, 75 cents; 1000, \$3.50.

**Giant Argenteuil.** This variety was originally a selection from imported French Argenteuil, but has been acclimated and improved and is much superior to the original stock. It is an early variety, healthy, being able to resist disease. Highly prized by the growers. One year roots, 75 cents per 100. \$3.00 per 1000. Two years—100, \$4.00.

**Conover's Colossal.** Large, rapid growth, productive and of very fine quality. One year—100, 50 cents; 1000, \$2.50. Two years—100, 75 cents; 1000, \$3.00.



## GIANT HIMALAYA BERRY

I have seen several articles in print about this berry. It is seldom that I hear a good word for it, as nearly everyone condemns it. I saw an article in the December 6th issue of the *Progressive Farmer* under Prof. W. F. Massey's writings. He says that W. F. Allen says it is worthless. From the best information that I can get there are several types of this wonderful berry and there is only one that is worth planting. I was fortunate to get the best of them all. If people, who have been condemning this berry could have seen them as they were with me the past season in bearing on two-year vines, and tasted the rich juicy fruit that these vines produced they would not condemn this wonderful berry any longer. It bears in clusters. Berries, meaty, sweet with almost no core, they are good keepers. It is a heavy producer. It ripens in August and has a long season. We picked 72 quarts from 5 plants at one picking in the summer of 1913.

Its growth is like a grape vine, makes a growth of 25 feet in one year, and should be trained to a trellis. It looks handsome on an arbor, a beautiful sight when in bloom. Price of strong, well-rooted plants, 30 cents each; 3 for 60 cents; 6 for \$1.00.

## DEWBERRIES

**Lucretia.** The plant is hardy and healthy and remarkably productive. It is as hardy as Snyder blackberry and as productive as any. The fruit ripens with the late raspberry and before any other blackberry, very large, often one and a half inches long and one inch in diameter, sweet and luscious, no hard core. The Lucretia Dewberry has won endorsement and highest praises from the best horticulturists in the country. It has proved very satisfactory wherever tried and is recommended with the greatest confidence. 50c. per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred; \$8.00 per thousand. By express not prepaid.

**Austin's or Maye's Improved.** This berry comes from Texas where for several years it has far surpassed all others. It is wonderfully prolific. It is a glossy shining black color, its very appearance has a tempting effect upon those who love berries, coming as it does just after strawberries, people are agreeably surprised at such berries and so early. The New York Experiment Station and others give excellent reports of their trial of it in the North. As easily protected during the winter as strawberries. It is several days earlier than any other blackberry or dewberry, and I can highly recommend it. 50c. per dozen; \$1.50 per hundred; \$8.00 per thousand.

Ellicott City, Md., April 17, 1912.

Mr. J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—I received the Strawberry plants I ordered of you on April 13th. The plants were in good condition, well packed, and were entirely satisfactory.

Very truly yours, Henry R. Wheland.



## *California Privet For Hedging*

The best of all hardy hedge plants. It is one of the most beautiful in the world. The privet hedge is easily kept any height desired. It has no thorns and has no suckers from the roots and is not objectionable. I sell large, strictly first-class plants, which makes a fine hedge the first year. Price, heavy two year old, well bunched, \$2.50 per 100; \$20.00 per 1000; Extra heavy, \$3.00 per 100; \$25.00 per 1000.

## *Nitrate Crop Feeder*

It pays as a top dresser on crops. It takes the place of Nitrate of Soda and is much cheaper and gives better results. If used on Strawberries in the spring at the rate of 150 pounds per acre when the plants begin to bloom, it will give a strong, healthy plant and a large crop of choice berries. On all varieties of strawberries subject to rust or blight in spring, do not fail to use Nitrate Crop Feeder. It gives the plants a vigorous start and feeds the crop throughout, securing early maturity and largely increased yields. As a top-dresser for grass and lawn it cannot be excelled. A fertilizer for all crops. Write me stating the kind of crop you wish to grow, and I will send "Fertilizer Analysis," with lowest wholesale prices. Address,

John W. Hall, Marion Station, Md..



# PRICE LIST

The varieties marked (IMP) have pistillate blossoms and must be planted near some (PER) variety to fruit it.

**500 plants of one variety will be shipped at 1,000 rates.**

NAME OF VARIETIES	By Mail Postpaid		Express Collect		Read Carefully
	12	100	100	1000	
Per Aroma .....	\$0 35	\$0 60	\$0 40	\$3 00	<p><b>Read Carefully</b></p> <p>Plants ordered early can in most cases go by freight, which is a saving in expense. If the ground is not in a condition to plant when plants arrive, take each variety separate, open a shallow furrow cut the strings that bind the bunches and spread plants very thinly along the side and bury the plants in moist soil deep enough to cover roots well, but not the crowns. Keep soil moist and in a few days there will start little white fibrous roots. They will then be in first-class condition to set out.</p> <p><b>Express</b>—This is the common way to ship plants. There is no delay as by freight. Plants go at 20 per cent. discount by express and sometimes can secure better rates.</p> <p>Safe arrival of all plants sent by express or mail is guaranteed; by freight at purchasers risk.</p> <p><b>Nurserymen and dealers</b> wanting 5,000 to 100,000 strawberry plants write for special prices. Please do not write for lower prices on 1000 to 2,000 plants.</p> <p><b>My System</b> of packing is unexcelled. I make packages as light as possible to insure safe delivery. They are packed in light baskets or boxes. I spare no pains to save our customers every cent possible in transportation. I use plenty of moss of the finest grade for safe arrival.</p>
Per Abington .....	35	60	40	3 00	
Per Brandywine .....	20	50	40	2 50	
Imp Bubach .....	25	50	40	3 00	
Per Climax .....	25	50	30	2 50	
Per Chipman .....	25	75	45	2 50	
Per Chesapeake .....	25	1 00	75	3 50	
Per Ewell's Early .....	35	60	40	3 00	
Per Excelsior .....	20	50	35	2 25	
Per Early Ozark .....	50	75	50	3 00	
Imp Fendall .....	50	75	50	3 00	
Per Gandy .....	20	50	35	2 50	
Per Glen Mary .....	25	60	40	3 00	
Per Hanback's Beauty .....	50	1 50	1 25	10 00	
Imp Haverland .....	20	70	40	2 50	
Per Klondyke .....	20	50	35	2 50	
Per Lady Thompson .....	20	50	35	2 50	
Per Marshall .....	20	50	40	3 00	
Per Michels Early .....	20	50	40	2 25	
Per Missionary .....	20	50	35	2 50	
Per Mascot .....	30	50	35	3 00	
Per Heflins Early .....	20	50	40	3 00	
Per Nick Ohmer .....	25	50	40	3 00	
Per New York .....	25	50	40	3 00	
Per Norwood .....	35	60	40	3 00	
Per Oaks Early .....	20	50	40	2 25	
Per Pride of Cumberland .....	20	50	40	2 50	
Per PRIDE OF SOMERSET .....	50	1 50	1 25	10 00	
Imp Red Bird .....	20	50	35	2 50	
Per Son's Prolific .....	25	60	40	3 00	
Imp Sample .....	25	50	40	2 50	
Per Stevens Late Champion .....	25	50	35	2 50	
Per Superior .....	25	50	40	2 50	
Per Senator Dunlap .....	20	50	35	2 50	
Per Tennessee Prolific .....	20	50	35	2 50	
Per Superb (Fall-Bearing) .....	75	6 00	5 00	35 00	
Per Improved Hoffman .....	20	50	40	2 00	
Per Wm. Belt .....	25	50	40	2 75	
Per Three W's .....	25	50	35	2 50	

**Guarantee.** All plants to be true to name. I will replace, free of charge any plants found otherwise, but in no case will I be responsible for damages beyond the first cost of plants. Millions of choice plants that will grow.

## Good Pure Bred Seed Corn Direct From Grower To Planter

I have been growing and selling seed corn for years. My seed gives satisfaction wherever grown. This is one of the best sections for growing seed corn, season long and has plenty of time to mature.

I make growing corn for seed, one of my specialties, I fully realize the importance of growing it to insure a perfect and even stand.

First of all, our crop is allowed to remain in the field on the stalks until it is ready to be stored. In order that it may have the full benefit of wind and sun which is desirably the best method of curing it. When thoroughly cured, it is then husked by hand, sorted and stored for the winter. Under this process it is in the best possible condition for seed in the spring.

When the time comes for shipping seed it is again carefully selected, sorted, examined as to vitality, butt and tip ends are taken off before shelling and graded.

We hire all our seed corn shelled by hand. I have found this to be the very best way to have the best seed corn.

The fall here was ideal for maturing corn and I never had better matured seed to send out to my customers. I never have a single complaint of my seed corn not failing to germinate and make good stands. I am very careful not to send out seed that will not **germinate** 98 per cent and very often more. You should get good seed from a section that was favorable to maturing as this will always insure good stands.

Getting pure seed of a superior quality, possesses a vitality that produces a strong vigorous growth and will produce from 20 to 30 bushels more per acre than seed of poor quality.

My seed corn is carefully selected in the field with a view of constantly improving the different breeds, in which I succeeded admirably well. The difference between the yield of the past and present is remarkable.

During the past seven years more than 10,000 fields of growing corn have been examined and in no year has the average exceeded 72% of a perfect stand. It has been as low as 64%. The average has been 67% or 68% of a stand. Look at the time lost plowing and cultivating land that produces nothing.

Of the many causes contributing to a poor stand, poor seed is the greatest cause after all.

The cost of a few choice seed is nothing to be compared with the extra yield you will get. The increased yield of **one bushel per acre will pay for the seed**. We select our seed corn in the field from the very best developed ears.

One bushel of seed will plant from 5 to 6 acres. Our crop was large and fine in quality. All seed corn sold by us is guaranteed to show a germination test of 98%, and to be as represented. If not satisfactory when received it can be returned at once at my expense and money paid for it will be returned, otherwise it will be mutually considered between buyer and seller that goods are satisfactory.

**Seed Corn on Ears** can be furnished if wanted; price on application.



## Four Years Record of Hall's Improved Genuine Maryland Twin Corn

Immensely prolific, fine in quality, a wonderful producer of grain and forage. When I purchased this wonderful corn it had a record of 125 bushels of shelled corn per acre. While I have never been able to get quite this yield, I am positive it can be done. After planting it 4 years the yield was at the rate of 100 bushels of shelled corn in 1913, notwithstanding the very unfavorable season we had. Early in August we had a severe wind storm that blew the corn down so that we could not work it any more. It should have had two more workings, at least. If everything had been favorable, I feel sure I would have succeeded in getting 125 bushels to the acre without fertilizer or manure. This corn was planted May 24th, and fully matured. The general report from farmers is that their corn rotted very badly this season. It was seldom that you could find a rotten ear in the Maryland Twin.

Below is the record of this wonderful corn as it has proven with me.

I am headquarters for the genuine Hall's Improved Maryland Twin White corn. The past three years, the record of this wonderful corn is as follows: In 1910 the yield was 110 bushels of shelled corn; in 1911 at the rate of 96 bushels, in the face of one of the greatest droughts ever known here, in 1912 the yield was 112 3-8 bushels without fertilizer or manure of any kind being used on this crop. The corn was allowed to remain in the field on the stalk until December 13th and 14th, it was then thoroughly dry, husked and measured. The land each time where the Maryland Twin corn grew was carefully measured in the presence of three witnesses who are ready to confirm the above statement. No guess work. This record surpasses by far any yield of corn ever grown here. **BE WISE AND PLANT THIS WONDERFUL PRODUCER IN 1913.** Every year since I have been growing it, I have been offering as a premium, a certain amount of corn to the one that come nearest to guessing the number of bushels of shelled corn this corn would yield per acre. This season I offered two prizes. After having many contestants the Rev. R. K. Lewis, pastor of the M. P. Church at Marion Station, Md. again winning first prize, guessing 110 bushels. Dr. R. Lee Hall of Poconoke City, Md. winning second prize, guessing 118 bushels.

The foliage is abundant, leaves thick, broad and long; makes more fodder by one third, of the finest quality than any other variety of corn I have yet seen. **UNEXCELLED FOR ENSILAGE.** It grows from 10 to 12 feet high and has from 2 to 4 ears on a single stalk. Ears from 7 to 11 inches long. The kernels are a nice even size, medium hard, good keeper, an excellent corn for milling, the meal from this corn is of the very finest quality and unexcelled for making corn flakes of any kind. This corn shells so much better than any other variety of corn. Two bushels of ears even full will shell out one bushel

of corn that will weigh 58 pounds to the measured bushel. The ears have 12 to 18 rows of deep kernels around a small white cob, compact and solid, very little air space, grains filled well out to the end of the cob. It will grow well on light or heavy soil. Stalks strong and will mature in 110 to 115 days.

I have been carefully selecting my seed corn in the field before it is gathered ever since I have been growing the Maryland Twin and I have been astonished at the wonderful improvement this corn has made. The ears run a third longer than when I first got it. It was a little mixed when I got it, with a very small ear that was wonderfully prolific. By carefully selecting the seed I have eliminated this. Anyone purchasing seed of me in the future will find that I have a much finer breed than I have ever had before. This is the most beautiful white corn that I ever saw, with a good per cent of the ears 10 inches long. This corn does well South, East and West. I now have the finest lot of seed corn that I have ever had of this variety. I have not been able to fill my orders for this corn since I have been growing it. The demand is going to be very heavy again this season from the way the inquiries and orders are coming in. To be sure of getting some of this seed corn this spring, you had better send in your order at once. I am making the following offer: to any person or persons that will furnish me a variety of white or yellow corn that will outyield HALL'S IMPROVED MARYLAND TWIN, I will agree to pay \$10.00 per peck for 2 pecks, the corn to be planted in as good ground as Maryland Twin, and to have the same care and culture.

Price, 25c per quart; 40c per quart post paid; Peck by express or freight 75c; One half bushel \$1.25; Bushel \$2.00; 2 Bushels \$3.50; Sacks free.

**I have printed full instructions concerning my methods for growing large crops of corn. It will be sent with every purchase of seed corn from me. If wanted advise.**

Sellman, Md., January 6, 1914.

Dear Sir:—Replying to your letter, will say, that the corn made such a prodigious growth that we made ensilage of it. We had planted a field of 32 acres in ensilage adjoining the 8 acres on which your seed was planted. We had 2 silos 16 x 36 feet. The 23 acre field filled one silo and about 1-5 of the other, and the 8 acres of your corn filled the other 4-5ths, which must have been at the rate of 15 tons to the acre, perhaps 18 tons, while the 23 acre field was at the rate of 7 1-2 tons. This year we will plant your corn for all purposes, hoping, with good season to fill both silos from 20 acres, and from another field of 40 acres we will try to harvest 4,000 bushels of shelled corn. The land has been in grain for 5 years, was spread from barnyard before plowing and a good sod was turned under last month. Send catalog and same seed for 50 acres.

Very truly, Chambers & Son.

The corn referred to above was the Maryland Twin Corn. They used 2 1-2 bu.

Sussex, Del., Dec. 14, 1912.

Mr. J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—We got 90 bushels per acre of the Maryland Twin Corn. There was an abundance of fodder. Please send 1913 catalog.

Very truly yours, G. T. Jones.

Brooklyn, A. A. Co., Md., Jan. 12, 1914.

Dear Sir:—In order to let you know at this writing what I want for the coming season. Last season was a very dry one, in this part of the country and corn could not do as it might have. I am satisfied well enough to plant the varieties this year. You can mark me down for ONE bushel of MARYLAND TWIN and ONE bushel Farmers Favorite Golden Dent. I am going to plant some of the seed from what I planted from the seed I raised from your seed of last year. Your seed made better returns in both corn and fodder than any other variety that I planted last season, and I am going to give it a larger test this year. You can send me a catalog for 1914.

Yours respectfully, R. M. Thomas.

Manchester, O., Dec. 18, 1913.

Mr. J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—Yours of the 15th asking for report on Maryland Twin Corn bought of you this spring. It was a surprise to all that saw it, I told all of them it has done all that you said. Nearly always 2 ears sometimes 3 or 4 ears to a stalk. I have in this office 4 stalks with 13 ears. We found one hill of 4 stalks with 3 ears on each one. In husking the boy's complained that after husking a stalk they would have to husk it again 3 or 4 times. I expect to plant several acres this year for SILO. I would like to have your catalog for the year 1914.

Yours truly, R. H. Ellison

This corn was shipped May the 5th. J. W. Hall

Kinsal, Jan. 9, 1913.

Mr. J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—The Maryland Twin Corn I bought of you this spring I consider a fine corn if you have good land and plant medium early it will make more corn and fodder than any corn I have ever raised.

Respectfully yours, B. B. Atwill.

Upson, Ga., Dec. 21, 1912.

Mr. J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—I got your Improved Maryland Twin Seed Corn this spring and planted no other variety, and got the largest yield I have ever seen. I would not plant anything but the Maryland Twin Corn.

Very truly yours, T. J. Deloach.

Kinbridge, Va., Jan. 16 1913.

Mr. J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—The Maryland Twin Seed Corn we bought of you last spring did well for us and was well pleased with it, though the season was uncommonly dry. We expect to plant only Maryland Twin Corn this year. All who saw it liked it so much they want seed of us. Later we want a sitting of your Ringlet Barred Rock Eggs. I am

Very respectfully, Mrs. M. E. Parker.

Hayne, Va., Dec. 13, 0912.

Mr. J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—I thank you very much for the Maryland Twin Corn. It did not take two pints to replant a 20 acre lot. My crop was the admiration of every one who saw it. I got one fourth more corn and fodder from the same land and cultivation and fertilizer. I can sell all I can spare for seed. Please send 1913 catalog.

With kind wishes, John L. Beal.



**Hastings Prolific.** It is prolific, fine quality, a wonderful producer of grain and forage. It holds the Georgia record of 214 bushels of corn on an acre; Mississippi record 225 bushels per acre; Arkansas record 230 1-2 bushels; Florida record 129 1-2 bushels. These records were government reports on the boys contest. Ears plentiful, good size, average 16 to 18 rows of deep grains closely set on a small white cob, grains hard, and a good keeper. As a bread corn it has no superior. As a roasting ear corn it is splendid. It matures in about 110 days. Sixty-five pounds on the ear shells one bushel of 56 pounds. I purchased some of the seed of this wonderful variety, in the spring of 1913 direct from the originator, With a very unfavorable season, I had a fine crop, without fertilizer or manure of any kind.

Give it a trial. Price by express or freight—Peck, 75c.; Half bushel, \$1.50; Bushel, \$2.50; 2 bushels, \$4.50. Sacks free.

**Improved Farmers Favorite Golden Dent.** Light golden color and is the finest variety of yellow corn we have ever grown or seen. The cob carries a large amount of corn, the butts and tips are practically well covered with long, broad grains, grows very rapid and makes excellent ensilage. The ears are from 8 to 11 inches long, with 16 to 20 rows. The ears are large, the grain broad and deep. Cob red, medium size, ears are well set, 3 to 3 1-2 feet above ground. By careful selection we have bred out the barren stalk and a large percentage of the stalks have 2 ears. This corn, with a favorable season and soil, you may expect 80 to 100 bushels of shelled corn per acre. It will not only grow on good soil, but produce a good crop on medium soil. I sold all the seed I had of this variety last season and every customer was satisfied. Don't hesitate to send us your orders, for the more you plant of this variety the better you will like it. Peck, 75c; bushel \$2.25; 2 bushels, \$4.00. Sacks free.

**Improved Maryland White Dent.** After years of careful selection of seed of this variety I have secured wonderful results. It grows good size ears, 14 to 16 rows around a small white cob, grain broad and deep, pure white, makes splendid meal. It produces well on average land. Try it. Price, Peck, 60c; bushel, \$2.00; 2 bushels, \$3.50.

**Collier's Excelsior White Corn.** Introducer says: "It is uniformly and exceptionally large ear. The kernels are deep and cob proportionately small, ears run from 18 to 20 rows, compact and solid, the rows are straight and air spaces. The ears taper but slightly, holding its size from base to tip. The ears are properly set from three to four feet above the ground." Prof. Tallaferro, Agriculturist of Maryland Agricultural College, remarked after inspecting a field of Excelsior, just at maturity: "The growth of corn is as near perfect as I have ever seen." He further states that he failed to find a single barren stalk. It is high in protein. Government experts have visited my farm and pronounced the Excelsior superior to any inspected in the State of Maryland. Greatly superior yield over best native. It has never failed to take first prize whenever exhibited. I purchased my seed direct from Mr. Collier, the originator. It has a growing season of about 110 days. It produced 80 bushels shelled corn per acre this season. Price, Peck, 75c; bushel, \$2.25.







# Thoroughbred Poultry on the Farm

The popular general purpose fowl is the Plymouth Rock. This variety keeps its good qualities under all conditions and surroundings, they seldom disappoint in generous egg production. There is not a variety in the American class that is more popular. The Purdue Agricultural Experiment Station of Indiana has published in a circular, No. 40, interesting information in regard to poultry raising. In which various questions were asked, over 700 farmers replied. Plymouth Rocks predominated by a large majority. A flock of chickens on the farm that are all one color and shape surely presents a better appearance than a flock of a dozen different colors. I firmly believe that it will pay each and every farmer to keep only pure bred poultry. I agree to ship you nice, fertile eggs from all breeds that I sell, that will hatch if properly handled, regardless of distance. I deliver to the Express Company's office free of charge and in good condition. I cannot guarantee any per cent to hatch, but I am just as anxious as you are, to obtain good results from my eggs, and if you do not get a satisfactory hatch, on proof, I will duplicate your order at half price.

Remember that I guarantee to give each customer perfect satisfaction. I sold lots of eggs last spring, and not a single complaint. I sold lots of birds in November and December with the understanding, if not satisfactory when received return at once and get their money back, less express charges, or other birds sent in their place. I have never had one returned.

**A few choice birds for sale. Write for prices.**

I keep only one breed on my home farm, and that is the famous Ringlet Barred Rock. I have been raising them exclusively for the past 15 years. The other breeds herein described are on separate farms, White Leghorns and Rhode Island Reds. These strains have been bred for heavy laying in the cold winter months when eggs are the highest. No baby chicks for sale this spring.

**Single C. White Leghorns.** This breed is positively the most popular of the special egg producers. The stock I offer is from the best noted strain. Selected Eggs, \$1.50 per 15; \$2.50 per 30; \$6.00 per 100.

**Single C. Rhode Island Reds.** Hardy and vigorous they mature quick, good winter layers, and healthy. This is a distinctly American Utility breed. Stock and eggs from the best blood. Selected Eggs, \$2.00 per 15; \$3.00 per 30; \$8.00 per 100.

La Plata, Md., Dec. 24, 1913.

J. W. Hall, Dear Sir: The 30 Ringlet Barred Rock eggs you shipped me in April, I got 27 chickens from them and raised all but two. I am well pleased with them in every way. They are large, fine birds, and up to date in every way. They are about equally divided as to sex.

Respectfully, C. H. Stonestreet,

***Be sure and read Poultry testimonials on 3d cover page.***



## Hall's Ringlet Barred Plymouth Rocks



From exhibition stock. I have exhibited different times at the Pocomoke City shows, and have always captured first prize. Barred Plymouth Rocks are my specialty. My birds show careful breeding and true to type of Ringlet ancestors. They are good enough to show anywhere. I improve my stock from year to year from the best blood lines of Ringlet Barred Rocks, to keep up vigor. You need new blood just such as I can furnish you to strengthen and build up your flock. My birds are heavy layers with years of careful breeding back of them. They have perfect health, shape and color. My customers testify to the high quality of my birds. They are the kind that put money in your pockets. My

mateings this year are the best that I have ever had. I will put them together and compare them with the best in the land. You cannot get better stock than I will furnish you for double the price I charge. It is a real pleasure for me to be among my birds. No other breed so large and handsome nor easier to rear, will lay all the year along if given the proper care and attention. They are more profitable as a market breed than any other and as a table fowl they are unexcelled. They thrive anywhere and make plump bodies in 8 or 10 weeks. My birds have conditional vigor, health and stamina. My motto: "First Quality then Quantity." One special feature of Hall's Ringlet Barred Rocks is the regular Ringlet barring, clean and distinct to the skin, which is so much admired. I breed for shape and size as well as color and barring by keeping the one breed, they have full range on the farm, therefore they are vigorous and healthy. While show birds have been my first consideration, breeding utility qualities have not been neglected. They are excellent layers of rich large eggs. My birds are shaped well, with good length of back, breast deep, forms compact combs small and finely set, legs of a bright yellow. At maturity the cockerels weigh from 9 to 11 pounds, hens from 7 to 8 pounds. I get rid of the undesirable specimens and breed only from birds that approach the standard of perfection. I have secured a fine type, large size and display of vigor, sometimes lacking in Thoroughbred Stock. It is better to buy a setting of eggs from a yard in which all the birds are of excellent quality rather than from a yard in which one or two of the birds are of phenomenal merit. Get eggs this spring to raise prize winners for next winters shows. Price of eggs, \$2.00 for 15; 30 for \$3.00; 50 for \$5.00; 100 for \$9.00.

# *Read What Others Think Of My Stock and Eggs.*

Linesville, Pa., Dec. 18, 1913.

J. W. Hall, Dear Sir: Received the Barred Rock Cockerel all O. K. I am well pleased with him, he will be a beauty when he gets older.

Yours very truly, Geo. B. Gehr.

Carthage, N. Y., Dec. 15, 1913.

Dear Sir:—I received the Ringlet Barred Rock Cockerel yesterday in first class condition and was well pleased with him. Please accept thanks.

Yours truly, Fred Hawkins.

Kenoridge, Va., Dec. 20, 1913.

Dear Sir:—I am pleased with the beautiful chickens hatched from the Ringlet Rock eggs I purchased of you last spring. From the 30 eggs there were hatched 22 little chicks. I raised 6 cockerels and 12 pullets. They are beautifully barred. I am satisfied with prompt shipment, and pleased with your kind inquiry. Indeed I will appreciate catalog in 1914.

With much respect, I am, Mrs. M. C. Parker.

Mila, Va., Dec. 15, 1913.

Dear Sir:—We had hatched 28 chickens from the 30 Ringlet Rock eggs sent me this spring. I raised 22,--13 pullets and 9 cockerels. They are nicely marked and are large pretty birds. The cockerels are especially pretty.

My dealings with you have been perfectly satisfactory. I intended writing you how well pleased I was with the hatch.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. S. S. Russell

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 27, 1913.

J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—The 50 Ringlet Rock eggs shipped me this spring came in good condition. I set them and had 30 to hatch, The last count I had 24 chickens, good, and well marked. I am well pleased.

Yours respectfully, Gundy R. Caldwell.

Forest Hill, Md., December 29, 1913.

J. W. Hall, Dear Sir:—The 45 Ringlet Barred Rock eggs purchased of you this spring were received in fine condition. From the 30 eggs I kept I hatched 27 chickens and raised 24; 14 cockerels and 10 pullets. The other setting was purchased for a neighbor, and I am informed that she hatched 13 chickens, nearly all were pullets. I consider that my chickens are nicely marked.

Very truly yours, Chas. S. Pyle.

Defiance, Pa., December 29, 1913.

John W. Hall, Dear Sir:—The Plymouth Rock cockerel you shipped me December 15th, was received all right. I am more than pleased with him.

Yours truly, William Hitchens.



The Photograph is from a Stalk of Maryland Twin Corn That Produced 110 Bushels of Shelled Corn per Acre in 1910. Again in 1912 the Maryland Twin Corn Produced 112 and three eighths bushels of Shelled Corn per Acre. See Description

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## FARMS FOR SALE

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A valuable Farm for sale of 196 acres; 125 in cleared land, in good state of cultivation; 46 acres in meadow. This is a fine farm; can be used for a truck or dairy farm. A good roomy dwelling, built out of the very best material; good stock and hay barn, and other outbuildings; good fruit; good water; convenient to railroad station and steamboat landing. This farm will be sold cheap. The reason for selling, the owner too old to work farm of this size.

Either large or small farms for sale; no better farming country in the world. In a mild, healthful climate, especially adapted to all kinds of small fruits and all kinds of stock; fine for wheat, corn and grain and dairying; railroad and steamboat transportation from every point on the Peninsula.