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Of Choice
STRAWBERRY PLANTS
Asparagus Roots, Etc.



EDMUND WILSON

GOOD STOCK

FAIR PRICES

BASIL PERRY

GEORGETOWN,

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DELAWARE

INSTRUCTIONS TO PURCHASERS

Order at once, as soon as convenient after receiving this catalog. Late in the season we may be sold out of some varieties, but if ordered early the plants are reserved for you, to be shipped at proper time for planting.

Terms—Payment must be made before shipment. If not convenient to remit entire amount when order is sent remit not less than one-fourth of the amount of the order, and your order will be booked and held for you and you can remit the remainder when convenient, before shipment.

Packing is done in the best possible manner. All plants are cleaned, tied in bunches, and labled and packed in light crates or baskets, for which I make no charge.

True to Name—While I use every precaution to have all plants, etc., true to name (and I believe we come as near doing this as anyone in the business). I will not be responsible for any sum greater than the cost of the stock should any prove otherwise than as represented.

Remit by Post Office, or Express Money Order, Registered Letter or Bank Draft. U.S. Postage Stamps will be accepted for the fractional part of a dollar.

Claims, if any, must be made on receipt of goods when they will be carefully examined, and if just, be made satisfactory. Claims made after ten days from receipt of goods will not be entertained.

If you receive more than one copy of this catalog, please hand one to your neighbor fruit grower.

Our Prices—We think our prices are as low as any reliable grower can offer the same grade of goods. Some may offer lower prices, but the best plants are always the cheapest in the end. Try ours.

Our Stock is equal to any grown, and you may always rely on getting it fresh and full of life, and as our soil is especially adapted to the growing of plants, we send out as fine roots as any on the market.

CERTIFICATE OF NURSERY INSPECTION

To Whom it May Concern:

Dover, Delaware, August 30, 1927.

This certifies that I have this day examined the nursery stock and premises of the Nurseries of Basil Perry at Georgetown, Sussex county, Delaware, and that said nursery stock is apparently free from crown gall, peach yellows, peach rosette, the San Jose scale, and all other plant diseases and insects of a seriously dangerous nature, that may be transferred on nursery stock.

This certificate may be revoked by the State Board of Agriculture for cause, and it is invalid after August 31, 1928, and does not include nursery stock not grown on the above named premises unless such stock is covered by certificate of a State or Government officer and accepted by the State Board of Agriculture.

J. F. ADAMS, Inspector.

Tullytown, Pa.—Received strawberry plants O. K. and am more than pleased with them. They have the finest roots of any I have ever seen. I certainly will recommend you to my friends.—Samuel Dingley.



Premier, the king of profit makers.

PREMIER—Extra early. In Premier we offer you the greatest extra early strawberry of all time. However, the early ripening of this variety is only one of its many good features. It is immensely productive and unlike other early ripening strawberries the fruit produced by Premier is of the very finest quality, color, texture and flavor and last but not least every berry is large in size and uniform in shape. For every purpose that a strawberry is wanted Premier is supreme—eating, canning, preserving, local or distant market—no other variety can give you any more pleasure, satisfaction or profit. Premier succeeds everywhere and never fails to give a big crop of the very finest berries. It is frost-proof, drouth-proof, and even fool-proof—producing its customary big load of fruit even under the most unfavorable conditions. The foliage is tough and healthy and grows tall and rank, covering the blossoms and berries and protecting them from frost and scalding sun. Premier can stand more frost at blooming period than any variety we have ever grown during our whole life experience in growing strawberries and due to this fact it is known by many as a frost-proof strawberry.

HOWARD NO. 17—This berry is exactly the same as Premier. We have kept our original stock separate for those who wish to try it for themselves, but we know it is the same in every respect. No higher place can be given it.

BIG JOE—Mid-season. This variety does well on all types of soil, but, like most others, responds quickly to good care and fertility. When grown for local or nearby markets where the shipping distance is not too great, Big Joe is one of the best money-makers we have. Locally, it comes in with fine, large, handsome berries just as many of the early berries are beginning to run down and brings a premium of a dollar or two per crate on anything then being offered. The plant is a vigorous grower, very healthy and very productive. The berries are large in size and have a large, bright green cap which increases their attractiveness. They also are very fine in quality. Market gardeners who retail their berries, those who sell at the farm or on roadside markets, or, in fact, anyone who can get a premium for large, handsome, high-quality fruit, should include Big Joe in their plantings.

GIBSON (Parsons' Beauty).—A vigorous grower which makes plenty of strong healthy plants for a good fruiting bed. The plants are very productive and bear through a long season. They grow well on all types of soil. The berries are large, a beautiful dark red in color. The quality is fine, and this with a deep red color makes them very popular for canning. Not a shipping berry, but for home garden or local market, is very valuable in many sections.

PARSONS' BEAUTY (Gibson).—Same description as for Gibson. The varieties are identical, being grown in some sections under one name and in others under the under name. They produce large quantities of high quality berries which are deep red in color and part easily from the cap, making them very fine for canning and preserving.

EDMUND WILSON—Fruits are of great size and most excellent quality. As it is very dark in color (almost maroon), it is not a good variety to grow for market; but if high quality is the first consideration, you'll find it here par excellence. Exceptionally strong grower, many plants often standing twelve inches or more in height and bearing fruit that actually approaches in size small apples or oranges. Ripens in mid-season.

SUCCESS—Mid-season. One of the best mid-season varieties. Makes wonderful yields on any soil that will produce strawberries of any kind. Fruit large to extra large, bright scarlet color; flavor is mild, sweet and rich.

CORSICAN—Mid-season. Very large and productive, of a rich melting flavor; plants strong and well rooted. Extensively grown in northern states.

CHESAPEAKE—Late. As a late variety for quality and beauty the Chesapeake is unexcelled. It is acknowledged to be one of the finest flavored berries of the strawberry family, and if quality is considered, you will make no mistake in planting largely of Chesapeake. Quality, however, is but one of its good traits, for it is one of the largest and most handsome varieties grown. The fruit is uniformly large and well-shaped. It colors all over to a deep red so there are no green tips to disfigure it, and presents a striking appearance that always brings a fancy price. If you do not have this variety in your collection, we advise you to plant some of them at least, and you will be enthusiastic with the results. Our plants are pure, all from new beds and first-class in every respect.

Berlin, Conn.—I had plants of you several years ago and all were fine.—A. E. Crandall.

Bridgeport, Conn.—Dear Sir: I prefer your plants as they are the best I have had from any dealer.—D. W. Russell.

Quarryville, Pa.—We have been trying plants from some other firms but we have experienced that yours can't be beat.—Rev. Rufus Bucher.



Lupton, a fancy late shipping berry.

LUPTON—A medium late variety that has made a great hit with commercial growers. Lupton is one of the most beautiful berries, averages large in size, deep red color, and one of the firmest on the list. A good strong grower on practically any soil, fairly productive, in fact will average well up to most late varieties in production. The beauty with Lupton is, it can be grown on any soil, where with a good many varieties of the late class, nothing but springy soil may be used. From the sales of plants we are making every year, and the way we have to increase our acreage, we would think Lupton was coming to the front as a commercial variety.

WM. BELT—Mid-season. Fruit is very large and firm, of a delicate flavor. Succeeds on a great variety of soils. A very good one.

SENATOR DUNLAP—Early mid-season. A reliable market berry. One that succeeds in all parts of the country. Very productive. Fruit is medium to large, very firm and attractive. Always sells for top prices.

Norwood, N. Y.—Plants received in good condition. I bought plants of four different firms and yours were far the best plants. Every plant lived and this summer they looked as if they were a year old. One half the other plants which I bought from other firms died out. All had the same care.—Melvin Kimball.

FALL OR EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES



MASTODON

THE WONDERFUL NEW EVERBEARING STRAWBERRY

Everbearing Strawberries have been produced successfully wherever spring bearing varieties are grown. The plants are set just like other strawberries; they are hoed, cultivated and fertilized just as other varieties. For best results, the blossoms should be kept pinched off until the last of June, or middle of July. About August 1st, you can commence picking fruit and continue to get it until freezing weather. The second year the plants will fruit in the spring and if seasonable, will continue to fruit all through the summer and early fall months. If you neglected to get some plants last Spring, so as to have some fruiting beds this Spring, the everbearers planted this spring will bear you a crop of berries the first year, only a few weeks after the plants are set. If the ground is rich and moist, these can be allowed to commence fruiting earlier than August 1st, so that you can have strawberries all through the season, as well as in the fall. No investment you could make will give the whole family more satisfaction and pleasure than a plot of these berries.

Under good conditions one everbearing plant set in spring should produce about one quart of berries during the summer and early fall.

MASTODON—The only Everbearing variety which comes anywhere near challenging the supremacy of the Champion. Mastodon makes plant growth just as freely as champion and does not seem to require especially rich land, although any Everbearing variety must have plenty of moisture during the summer and fall if it is to produce good crops of fruit. The berries of Mastodon are considerably larger than Champion or Progressive. They are much more productive than any of the large type of Everbearers which we have had in the past. The berries seem to be somewhat firmer than Champion, although not quite as good in quality, but, on account of the larger size and its great productiveness, we recommend that you give Mastodon a thorough trial, especially if growing Everbearing Strawberries for profit. One of the largest Michigan growers has this to say of Mastodon: "It is our belief that there never has been and probably never will be, another Everbearing Strawberry that even approaches Mastodon in the qualities that make for perfection."

PROGRESSIVE—The first Everbearing variety that bore enough berries to really make it worth while. Progressive is a good grower and very productive. The berries are of medium size, a rich red clear through, and excellent in quality, fully as good in this respect as most of the spring bearing varieties. You do not have to sacrifice quality when you eat Everbearing strawberries.

CHAMPION—This variety is hailed by many as the real Champion of all the Everbearing varieties. We find, however, that it is very similar to Progressive if not identical. There is no difference to be noted in the size, shape, appearance and quality of the berries. The plant growth of one cannot be distinguished from the other. The introducer and other berry and plant growers claim that it is more productive than Progressive. Over a period of several years, we have seen very little difference in this respect or any other. We have had somewhat larger crops at times from Champion than from Progressive, but this was practically always traceable to some advantage in setting and handling the plants. Our stock of Champion was obtained directly from the introducer, so we have it pure.

ASPARAGUS ROOTS

MARY WASHINGTON—Washington asparagus is generally recognized to be the best variety—and Mary Washington the best strain of that variety. Leading asparagus growers say that it starts earlier, produces more and larger stocks, possesses the highest rust-resistance and will net more money per acre or more satisfaction in the home garden. Price of good strong roots: 50c for 25; 75c for 50; \$1.25 per 100; \$8.00 per 1000.

RHUBARB ROOTS

MYATT'S LINNEAUS—The earliest and best variety, the stalks grow very large and often 2 inches wide and are light green and scarlet. Requires less sugar than other kinds. Price 20c each; \$1.50 per dozen; \$8.00 per 100.

SWEET POTATO PLANTS

YELLOW JERSEY—Ready from May 10th to July 1st. Price 60c per 100; 500 for \$2.00; 1000 for \$3.50. Postpaid.

Flushing, N. Y.—The plants that you sent me three years ago are still doing very good.—O. Gunther.

Price List of Strawberry Plants

	25	50	100	500	1,000
Big Joe -----	\$0.35	\$0.60	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$6.00
Chesapeake -----	.40	.70	1.25	4.00	8.00
Corsican -----	.40	.70	1.25	4.00	8.00
Champion (Everbearing) ----	.50	.90	1.50	6.00	12.00
Edmund Wilson -----	1.00	1.75	3.00		
Gibson -----	.35	.60	1.00	3.00	5.00
Howard 17 -----	.35	.60	1.00	3.00	6.00
Lupton -----	.35	.60	1.00	3.00	5.00
Mastodon (Everbearing) -----	.90	1.50	2.50	10.00	20.00
Progressive (Everbearing) ---	.50	.90	1.50	6.00	12.00
Parsons' Beauty -----	.35	.60	1.00	3.00	5.00
Premier -----	.35	.60	1.00	3.00	6.00
Success -----	.35	.60	1.00	3.00	6.00
Senator Dunlap -----	.35	.60	1.00	3.00	5.00
Wm. Belt -----	.35	.60	1.00	3.00	6.00

PLANTS BY PARCEL POST

We strongly recommend that strawberry plants be ordered shipped by Parcel Post; extra-large shipments by Express.

If plants are wanted by Parcel Post prepaid, add to above price list.

First and Second Zones—8c per 100; 25c per 500; 50c per 1000 plants.

Third Zone—12c per 100; 44c per 500; 84c per 1000 plants.

Fourth Zone—20c per 100; 85c per 500; \$1.60 per 1000 plants.

Fifth Zone—25c per 100; \$1.20 for 500; \$2.40 per 1000 plants.

Sixth Zone—32c per 100; \$1.60 per 500; \$3.20 per 1000 plants.

Seventh Zone—40c per 100; \$2.00 per 500; \$4.00 per 1000 plants.

Eighth Zone—48c per 100; \$2.40 per 500; \$4.80 per 1000 plants.

MY STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Are always grown in new beds,

Are fresh dug at time of shipment,

Are planted in blocks and kept pure,

Are sold at as low a price as we can name,

And furnish good plants.

California Privet

One of the leading hedge plants and undoubtedly the most largely planted of them all. Its foliage produces abundantly the deepest, richest green, almost an evergreen; does not shed its foliage until late winter and then in an exposed position. Easily and quickly pruned, and can be shaped in any form desired.

12 to 18 inch ----- \$4.00 per 100; \$35.00 per 1000.

18 to 24 inch ----- 5.00 per 100; 45.00 per 1000.

2 to 3 feet ----- 8.00 per 100; 70.00 per 1000.

Barberry Thunbergi

(Japanese Barberry)

The ideal low growing hedge plant. A low spreading plant with rich green foliage, turning scarlet in fall. Bright red berries all winter. Needs no trimming.

9 to 12 inch ----- \$8.00 per 100; \$60.00 per 1000.

12 to 18 inch ----- 10.00 per 100; 80.00 per 1000.