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Choice Strawberry Plants.

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W. F. ALLEN, Jr.,

Salisbury, Maryland.

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THIS IS A GREAT satisfaction to me to be able to offer to progressive horticulturists such a valuable collection of strawberries as I have described in this little book. There is no doubt in my mind about its being the best list ever offered. The new ones have been collected from experienced growers who have high standards and know what to aim for, and the most of them are offered at prices so reasonable as to be within the reach of all. Every person who buys a new berry takes some risk, but there are thousands of people in the country who are willing to invest a few dollars a year in the new varieties in order to be intelligent in their work, to keep up with the times, and to be among the first to get a good thing that may pay them for a score of disappointments. It is part of my business to collect the new and desirable sorts from all parts of the country. From these I raise strong, healthy plants and send them to my customers well packed, and guaranteed to reach their destination in good condition. By knowing where to get these new varieties, by buying them in large numbers, and by understanding how to make them grow and increase, I make some profit on them.

I grow no other stock except strawberry plants, and grow them for the plants and not for fruit. In short, the growing of strawberry plants for sale at wholesale and retail is my business, and I feel confident that I can give better satisfaction than growers who make them a secondary importance. It is my sincere wish that every transaction should be to the advantage of the buyer as truly as to myself.

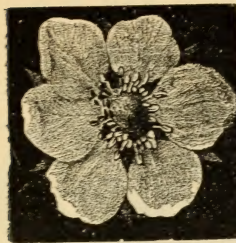
I commence to fill orders just as soon as we can dig plants in the spring and all possible haste is made in getting them off. My customers are never more anxious to get their plants than I am to send them, but I never have plants taken up in the fall and kept over to fill early orders. They are taken up when wanted and not before. Nor are we hindered in filling orders by handling other nursery stock. The strawberry is the one thing claiming our attention in the spring.

My shipping facilities are very good. I have special rates with the Adams Express Company, and will ship by this company unless otherwise directed. In ordering plants by express, please name the company by which you wish them shipped.

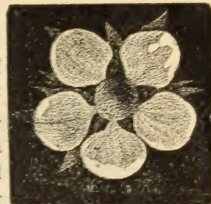
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STRAWBERRIES.



BI-SEXUAL OR PERFECT.

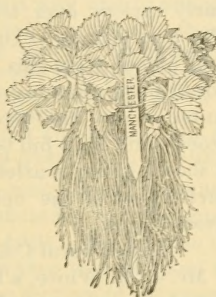


The blossoms of all varieties are bisexual or perfect, except those marked with the letter **P**, which are destitute of stamens and are termed pistillate or imperfect, as shown by the following figures. Pistillate varieties must have a row of a perfect-flowered sort, planted every nine or twelve feet apart among them, or, better yet, every third or fourth row, to pollinize their blossoms. When properly fertilized the pistillate varieties are the most prolific, and there is no reason for any prejudice against them. Success depends in a great measure on getting fine, healthy plants, strictly pure and true to name. This we know our plants to be.

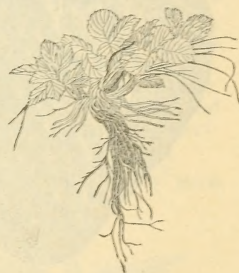
In shipping plants, we send out nothing but young plants, as shown in Fig. 454, grown under the so-called "pedigree system." We never send out old plants. When grown on deep, black soil the roots of young plants are of a dark color, but soft, succulent and nearly uniform in size and appearance, as shown by the figure just referred to. With old plants the lower roots are black, dead and wiry with generally a few young roots just below where the leaves are joined to the crown, as shown in Fig. 456. We clean all plants of dead leaves and tie in bunches (Fig. 455) before packing. To ship long distances in good condition, and to overcome the danger of damage in shipment we pack large lots in cases designed and manufactured expressly for the purpose.



YOUNG PLANT. Fig. 454.



PLANTS BUNCHED. Fig. 455.

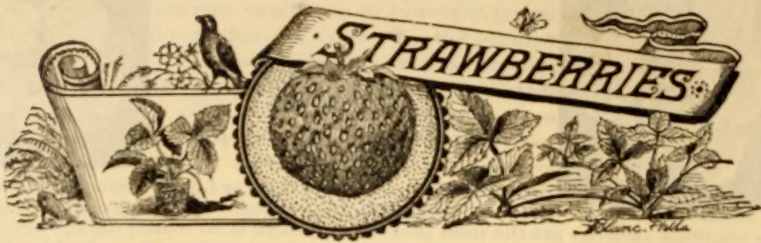


OLD PLANT. Fig. 456.

When and How to Plant.

Early spring, just as soon as the ground can be easily worked, is the best time of the whole year to plant strawberries, in any section where there are extreme frosts in winter, especially if planting is to be done on a large scale and plants have to be brought from a distance. How to plant will depend largely upon local conditions, size and shape of the field, etc. In the small family garden or city lot where there is little chance to use horse and cultivator, they may be planted one foot apart each way, in two or three rows; then leave a space of three feet to furnish a path during the picking season. Planted in this way, all runners should be kept off the original plants, as for their best development they require each about one square foot of space.

For field culture mark out the rows $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet wide and set plants 18 to 20 inches apart in the rows. Then if we wish to follow the *narrow row system*, we let each plant strike a few runners along the line of the row, and then, later in the season, keep all runners off; while if the broad *matted row* is wanted, all runners are allowed to take root, and the cultivator narrowed up a little at each cultivation during the latter part of the season, till we have matted beds of plants two feet wide, with a walk one foot wide between them. The narrow row is the more profitable of these two systems; yet the matted row is the most adopted, as many people are of the opinion that the more plants the more berries, forgetting that the more light, air, manure, and moisture a plant has, the more and better fruit it can produce.



DESCRIPTIONS.

VAN DEMAN.—Not having fruited this berry I will give the reports of some of the Agricultural Experiment Stations.

New York Ag. Exp. Station, Geneva, N. Y.,

Aug. 20th, 1891.

A bulletin soon to be issued will say concerning the Van Deman Strawberry:—"This is the best extra early variety ever tested on the Station grounds. The first picking of three quarts of any one variety was picked from this, and it continued in bearing for 21 days, ripening the bulk of its fruit, however, in ten days. The vigor of plants is good, growth stocky and fruit hid beneath the dark foliage; berries a showy glossy scarlet, with yellow seeds, firm and tart. I am of the opinion that this variety has a great future.

PETER COLLIER, Director.

Agricultural College, Exp. Sta., New Jersey.

Mr. J. M. White, a large strawberry grower, says:

"I consider the Van Deman a first class early strawberry in every respect and a great acquisition to the list of strawberries." This is certainly commendation enough.

Yours Very Truly,

BYRON D. HALSTEAD.

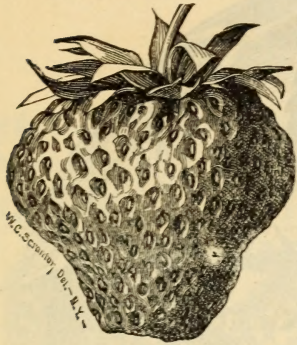
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"This is what I will publish about the Van Deman in a forthcoming bulletin: 'Van Deman. Variable; stamens mostly strong; dark, strong, medium sized, ideal foliage, runs so as to make a close matted row in one season. The richest and healthiest plants in our test grounds. Very little rust, above medium growth, plants are low in spring so that it is easily picked, the late growth is quite tall; berries of beautiful subconical and regular form, resembling the old Wilson berry very much. Fairly firm, scarlet, subacid, sprightly, average large in size, one of the handsomest we have tested. Keeps only fairly well. It stood fourteenth in yield of number of berries but eighth by weight. The plat was one year younger than those with which it was compared, except Mrs. Cleveland and Thompson's No. 7. This berry combines more good qualities than any other variety tested on our grounds and deserves the highest consideration as a profitable market berry. I will say further that it will be shown by my table that it is quite early, only 5 other varieties any earlier and 4 of them only three days earlier. Except Sadie, it is the most productive early berry in our test grounds. I will say frankly that the Van Deman is the most promising new berry I know of.

Very Truly Yours,

THOS. L. BRUNK, Hort.

E. P. ROE.—Sold by the crate in the Newburgh market, July 11th, 1891. The only productive, large, good flavored late berry yet introduced, yielding nearly double the fruit of the old Kentucky, and one-third larger, firm and of the very best quality; the plant a strong, vigorous grower, with perfect flowers.

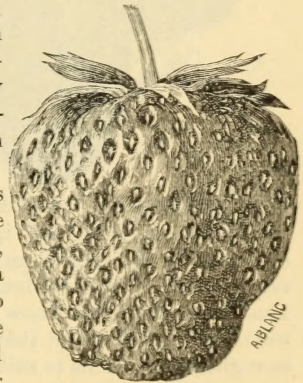


This new strawberry, which we have named the E. P. ROE, was found in the month of May, 1887, by Mr. W. B. Brown, in his garden, at 152 South St., Newburgh, N. Y. While preparing a flower bed for his wife, he noticed the little chance seedling plant, and, being greatly interested in horticulture, requested of his better half that the plant be permitted to remain. Owing to this good lady's submission to her husband's wish we are now enabled to

offer to the public this superb late berry. When it becomes more fully known it is bound to have first place as the leading productive late strawberry. From this little plant Mr. Brown propagated plants enough to set a bed about eight feet square. When it came in bearing, it was a pleasant surprise to Mr. Brown and to many who visited his garden to see the fruit, while all were universal in their praise of the vines as the greatest yielders they had ever seen. It was its lateness and fine flavor that pleased them best. It was in this way and in seeing the fruit at Mr. Brown's store that Mr. Nathaniel Barnes became interested in the new berry, and arranged with Mr. Brown to grow it in a large way on his extensive fruit farm. Mr. Barnes is one of the best judges of fruits, and his opinion can always be relied on as trustworthy. Through Mr. Barnes' planting it on his place, the fruit proving so valuable, when placed on the Newburgh market, and its fine large size, excellent flavor and lateness exciting the admiration of all who saw the fruit, many prominent authorities ordered a certain number of quarts each day during its season.

Dayton.—I have heard so many good things said of the Dayton, and by such well-posted men, that I have concluded to catalogue it, although I have never seen the fruit. The Dayton is in good repute in its own county where it is well and favorably known, and probably no section of the country can boast of a larger number of intelligent fruit growers than this. There are some sixty nurseries within twenty miles of Dayton.

The Dayton (so named by request of the members of the Montgomery County Horticultural Society, at the June meeting, 1891, held at the home of the originator, Mr. David Feicht, five miles north of Dayton, O.) is a chance seedling. Mr. Feicht's attention was drawn to it by its heavy stem and immense cluster of fine, large fruit. It was tested side by side with the Crescent and other productive varieties, and it outyielded them all; besides it proved six days earlier than the Crescent. It is a strong, healthy, vigorous and upright grower, entirely free from rust, and its large foliage protects its blossoms from frost. In color it is somewhat darker than the Crescent. Solid, a good shipper, of fine form and excellent flavor. It is an immense yielder of very large fruit, and holds out well in size to the end of the season.



The points of excellence claimed for the Dayton are:

1, Earliness; 2, hardiness; 3, large size; 4, productiveness; 5, superior flavor; 6, perfect bloom; 7, good shipping qualities; 8, desirable color; 9, vigorous growth; 10, its entire freedom from rust, always producing large, bright, clean and healthy foliage.—DISSEMINATOR.



GILLESPIE (son of Haverland).— We are always on the lookout for our customers for something new in the strawberry line. If there is any improvement at time rolls on and people get more interested, we are bound to keep finding something better. When we introduced the Haverland to you a few years ago we knew something of it. We knew it was one of the best strawberries in cultivation at that time, and you all know that what we said was true. It is much better than we thought, for it seems to suit nearly every location in the United States, while many other varieties are good only in certain sections. Ever since we first saw the Haverland plants it charmed us, and when we saw the fruit we were bound to try and raise some seedlings of it, for we could see the vitality of the blood, and they say "blood will tell." Mr. Gillespie of Butler county, Ohio, who had one of its seedlings, informs us that in less than one year from seed it was causing a panic amongst strawberry growers of Hamilton county, and that is the banner county of Ohio on strawberries, and the home of the Haverland. So last year we procured some of these plants, and when they came, all of us said: "Ain't they beautiful plants! See the large fruit-buds. I believe they will beat the Haverland." So time rolled on,

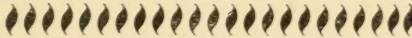
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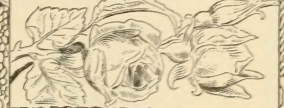
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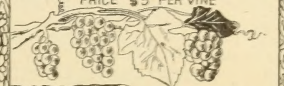
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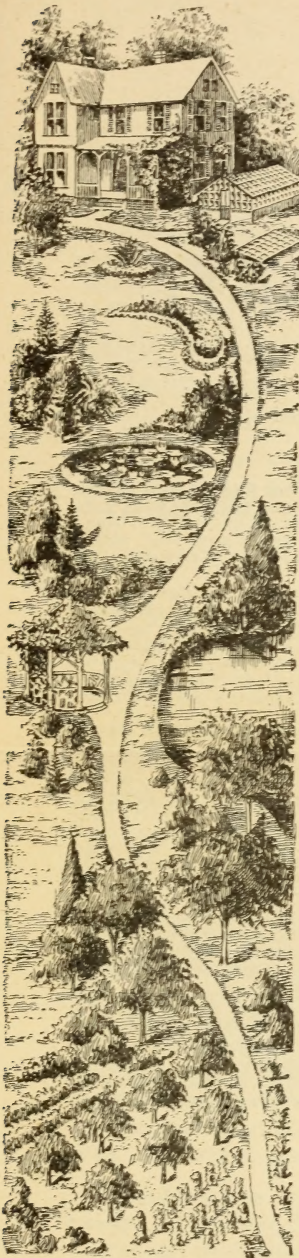
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and as they grew, surely the blood *did* tell, and here we found a seedling of the Haverland with a perfect blossom, more productive, and larger and firmer on spring-set plants. It is a leading question as to what these plants are worth. If you saw them as we did you would soon say they are worth ten dollars each. Well, there are lots of people who would not take that if they could get no more for two or three years. We have a few for sale this year, and shall sell them very low to our own customers or those that get this catalogue; but we cannot promise you plants after our stock is sold, for we want to plant a large piece ourselves. We say, by all means put in for all Gillespie you can afford before they are gone, for you will long for them before the season is over.

Beverly.—I am very glad to be able to offer this noted berry to my customers, as it has a record seldom if ever equaled. It was produced by Mr. Benjamin F. Smith, an amateur strawberry grower, near Boston. Here is his account of it:

“In July, 1887, I sowed seed from Miner’s Prolific. Next June (1888) it gave me good specimens of fruit. Starting from *one* plant in 1888, in 1890 I picked eight and three-fourth bushels of berries. On June 24th, 1890, I was awarded by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society its silver medal (1st prize) for the best seedling strawberry. During the next twelve months I received three more prizes from the same Society for this berry, making four in thirteen months.”

Probably no Society in the country has a higher standard than this, and its prizes are never awarded for ordinary productions.

From what I have seen and heard, the plant of the Beverly is all that could be desired—large, and perfectly healthy, sending out great numbers of runners, and astonishingly productive, surpassing in this respect, the Bidwell, Jewel, Crescent and other noted varieties grown in the same garden with an equal chance. The blossom is perfect, and not liable to be killed by frost. Its season is from medium to late, and it bears a long time. It maintains its size so well that the last pickings sold for 25 cents a quart, and the supply was never equal to the demand. It is of regular conical form, resembling in this respect, its parent. It is a bright, glossy crimson, and colors all over. It is easily picked, and one of the best to retain its color. Its flesh is firm, and very superior in flavor, resembling the wild berry.

Leader.—The “Leader” fills the long felt want of a **large extremely early berry**. It is of fine quality, oblong in shape and very bright crimson in color, enormously productive and continues in fruit for a long season, maturing the last berries nearly as large as the first. Blossoms are strong staminate. Plants very vigorous, making plenty of runners, and showing no trace of scald or rust.

We claim all the good qualities for the Leader, with the added merits of being very large and early, and we know of no berry that has attracted more attention, or created such excitement as the Leader.

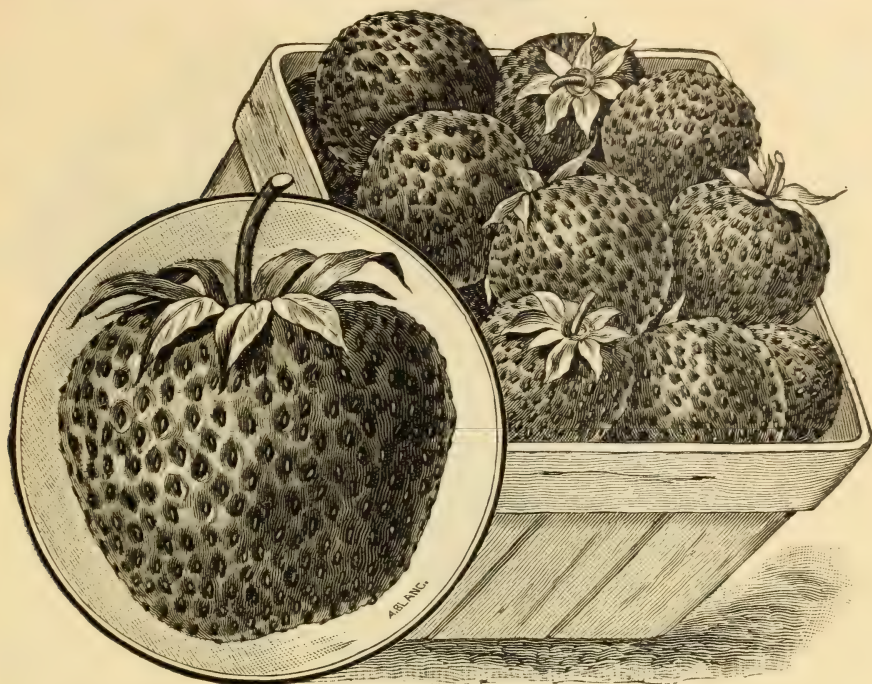
Dew.—Is a very vigorous grower with large healthy foliage, somewhat resembling Sharpless, but larger. It is probably the largest berry grown, and I believe an investment in from 12 to 50 plants for trial would prove profitable. Originated in Michigan.





Barton's Eclipse.—This is not widely disseminated nor well known but it is a splendid grower, perfectly healthy, and enormously productive. It is probably not excelled in these respects. The fruit is very large, of good form and color, and of the same general character as the Haverland. It will be a great market berry, ripens early, a little ahead of Crescent, and is positively one of the most valuable ever introduced. I shall plant largely of this variety for fruit.

Gov Hoard.—I have no hesitation in offering it to my customers as a variety of great promise. It has been tested ten years, and during that time has been as free from rust as any ever grown, and has shown no weakness of any kind. It is a seedling of the Sharpless, and resembles its parent in healthy, vigorous growth. It sends out an abundance of runners, and the last ones to root in the fall bear well the next summer. The blossom is perfect, and the fruit is produced in great abundance, on tall, stout fruit stems. It is of large size, roundish conical, and somewhat flattened, with a slight neck, and a green calyx that turns back toward the stem. The color is a deep, brilliant red, and it ripens all over. The flesh is firm and of very superior flavor. It has acid enough to be agreeable, and is so rich that sugar is scarcely necessary. Its beautiful form and color, with its high flavor and reversed calyx render it one of the very best to be served with the hulls on, to be eaten out of the hand.



Woolverton.—I have fruited this in both hills and matted rows, and am convinced that it is a variety of great merit. Wherever it has been tested it has made a good record. It is a splendid grower, remaining green and healthy all summer, sending out a good number of runners, and bearing abundantly. The blossom is perfect, and it remains in bloom a long time. In fact it always matures a part of its crop before it is done blooming. This is a valuable characteristic, because it will prevent any great loss by a late frost, and also make it a rare variety to plant with pistillates. The fruit is very large, resembling the Bubach in form, except that the first and largest berry on the stem is often more irregular. The color is a beautiful, bright red, and the quality is good. I am very glad to be at liberty to offer this variety to my customers as I think it is one that will give satisfaction. It was originated by John Little, of Canada, and named for the editor of the Canadian Horticulturist.

Mr. M. Crawford writes the originator as follows:

Cuyahoga Falls, O., Dec. 15, 1891.

DEAR FRIEND LITTLE:—After fruiting the Woolverton three times, both in hills and matted rows, and under various conditions, I am of the opinion that it is one of the most valuable ever introduced. In fact, I am always surprised to see how well it does. The plant is a strong, vigorous grower, very healthy, makes a sufficient number of strong runners, and is a very good bearer. The blossom is perfect and it remains in bloom a long time. The fruit is large to very large. I have had it seven inches in circumference, rarely misshapen, bright glossy red, firm and of good quality. Mr. W. J. Green, of the Ohio Experiment Station, one of the most careful and accurate men, reports substantially as above. I had his verbal report at the meeting of the State Society some days ago.—M. Crawford.

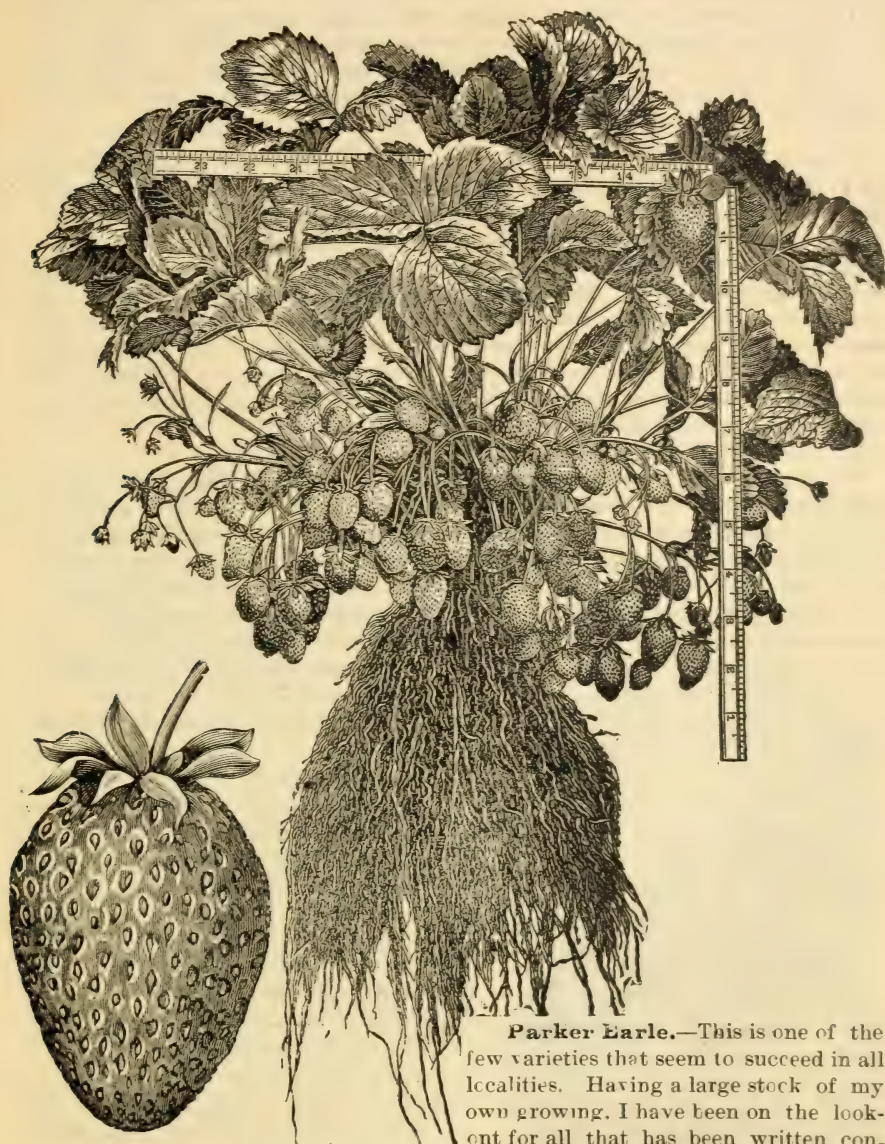


Beder Wood.—Originated at Moline, Ill. This is one of the very best early berries that has ever fruited with me. It is not only very early, but it is immensely productive. The plant is a good, healthy grower, and sends out a large number of runners. It seems to be none the worse for maturing its great crop, for it produces fine healthy runners at the same time and throughout the season. The fruit is large, conical, bright red, and of excellent quality. For a near market and home use this will be one of the most satisfactory.

Princess.—The following is the substance of a letter written by John S. Harris of the Minn. State Horticultural Experiment Station, to the Secretary of the State Hort. Soc.:

"Growing upon Mr. Kramer's grounds, this new seedling, the "Princess" is the most promising strawberry that has ever come to my notice. The plants are hardy, vigorous, and enormously productive. It roots deep and stands drouth well. The fruit is very large, averaging larger than Jessie or Babcock's No. 5, uniformly perfect in form, ripens all over at once, and holds up in size well to the end of the season. Whenever it has been exhibited in competition it has been awarded a first premium over all others. The yield of fruit in 1888, upon two square rods of ground, was at the rate 825 bushels per acre. The quality of the fruit is pronounced to be better than the Crescent. Should it do as well on other grounds as with Mr. Kramer, numbers of the old varieties will go out of cultivation, and the poor man can afford to provide his family with strawberries."

From what I have heard and seen of this berry, I believe it to be one of the very best market varieties ever introduced. It was one of the few that yielded heavily on my place last season. I have grown it two years and find it to be a healthy, vigorous grower, making an abundance of strong runners. While it has no defects that I am aware of, its strong points are its wonderful productiveness, large size and attractive appearance.



Parker Earle.—This is one of the few varieties that seem to succeed in all localities. Having a large stock of my own growing. I have been on the look-out for all that has been written concerning it, and I have yet to hear the first unfavorable report. It is just what it was claimed to be—no more, no less. It was the most productive of any on my place last season. The fruit is of good size, long, conical, with a slight neck, very bright red, and of good, though not best quality. It is firm enough to carry well, and so fine looking that it will always sell. The plants are healthy and vigorous, making immense crowns and not very many runners. As a market variety, it will be very popular when better known. Season late.

Farnsworth.—From C. A. Green, Rochester, N. Y. Ripening freely. Crimson, usually Crescent shape, regular, medium size, fairly prolific, firm, quality fair. Low growing vines. B. II.

GENERAL PUTNAM.—Israel Putnam left his plow standing in the field that he might hasten to answer his country's call; history records his valiant deeds, but says nothing of what became of the plow; however, in recent years, with more modern plows, Mr. John E. Brown, a bright young farmer, has been turning the soil of "Old Put's" farm at Brooklyn, Conn., and producing berries of such size and quality as to make the old place famous once more.

Some years ago, in an old berry field where had formerly been grown Cumberland Triumphs and Crescents, was found a seedling strongly resembling the Cumberland in plant growth, but having imperfect blossoms and producing considerable more fruit, of much the same form, color and flavor of that superb old variety that, had it proved more productive, would have been a better berry for general purpose than any we have yet had. The seedling was taken up and cultivated, and soon proved to be so very valuable it was named General Putnam, in honor of the old-time owner of the farm, and, from year to year, the plantings of this variety have been increased, the fruit commanding such a ready sale at high prices that most other varieties have had to be abandoned, as Mr. Brown's best customers insist on having General Putnam berries, in preference to all others.

The plant is a heavy, stocky grower, extra strong leaf and fruit stalks, heavy broad foliage of medium green color; makes plants moderately, but these are all so strong and luscious there is never a dearth of plants for a full fruit crop; blossoms pistillate, blooms in mid-season, has only a moderate show of bloom, but every flower sets for fruit and every berry comes up to full perfection of fruitage; berries of perfect form, similar to the pointed end of a hen's egg, every specimen almost as perfect as though run through a mill; SIZE, LARGE TO VERY LARGE AND SELDOM ANY SMALL OR IMPERFECT BUT NINETY PER CENT, OF THE WHOLE CROP WILL GRADE AS "EXTRAS"; color, a pale scarlet, similar to Cumberland, mild, sub-acid flavor that makes it a superior table berry, and its large size and fine form will cause it to be in great demand at high prices in any market that wants choice fruit.

ACCOMACK—A new variety from the southern part of this Peninsula.



"Plant a vigorous grower, somewhat inclined to stool. The fruit is large, approaching Sharpless in size, of good color, excellent flavor and perfect bloom. As productive as Bubach (No. 5), ripens five days after Hoffman and ahead of Crescent and holds up well through the season." This is the description of the originator, and we believe it a careful statement of its behavior at its home in Virginia.

Meek's Early.—Originated with Mr. James Meek of A. A. Co., Md. Has fruited with me once and I regard it as the best extra early variety in cultivation. Blossom perfect; plants large and stocky, resembling Bubach in this respect. Time of ripening, with the very earliest, such as Hoffman, Michel's Early, etc., being larger and more productive than these and firmer than any

except Hoffman. It is without doubt the best extra early berry yet introduced.

SWINDLE (P).—The plant, in habit of growth, somewhat resembles the Glendale, although with broader leaves; it is a more vigorous grower than either of its parents, and makes runners freely; leaf and fruit stalks are long and stout, fruit stalks very abundant and branch freely, so that often thirty to fifty berries form on a single cluster; blossoms, pistillate; blooms medium till late; FRUIT RIPENS LATE TO VERY LATE; LARGE, rich, dark, glossy scarlet color; sprightly, high flavor, somewhat acid, but of excellent quality, firm and solid, and a grand shipper; in a general way, both plant and fruit resemble Gandy, only the berries average larger and of richer color. SWINDLE IS FULLY AS LATE AND WILL PRODUCE FOUR TIMES AS MUCH FRUIT AS GANDY, making it the grandest late market or family variety yet introduced.

Hale Bros. say: "Early last season, when such varieties as Southard, Michael's Early, etc., were ripe, we sold fruit from fifteen to eighteen cents per quart, in the middle of the season eight to ten cents was the ruling price; but later, when the Swindle was ripe, we had no trouble to sell them at twenty and twenty-five cents per quart.

July 23, 1891, Mr. Smalley writes: "*Picked my last crate of Swindle to-day, sold for twenty cents per quart. Four hundred and eighty bushels from the two acres.*"

Our own fruiting has been on a much smaller scale, and no measurements have been made except in a small way.

One row of fall set plants, three rods long, gave fourteen quarts at one picking, while a matted row, one foot wide, fifteen rods long, gave thirty-seven quarts at one picking; at the rate of OVER FIFTY BUSHELS PER ACRE AT ONE PICKING.

Enhance.—It is a general purpose berry, and can be grown for a fancy or high priced market, for home use, for canning, for pleasure or for profit. The plant is a vigorous and healthy grower, with dark green foliage; it sets an abundance of well proportioned runners which easily take root. It is a beautiful grower; its flower is perfect. The quality is good, being slightly acid, but not sour. Its berries are of the largest size, and being very firm and of a bright crimson color, makes them very attractive and salable. Its firmness aids in its keeping qualities both before and after being picked. There is no berry now in existence that excels it in firmness of pulp, hence it is one of the best shipping berries extant.

Regina.—This is a new candidate for public favor from Alabama. It is claimed to be large in size, firm, very productive and the latest of all. It is certainly a fine grower.

Oregon Everbearing produced a fair crop in May. I have seen no fruit since. Good reports of it from Oregon.

Hoffman (see first page) is too well known to need much comment, being one of the most popular varieties grown in the South for northern markets. The true stock is of fair size, moderately productive, and the firmest of all early kinds. Beware of mixed stock of which the country is flooded.

Walton.—Not yet fruited here, it is a vigorous healthy grower and looks promising.





Muskingum.—In 1884 this berry received the first prize and was named at the summer meeting of the State Horticultural Society, held at the Experiment Station, June 11, 1890. We have been cultivating and testing this variety for about eight years, being better pleased with its behavior each year, till now it is our main crop. It makes a large, perfect blossom on good, stout fruit stems, and is very prolific in bearing, and in vigor and growth of plant is not surpassed by any. Never blights, scalds or burns in the leaf, no matter how hot or wet the weather. The berries are of large size, and continue large to the end of the season. In form, ob-

tusely conical, but mostly round toward last of the season; yet few of the very largest are coxcomb. They ripen very evenly all over: the berries never scald or burn in the sun, and we have had them hang on vines for several days after ripening without spoiling. The berry is a very nice, red, glossy color, with red flesh and of good flavor, which makes it a good berry for home use and one of the most profitable market berries we have ever grown.

It is as productive as the Crescent, in quarts. In June, 1890, one row made nearly as much money as two rows of Crescent with equal cultivation.

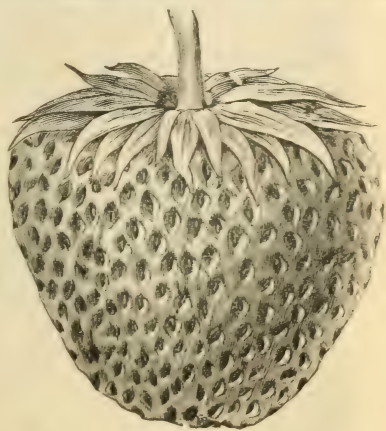
M. Crawford says: "This has again succeeded admirably, and is likely to become a standard variety. It seems to do well on any soil, and it needs no special culture. With an ordinary chance it bears a heavy crop of large, fine-looking berries. It is usually of roundish, conical form, rarely misshapen, and of fine color clear through."

Edward's Favorite.—Comes from the far West and much is claimed for it in the way of large size, productiveness, etc. I can only say that it is a vigorous, healthy grower. It has not fruited here yet. I have put the price very low and it might be advisable to try a dozen or two.

SANDOVAL is from Illinois and might be called a perfect blossomed Warfield, it is very productive, firm, and good color, medium size.

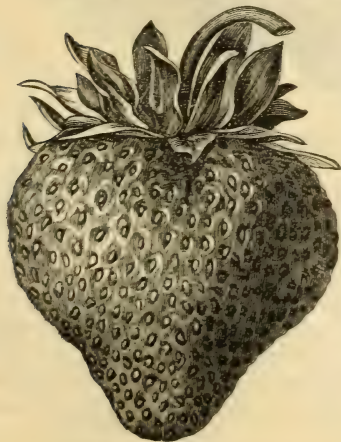
SHAW is claimed by some to be the largest berry ever introduced. With me it very much resembles Sharpless, and those who admire this berry will not be disappointed with Shaw.

It is possibly a little larger in both foliage and fruit, and perhaps a little more vigorous.



CLARK'S EARLY.

Clark's Early.—Comes from Oregon, and from what I have seen of it I feel very much impressed that it will prove a valuable acquisition. It makes strong healthy plants as large as Bubach No. 5, with never a trace of rust; leaves lay close to the ground and keep remarkably green during winter. I consider this very promising. This is identical with Early Idaho for which so much is claimed. It is early, large and productive. *The Rural New Yorker* reports as follows: "Clark's Early, from W. F. Allen Jr., Salisbury, Md. Plants received Aug. 1891. First ripe fruit June 7th (in N. Y.). Crimson color, red flesh, firm. Broadly ovate, wide tips, fair quality, a little tart. Prominent yellow seeds. Prolific, hardy vines. PROMISING.



MEEK'S EARLY.

At the Peninsula Plant Farms this is a valuable market variety. Being early, large and attractive it commands good prices.



ENGRAVED BY A. B. AM
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SOUTHARD.—A chance seedling which originated on the fruit farm of M. Southard in northwestern Ohio.

Judged by foliage and fruit, and the fact that *Crescent* and *Sharpless* were the leading berries grown by Mr. Southard at the time it originated, there can be but little doubt that it is a cross of these two varieties.

While the plant has much of the rampant habit of growth possessed by the *Crescent* in the early days of its cultivation, the leaf and fruit stalks are much heavier, while the leaves are midway between the *Crescent* and *Sharpless* in size, rich, light glossy green, tough and leathery, and entirely free from any rust or blight. The blossoms are perfect, or bi-sexual, with very strong stamens, heavily charged with pollen, and, as it is an early bloomer, it must prove of great value for planting with the early imperfect blooming varieties.

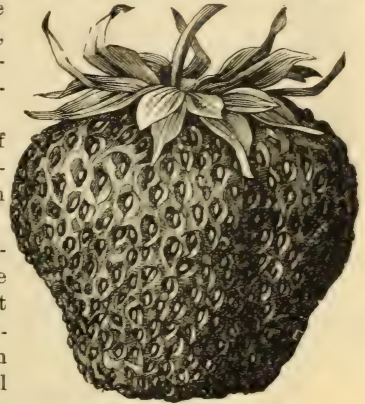
Fruit stalks are very stocky and long enough to hold the fruit well up from the ground; these fruit stalks are very abundant, four or five to a single well-developed

plant and each of these will often produce from fifteen to twenty-five perfect berries, thus making it fully as productive as the *Crescent*, while the fruit will average as large as the *Sharpless*. Color a deep, rich scarlet when heavily shaded with the dense foliage, while with more sunlight it becomes much darker with considerable gloss. It ripens early and matures nearly its whole crop inside of ten days, making a most PROFITABLE EARLY MARKET VARIETY. In flavor it is pleasant, sub-acid, somewhat like the *Downing*, which makes a very satisfactory family berry. We have tested it on very light sandy soil, on peat muck bottom, and on a rich clay loam, and it has done equally well on all three, while with the originator, seven hundred miles west, it has done wonders on rich black prairie land, thus indicating its general adaptability to all soils.

Boynon.—With me on spring-set plants the berries were as large as could be expected; plants thrifty and healthy to end of season. The introducer says of it: "This variety has become a great favorite in and about Albany, N. Y., where it has been grown for several years. It is thought to be a cross between *Crescent* and *Sharpless*, which, if true, has a good pedigree. The strong points claimed for it are its earliness and long continued season; its large size maintained till last picking; its bright color, and remarkable firmness, its productiveness, surpassing all others in this respect. My own experience leads me to think this has come to stay.

Crawford is a fine large berry firm and of good quality. It is also a sturdy, healthy grower but is not productive on poor sandy soil. When given high culture it is one of the best.

Edgar Queen.—This is the result of a lifetime devoted to improving the strawberry. The originator selected this as the very best from a lot of 5000 plants grown from the seed. It is unrivaled as a plant producer and equals *Crescent* in productiveness. Probably the most beautiful berry ever raised. The originator selected berries over $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, 16 of which filled a quart basket and weighed one pound.



EDGAR QUEEN.

GANDY.—I have fruited this variety and find it to be a valuable late sort. The favorite late variety with fruit growers all over the country. By its use the season of strawberries is extended by nearly two weeks. Among all the new varieties of the past few years there is none that has so run the gauntlet of public opinion or so quickly become a leading popular sort. The berries are of large, uniform size and shape, of bright crimson color, very handsome and showy, of superior quality, very firm, and ripen two weeks after *Sharpless*. As a market berry it has no equal; its very large size, striking beauty, exceeding firmness, excellent quality, and lateness, make it, beyond all question, a most profitable berry. It is so late that it does not begin to get ripe until almost all others are done. For the home table it is equally valuable, its fine quality, beauty and size rendering it a universal favorite.





Lovett.—This was a great favorite with all who saw it here this season, and my opinion is that no one will make a mistake in planting it. It seems to succeed everywhere, and is more remarkable for its many good points than for any one prominent characteristic. It is very firm and productive. Ripens midseason, and not early as was first claimed by the introducer. It is, however, a good reliable market berry.

Price Seedling.—This new strawberry comes to us from North Carolina. Our friends there say that it is a noble sort worthy of attention to all lovers of strawberries. It has done remarkably well with us, both in plant and fruit, and it must be remembered that no strawberry can be profitable unless its leaves are vigorous and healthy. We see every evidence of a successful variety in Price Seedling. The fruit is glossy scarlet, elongated, with shining waxy neck. The quality is superb. We advise our friends to test this new candidate.

Great Pacific.—Is, I believe, a valuable market berry; vigorous in growth; berries large-size; very productive and solid, in growth and habit very much like the Haverland, but darker in color, both foliage and fruit. A valuable variety.



SHUSTER'S GEM (P).—A magnificent variety with an unusually strong and vigorous plant and bright healthy foliage. Fruit large, globular shape, regular and uniform, maintaining a good size to the end, beautiful bright scarlet, excellent quality. It is only moderately firm, and hence is not especially adapted for distant shipment, but for the local market or for the home garden it is unexcelled. It does not need petting of any sort, and it seems to adapt itself to almost any soil and location. It is a remarkable berry and combines all merits desirable in a strawberry. Early to midseason.

Tippecanoe is very large and round as an apple. Moderately productive. Medium early and good quality. Hardly productive enough to become popular.

Westbrook is very early. Ripens with Michel's Early, Hoffman, etc., firm and productive, but *very small*. With meit will average about the size of cherries.

Monmouth.—Also an early sort, but somewhat lacking in foliage in our beds. Berry large and of good appearance. We know reliable growers who consider this the best early strawberry.

Standard we know is very productive, large in size as the "Sharpless,"



better in shape, very firm, solid flesh, making it a good market berry for shipping. Flavor of berry, sprightly like the old Boston Pine. Color a beautiful crimson; plants very vigorous, free from rust or scald; season of ripening, medium to late, and the fruit is borne high above the ground on strong stalks, ripening very evenly. Many individual plants had from nine to thirteen fruit stalks, producing from two to three quarts to a single plant. One very important point with this berry is its dryness; fruit kept three days was not decayed, but rather inclined to shrivel and dry up rather than to rot or soften, which is a remarkable point in a strawberry for shipping purposes. Messrs.

Campbell and Gowing, of No. Reading, the originators, have grown seedling strawberries for more than a score of years, and this berry is the chosen one among thousands which they have grown and fruited. We hope all strawberry growers will give the "Standard" a trial.

Middlefield.—This is a Seedling Strawberry which originated with P. M. Augur & Sons, Middlefield, Conn., and one which they have grown and admired for a number of years. It is quite distinct from any other berry we know of, both in plant and fruit, and we believe it will become a favorite for family use and also for market. The plant is strong and healthy, and produces runners freely. The blossoms are pistillate; the season medium. The fruit is large and quite regular in form and size, berries are nearly conical. Our cut is a correct representation. The fruit is quite firm, solid, and a good shipper; color, a dark glossy crimson, which gives it a brilliancy and attractiveness which few varieties possess. The flesh is crimson clear through. The berries color all over (no green tips); as the berries ripen they first turn to glossy scarlet and deepen in color to crimson as they approach maturity.



AUBURN (P).—Plant is a good grower, with dark, heavy foliage, perfectly healthy, berries large, regularly cone, and quite uniform in size; color, dark crimson throughout; a pleasant acid to the taste; firm enough to carry well. The originator claims that the Auburn begins to ripen *very early*, furnishing the first picking in advance of Crescent. Should it prove thus early everywhere, it will be a *very valuable* addition; in fact just the berry we've all been looking for to take the place of the Crescent, for it is much better in color and quality, will average much larger, and holds up in size to the last picking.

Gillespie is a fair plant maker, with long runners, while the runners from the Auburn are short-jointed, and plants are more freely produced.

From.....

P. O.

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W. F. ALLEN, JR.,

SALISBURY,

MARYLAND.

Many testimonials could be furnished, but I will take room for only one:

HAMILTON, O., Dec. 13, 1890.

"This is to certify that Samuel Gillespie is the originator of the new strawberries Gillespie and Auburn. They are berries of which Butler County is justly very proud, and we, as members of the Cary Terracultural Association takes pleasure in recommending them to the general public. As to size they are the very largest and very symmetrical. The quality is *good*, the shipping quality equal to the Wilson. As to foliage we never saw plants so large, thrifty and vigorous. The berries on exhibition at our last two strawberry shows were the wonder of all."

Beebe.—Large solid berries of irregular form, mild in quality, scarlet to crimson in color, rose flesh, firm, showy; seamed, lobed, and irregular, but showy; plant is a vigorous healthy grower.

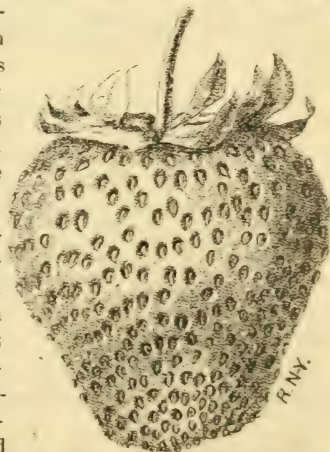


Saunders.—A Canadian berry of great value for the market grower. I wish that all my customers would test it, as it is among the most desirable. The plant is large and vigorous, and is as healthy and hardy as any ever sent out. It makes many runners, has a perfect blossom, and is very productive. In this respect it excelled all others on my place in 1890, and was the wonder of all who saw it. The fruit is very large, conical, slightly flattened, and often has a depression on one or both sides. It is deep

red, and remarkably glossy. The flesh is of the same color, and has a sprightly, agreeable flavor.

Haverland.—This variety is creating quite a stir among strawberry growers on account of its great productiveness, quite equaling the Crescent in yield, nearly as large as Bubach No. 5. The plant is a very vigorous grower. It bids fair to be a fine shipping variety, and, as it is very large, will command good prices in market for years to come. No one will ever regret planting it. I shall plant largely of it for market, as I believe it to be one of the most profitable varieties in cultivation.

Martha.—I have fruited it under various conditions, and know it to be a variety of decided character. It has been grown by the acre in Minnesota, and pronounced the most profitable of all. In both plant and fruit it resembles the Wilson, and might be taken for that variety: but the blossoms are pistillate and the flesh of the berry is thought to be redder than that of any other sort. The plant is remarkably healthy and vigorous. Its roots extend to a great depth, enabling it to endure drouth and hard treatment equally with Crescent.



Pearl.—This is a beauty. Plant vigorous and healthy; berry long, large, bright crimson, and excellent flavor, sweet even before it is fully ripe.

Stayman's No. 1.—(P)—A recent variety from Kansas, supposed to be a seedling of Crescent; about as productive, and fruit similar in form and size; firmer and of better quality, but color not as bright. Plant vigorous and a rapid grower. It blooms late, but is only a few days behind Crescent in ripening, and continues longer in bearing, holding out with the latest. Characteristics of both plant and fruit indicate a cross from Crescent and Glendale. At the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station this variety is reported as one of the best, having yielded at the rate of 15,000 quarts per acre.



Bessie.—Fruit is medium to large, of a beautiful glossy crimson its glossiness being retained even when over ripe. It is very firm making it a first-class shipper. Quality of the best, making it a fine table

berry. It will do well under ordinary culture but as it is a strong grower making large stools it will pay to give it the best attention. A few words tell the whole story viz: Productive, early, firm, healthy, and vigorous growth, beautiful color, good shape, and good quality.

Bubach No. 5.—This variety has taken a prominent position in strawberry culture, in most cases taking the place of the Sharpless, which it resembles in shape, but it is fully double as productive as that variety. This berry is a wonder in its season of fruit, completely covering the ground about the plants with large berries. The Bubach is a strictly pistillate variety and needs to be well fertilized with some perfect flowering kind. The fruit is large and irregular in shape, holding out quite large until the last picking. The flavor is ordinarily good.

Bomba—Perfect cone shape, dark red, very large, best quality, productive, early. Plant makes few runners.

Burt.—Strong grower with dark, glossy foliage, on strong, moist soil: of large size; very productive and one of the firmest kinds grown.

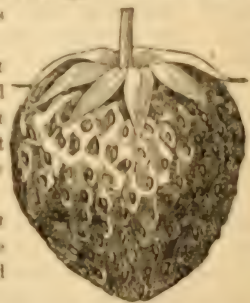
Cumberland is a good, large berry, good flavor, but not productive enough with us and very soft. In general the Cumberland is a good sand berry, and with a great many, one of the most profitable, but we do not think it advisable to plant many Cumberlands until you see how they do on your own soil.

Eureka has had many glowing accounts written of it but with me it has not proved valuable. It bears some very fine specimens but is only moderately productive and is too soft for anything.

Gipsy.—This variety is low and stocky in growth, produces well in stool row but is fairly productive in matted rows. Berries of medium size, firm and of good flavor.

May King.—(S.)—An early variety of uniform size and fine appearance. A good market variety that only fails to give satisfactory results when it is allowed to grow too thickly in the rows. Largely used as a staminate sort to plant with Crescent and other pistillate varieties.

Viola. Miami, Felton, Florence, Hulbert, Itaska, Mammoth, Belle of Lacrosse, Crystal City, Daisy, Parry and Puritan have been discarded as not worthy of cultivation.



Mrs. Cleveland is one of the finest growers I ever saw. Always making large, healthy, vigorous plants. The fruit is very large and fine but too soft for distant shipment. For home use or near market it is one of the best.



Stevens.—This is a good berry for early market, being *productive, very early* and very *solid*. Charles Wright of Sussex Co., Delaware, describes it thus: Ripened its first berries 1st of May notwithstanding it was planted on the northwest side of a woods, being twelve days ahead of Crescent in the same field. It seems to be the earliest good berry, dark red very solid and productive.

Jessie.—This variety done well for me this season for the first time. It may do well in some sections but it is very unreliable here, some seasons being very fine while other it is an entire failure.

Lady Rusk is well spoken of in some sections but with me it is not profitable.

Pineapple is one of the healthiest growing varieties in cultivation but the fruit is not profitable for market. It is of large size and very fine flavor, suitable for the family garden but too soft for shipment.

Acme is a variety of vigorous, healthy growth and ripens early. Quality good.

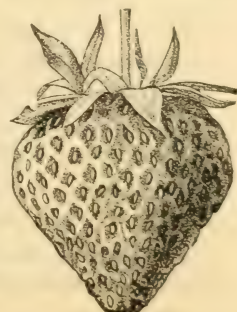
Alabama is a great favorite with some, it is of very fine quality and large size. With me it is not productive enough, although it did not have a fair show. Some of my neighbors claim that with them it is productive and firm.

Bidwell is a good early berry on moist, rich land. Large size and fine quality.

Sharpless and **Wilson** are too well known to need description.

Cloud Seedling does well with some but not with me.

Warfield No. 2.—(P.)—As a general purpose berry for north, south, east and west, there is no better variety than this. Though of comparatively recent introduction, it has been widely disseminated, and its record is sufficient to place it in the list of standard sorts not only, but well at the head of that list, combining, as it does, every requisite of a first-class berry adapted to general cultivation. It succeeds everywhere, and never fails to produce a paying crop. A head of Crescent in time, size, form and quality, rivalling it in health, hardiness, vigor and productivity, and much superior in color and firmness, it deserves to supersede that well-known variety in every section.





STERLING.



MICHEL'S EARLY.

STERLING is a very large fine berry, globe shaped, dark red color, and fine flavor. It is a vigorous healthy grower, and well worthy a place in all strawberry collections. Mr. T. B. Terry, the well known horticultural writer, proclaims the Sterling his favorite of them all.

Michel's Early.—This was the best early berry with us the past season, and we believe it is destined to take the place of the Hoffman in the South. The plant is a vigorous grower, fairly productive, of good size, and matures its crop early when berries are high. We shall plant largely of this variety. It is one of the best to fertilize with, as it blooms through a long season, and is full of pollen.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

☞ Last year I offered a number of collections which proved so popular that I have thought best to again offer a series of collections in which will be found many valuable new varieties.

BY MAIL POSTPAID.

Collection A.—12 Barton's Eclipse, 12 Beeder Wood, 12 Shuster's Gem, 12 Parker Earle, 12 Meek's Early for \$1.00.

Collection B.—12 Wolverton, 12 Stayman's No. 1, 12 Standard, 12 Saunders, 12 Clark's Early, 12 Boynton for \$1.00.

Collection C.—12 Enhance, 12 Farnsworth, 12 Gov. Hoard, 12 Martha, 12 Lovett, 12 Middlefield for \$1.00.

Collection D.—12 Bessie, 12 Bidwell, 12 Bomba, 12 Burt Seedling, 12 Edward's Favorite, 12 Sandoval for \$1.00.

Collection E.—12 Sterling, 12 Haverland, 12 Bubach, 12 Barton's Eclipse, 12 Crawford, 12 Beeder Wood for \$1.00.

Collection F.—6 Dayton, 6 Auburn, 6 Princess, 6 E. P. Roe, 6 Muskingum for \$1.00.

Collection G.—6 Regina, 6 Gen. Putnam, 6 Leader, 6 Gillespie, 6 Beverly for \$1.00.

Collection H.—6 Van Deman, 12 Muskingum, 12 Dayton, 12 Leader for \$2.00.

Collection I.—12 Barton's Eclipse, 12 Beder Wood, 12 Clark's Early, 12 Parker Earle, 12 Enhance, 12 Gov. Hoard, 12 Middlefield, 12 Saunders, 12 Shuster's Gem, 12 Standard, 12 Meek's Early, 12 Wolverton for \$2.50

Collection J.—12 Van Deman, 12 Dayton, 12 Beverly, 12 Leader, 12 Auburn, 12 E. P. Roe, 12 Gen. Putnam, 12 Gillespie, 12 Princess, 12 Regina, 12 Southard for \$5.00.

BY EXPRESS—RECEIVER TO PAY CHARGES.

Collection K.—25 Barton's Eclipse, 25 Beder Wood, 25 Lovett, 25 Parker Earle, 25 Meek's Early for \$1.00.

Collection L.—50 Bubach's No. 5, 50 Haverland, 50 Shuster's Gem, 50 Lovett, for \$1.00.

Collection M.—50 Barton's Eclipse, 50 Boynton, 50 Burt Seedling, 50 Crawford, 50 Gandy, 50 Cumberland, 50 Edgar Queen, 50 Stayman, all for \$2.00.

Collection N.—50 Sterling, 50 Saunders, 50 Martha, 50 Middlefield, 50 Wolverton, 50 Standard, 50 Gov. Hoard for \$2.00.

Collection O.—50 Great Pacific, 50 Farnsworth, 50 Eureka, 50 Mrs. Cleveland, 50 Warfield, 50 Michel's Early, 50 Beder Wood, 50 Bidwell, 50 Acme for \$2.00.

Collection P.—50 Auburn, 50 Clark's Early, 50 Meek's Early, 50 E. P. Roe, 50 Swindle, 50 Gen. Putnam, 50 Edward's Favorite for \$5.00.

Collection Q.—100 Clark's Early, 100 Barton's Eclipse, 100 Beder Wood, 100 Shuster's Gem, 100 Haverland, 100 Lovett, 100 Boynton, 100 Michel's Early, 100 Burt Seedling, 100 Warfield, all for \$5.00.

Collection R.—25 Van Deman, 50 Dayton, 50 Beverly, 50 E. P. Roe, 50 Gillespie, 50 Southard, 50 Muskingum, 50 Leader, 50 Regina, for \$10.00.

When ordering the above Collections, please order by the letters A. B. C. D. etc.



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BARTON'S ECLIPSE (P)	20	95	75	5 00
Beebe.....	40	2 20	2 00	15 00
BEDER WOOD	20	95	75	5 00
Bessie (P).....	15	60	40	3 00
BEVERLY	50	2 70	2 50	
Bidwell.....	15	60	40	2 50
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Bomba.....	15	70	50	3 00
Bubach No. 5 (P)	15	70	50	3 00
Burt Seedling.....	15	60	40	2 50
Clark's Early	25	1 20	1 00	7 50
Crawford.....	20	80	60	4 00
Crescent (P).....	15	60	40	2 60
Cumberland.....	15	60	40	2 50
Cloud Seedling (P).....	15	60	40	2 50
DAYTON	50	2 70	2 50	20 00
Dew.....	50	2 70	2 50	
Edgar Queen (P).....	15	70	50	3 00
Edward's Favorite.....	25	1 20	1 00	7 50
Enhance	20	95	75	5 00
E. P. ROE	40	2 20	2 00	15 00
Eureka (P).....	15	60	40	2 50
Farnsworth.....	20	80	60	4 00
Gandy.....	15	70	50	3 00
Gen. Putnam (P)	40	2 20	2 00	15 00
GILLESPIE	40	2 20	2 00	15.00
Gypsy (P).....	15	60	40	2 50
Gov. Hoard	20	80	60	4 00
Great Pacific (P).....	15	70	50	3 00
HAVERLAND (P)	15	70	50	3 00
Hoffman.....	15	60	40	2 50

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Lovett	15	70	50	3 00
May King.....	15	60	40	2 50
Martha (P)	15	70	50	3 00
MEEK'S EARLY	30	1 70	1 50	10 00
Middlefield (P)	20	80	60	4 00
Michel's Early.....	15	60	40	2 50
Monmouth.....	15	60	40	2 50
Mrs. Cleveland (P).....	15	70	50	3 00
MUSKINGUM	50	2 70	2 50	20 00
Oregon Everbearing.....	20	95	75	5 00
Pineapple.....	15	60	40	2 50
Price Seedling.....	15	60	40	2 50
PRINCESS (P)	40	2 20	2 00	15 00
Pearl.....	15	60	40	2 50
PARKER EARLE	25	80	60	4 00
REGINA	40	2 20	2 00	15 00
Sandoval	25	1 20	1 00	7 50
Saunders	20	80	60	4 00
Sharpless.....	15	60	40	2 50
Shaw.....	25	1 20	1 00	7 50
Shuster's Gem (P)	20	80	60	4 00
SOUTHARD	40	2 20	2 00	15 00
Standard	20	95	75	5 00
STAYMAN'S No. 1 (P)	15	70	50	3 00
Stevens.....	15	60	40	2 50
Sterling	20	1 00	80	6 00
Swindle (P)	40	2 20	2 00	15 00
Tippecanoe.....	20	80	60	4 00
VAN DEMAN	1 50	10 20	10 00	
Walton.....	20	95	75	5 00
Warfield (P).....	15	60	40	2 50
Westbrook (P).....	20	80	60	4 00
Wilson.....	15	60	40	2 50
WOLVERTON	20	1 00	80	6 00

Those marked (P) have pistillate or imperfect blossoms and must be planted near some variety with perfect blossoms to fruit them.

TESTIMONIALS.

Below I present a few of the many testimonials that I am continually receiving from all parts of the country. Could produce hundreds of others would space permit:

TIoga COUNTY, N. Y., May 9, 1892:—W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir*: The 1,000 Lovetts were received on the 7th and I want to thank you for good stock and careful packing. I have been in the berry business for fifteen years, during which time I have had plants from about all the leading nurserymen, and I must say that your plants were packed the best of any lot I ever bought, have had good stock from other places, but your system of packing is perfection itself and I give you at least a part of my orders another season.

Very truly yours, J. E. DuBois.

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO, March 28, 1892—*Dear Sir*: The Crawford plants arrived on Saturday afternoon in good order.

Yours truly, M. CRAWFORD.

B. C. CANADA, April 24, 1892:—I must give you very great credit for knowing how to pack strawberry plants to send them such a long distance. I received all your plants to my order in splendid condition and they are all growing and looking well. I don't think that I shall lose a single plant and am more than pleased with them and the liberal manner in which you treated me.

I remain, yours very truly, JOHN HAMMOND.

ONEIDA Co., N. Y., April 11th, 1892.—*Dear Sir*: The plants you sent me arrived safely today. They looked very nice and were packed first class in fact they were the finest looking plants I ever got from any nursery and I thank you for them, (my wife is from Virginia and she told me I would get a good article from the South if I would only try, and I find out she was correct and am glad I listened to her and sent to you for them) I shall know where to purchase in the future if I want good plants. Again thanking you for your fine plants and liberal count, I remain,

Yours truly, SILAS ADAMS.

BERGEN Co., N. J., April 1892:—*Dear Sir*: The Strawberry plants arrived in splendid condition. Everybody well pleased; do not think they will lose one. Please accept thanks for extra plants.

Yours truly, JAMES D. CARLOUGH.

DUKES Co., MASS., April 25th, 1892:—*Dear Sir*: Plants received this day in first class condition. I think them the best plants I ever handled.

Yours truly, F. H. JENKINS.

MArION Co., OREGON, April 13th, 1892:—*Dear Sir*: Collection B. of plants came in fine condition and we are much pleased for they are fine plants and your liberal count was more than we expected.

Respectfully, Mrs. S. F. Bennett.

BROOKE Co., W. VA., May 13th, 1892:—*Sir*: My order of strawberry plants was received this morning in good order and I am well pleased with plants, liberal count etc. Thanks.

Yours Very truly, GEO. W. RUSSELL.

WINNEBAGO Co., WIS., April 28th, 1892:—*Dear Sir*: I have received the Parker Earle Strawberry plants in good condition.

Yours Respectfully, GEO. G. JONES.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir*: The 1,000 strawberry plants came in fine condition.

Respectfully, GREEN'S NURSERY CO.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir*: Plants were received February 2, 1892, in good order.

Respectfully, PETER HENDERSON.

ADAMS CO., ILL.—W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir*: The strawberry plants received from you by mail, after a journey of 1000 miles, came promptly to hand in a No. 1 condition. I cannot see how your packing could be more perfect or the plants scarcely fresher if they had been taken directly from the ground.

Very truly yours, W. H. MORRIS.

OXFORD CO., MAINE.—W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir*: The plants gave excellent satisfaction both as regards quality and quantity. I shall order of you again.

Truly, S. D. EDWARDS.

YUBA CO., CAL.—W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir*: Plants came to hand in fine condition, shall not lose one of them.

JOHN PALMER.

ONTARIO, CANADA.—W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir*: I received plants to-day in good condition and I thank you for sending them so nicely packed.

Yours Truly, CHAS. CORRICK.

DUNN CO., WIS., May 20th, 1892. *Dear Sir*: I desire to tell you that the strawberry plants received from you this spring by mail are living and doing nicely. Accept my thanks.

S. RUNNING.

ONTARIO, CANADA, April 25th, 1892. *Dear Sir*: The plants have come and all in good order. Nice plants.

Yours truly, JOHN ALLEN.

MORGAN CO., ALA., March 30th, 1892. *Dear Sir*: The Michel's Early and Gan- dy strawberry plants I ordered of you were received yesterday in fine condition. Thanks for liberal count. You may expect to hear from me next season.

Respectfully, T. L. BAKER.

COLUMBIANA CO., OHIO, April 12th 1892. *Kind Sir*: The strawberry plants I ordered of you reached our express office on the 8th inst. They are nice plants, over-run in count and their condition is simply perfect. Many thanks.


Yours etc., GEO. W. ASDELL.

ARAPAHOE CO., COLO., Sept. 11th, 1891. *Dear Sir*: Plants received in first rate condition yesterday.

Truly yours, A. TUCK.

COLUMBIA CO., N. Y., Sept., 10th, 1892. W. F. Allen, Jr., Salisbury, Md.—Your lines of 2d inst. duly received, with bill of strawberry plants sent to Conowingo, and note the variety sent me. My agent reports the receipt of same and says good plants and in the best order he has ever received any, and has them all planted and well cared for, and for your attention I am very much obliged.

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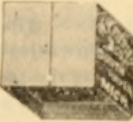
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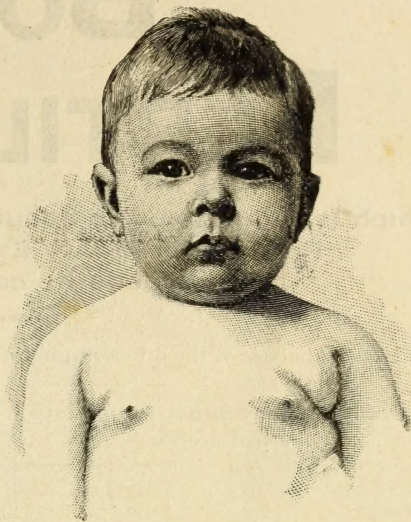
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