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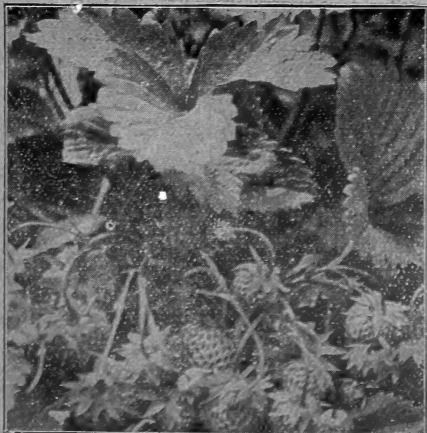


# ALLEN'S STRAWBERRY CATALOGUE.

1905

## Choice Strawberry Plants

DEWBERRY PLANTS  
CANTALOUPE  
CUCUMBER, CABBAGE  
TOMATO  
AND SQUASH SEED  
ASPARAGUS ROOTS, ETC.



NEW HOME.



AS A PAYING INVESTMENT

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Spent For One Thousand New  
Home Strawberry Plants  
Can't Be Beat.

W. F. ALLEN,  
Salisbury, Md.

# THE PAST SEASON

has been a most trying one to plant growers. The protracted dry weather made it very difficult to grow even a fair crop of plants and consequently the strawberry plant supply for 1905 is much shorter than it has been since 1902, when thousands of berry growers failed to get one half the plants they wanted.

My stock this spring, like that of nearly every one, is much smaller than usual. The quality however is equal to those I have sent out in the past. On several leading varieties it has been necessary to make a slight advance in price. Where it has been possible to avoid this however I have done so. I advise all my customers to get in their orders early.

## SEEDS.

For a number of years I have grown large quantities of some varieties of vegetables and it occurred to me that many of my customers would be glad to get good seeds of these special crops direct from the grower, where they can get seeds of strong vitality and true to name. I have an exceptionally fine stock of Rocky Ford Cantaloupe Seed.—Arlington Spine, Early Fortune, and Fordhook Famous Cucumbers.—Chalk's Jewell, Moor's King of The Earlies and Salzer's \$5,000,000 Tomatoes. Golden Summer Crook Neck Squash. Stowell's Evergreen Sweet Corn and several varieties of field corn, all of my own growing and saved from carefully selected stock. I also offer the leading varieties of cabbage seed which is not of my own growing but the best Long Island grown. Your order for any of the seeds offered by me will be served with the best that can be produced.

## IMPORTANT.

**Orders** should be sent in just as early as possible—it is better for you as well as the nurseryman.

**Time of Shipment**, from the time you receive this catalogue to May 1. Our heaviest shipments are made in March and first half of April.

**Guarantee.** I guarantee plants ordered by mail or express to reach customers in good condition when promptly taken from express office and opened at once.

**At Purchasers Risk.** Plants ordered to be shipped by freight after March 20th. will be at purchasers risk. Express is always safest.

**True To Name.** While I use every precaution to have all stock true to name, and I am sure that I am as successful in doing this as anyone in the business, I will not be held responsible for any sum greater than the cost of the stock, should any prove otherwise than as represented.

**Packing.** I make no charge for boxing or packing above rates in this catalogue. Everthing is delivered f. o. b. of train at rates named.

**Claims** if any, must be made on receipt of goods.

**Twenty Five's.** All plants are tied 25 to the bundle.

**Payment.** Invariably cash in advance.

**Remit** by money order, registered letter or draft. Postage stamps accepted for fractional part of a dollar. 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 15 cent stamps preferred. Foreign customers send money order on Salisbury.



## Choice Strawberry Plants.



**NEW HOME.**—As LATE and LARGE as Gandy, fruit a bright red color that does not lose its lustre and turn dark a long time after being picked. Uniformly large size and THE BEST KEEPING AND SHIPPING BERRY GROWN, Hoffman not excepted. Vigorous grower, and unlike Gandy, will produce a large crop on either high or low land. The fruit is so firm and keeping qualities so excellent, it does not need to be picked oftener than three times a week, when it will usually make 100 quarts or more per acre at each picking during the height of the season. Pickers are always anxious to pick these berries and several have told me they could pick 40 quarts or more per hour, and one man declares that he picked 20 quarts in twenty minutes. One of my little boys only 7 years old picked 37 quarts in two hours.

I will have twenty acres of "New Home" in fruit at Princess Anne,

Md., this spring, 1905, and all are invited to come and see it. All who buy 1000 or more plants this spring and will come and see this patch in fruit, and after seeing it, are not satisfied, may have every cent of their money back by signing an agreement not to grow any more of this variety and not to sell, give away, trade, or in any way dispose of any of the plants then in their possession. The "New-Home" is a berry that every berry grower who grows berries to ship cannot afford to be without. Read the following disinterested testimony from Messrs. Conant & Bean, who have handled this berry and know its value. My own estimates of its worth can easily be determined from the fact that I grow no other variety for late fruit crop, as I consider it better than anything else that I can get for a late shipping berry, and I believe it will supersede the Gandy, (which is today more largely grown than any other variety in America) as soon as its great productiveness, uniform large size and unsurpassed carrying and keeping qualities become known.

CONANT & BEAN,  
 FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC  
 Fruit and Produce,  
 15 FANEUIL HALL MARKET,  
 North Side.  
 H. S. BEAN. H. H. KENDALL



*Boston,*.....October 29th, 1904.

Mr. W. F. Allen,  
 Salisbury, Md.

Dear Sir:

Understanding that you are to offer your berry the "New Home" to growers this season, we wish to give you our experience with it, also the opinion of those to whom we made sales. The first consignment we received were thought to be Gandys, only it was remarked by all that they were much brighter and firmer than they had ever seen before, even for this variety.

We sold this particular lot mostly to retailers and without exception, they pronounced it the best and most satisfactory berry they had ever handled.

Since then we have sold to wholesale buyers from outside cities and towns as far as Portland Me. and have heard nothing but good reports concerning it. Many retail dealers have told us that after keeping them in their stores two and three days, they were just as bright and firm as when they received them. Everything considered, we think it is the best berry we know of for shipping long distances and predict for it, great popularity and success.

Very truly yours,

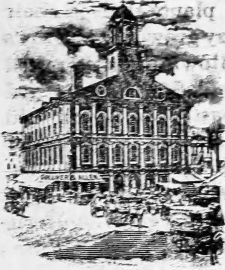
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*Conant & Bean*

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ALLEN'S STRAWBERRY CATALOGUE.

CHARLES M GULLIVER  
FRED ALLEN



# GULLIVER & ALLEN,

Commission Merchants

## FRUITS and VEGETABLES

NO. 5 SOUTH SIDE & FRONT  
NEW FANEUIL HALL MARKET.

BOSTON, Oct. 29, 1904

Mr. W. F. Allen  
Salisbury Md.

Dear Sir:

We have bought your "NEW HOME" berry on this market and can say, that we consider it one of the best berries grown in the South for reshipping purposes: It holds its color and stands up remarkably well.

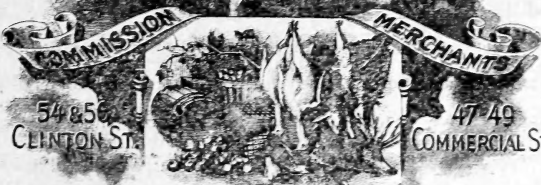
We hope you will continue to grow this variety.

Yours respectfully

*Gulliver & Allen*

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# L. F. Fosgate & Co.



REFERENCES  
MERCHANTS TRUST COMPANY  
BOSTON FRUIT & PRODUCE EXCHANGE  
COMMERCIAL AGENCIES.

Boston Oct. 29th., 1904.

W.F. Allen.

Dear Sir:-

In regard to the New Home Strawberry Grown by you would say that we have bought a good many of your agent here Conant & Bean, and they have given Good satisfaction, keeping their color and show good Keeping qualities.

Yours respectfully,  
L. F. Fosgate & Co.

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AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE 237

## L. B. GRIFFIN &amp; CO.,

WHOLESALE AND COMMISSION DEALERS IN

BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE, BEANS AND POTATOES,

NOS. 136-14 COMMERCIAL STREET.

Messrs Conant & Bean,  
Boston, Mass.

*Portland, Me.*, Nov. 11, 1904.

Gentlemen:-- Replying to your enquiry as to our opinion of the "New Home" berry, shipped you by W. F. Allen and which we have purchased of you, would say that this berry is, in our judgment, a first-class one for carrying long distances and for reshipping purposes. It has arrived in Portland after a trip of four hours by express, in good condition and has stood up well afterwards. Another good point is the holding of the color as we have found to be the case with this berry. We think well of it.

Very truly yours,

L. B. GRIFFIN FRUIT CO.

It should be understood that the berries which Messrs. Griffin & Co., have reference to were first picked at Salisbury and then shipped by freight over 500 miles to Boston being two nights and one day on the road. The second morning they were put on sale on Boston market, sold to Messrs. Griffin & Co., and then subjected to a four hours trip by express, after all of which Messrs. Griffin & Co., say they arrived in good condition and stood up well afterwards. Was there ever a berry offered the American growers backed by stronger testimony after undergoing the hard tests that have been given this berry? I don't know of any and if any, of our readers do I should like to be advised of it at once. I could go on and say much more in favor of this great coming market berry, but I think enough has been said to satisfy the most skeptical and that more would be superfluous. I have thought best to put the price within the reach of all which is \$10.00 per 1000 and I prefer not to sell less than to any one party.

**AROMA.** Plants show no weakness of any kind, fruit very large, roundish, conical, rarely mis-shapen, of excellent quality, and glossy red. A very late variety, much resembling Gandy, and by many believed to be more productive; and it is suited to a greater variety of soils. For instance, I have it growing on sandy loam where it seems to be doing very satisfactory, having made a wide bed of strong, vigorous plants. In the West the Aroma is becoming a great favorite among large growers—planting extensively of it.

**KANSAS.** Plants extremely vigorous and free from rust or disease of any kind. Its fruit is brilliant crimson, not only on the surface but through and through. Size medium, immensely productive but will get too thick to bear large fruit unless kept thinned. Should be planted in rich, moist land to do its best. Where given proper culture it is very desirable.



**HAVERLAND.** This is the most popular of all the midseason varieties grown in America today. This is not an idle assertion but is based on facts obtained through our vote on varieties last season when Haverland received 52 votes as the best midseason market variety for distant shipment which is five more than was received on any other midseason variety. Haverland received 59 votes as the best midseason berry for near market or home use which was ten more than was received by any other variety. This is stronger evidence of its great popularity than anything I could say of its good qualities. While a pistillate variety this is one of the easiest to pollenize. Plant is healthy, large and vigorous, makes ample beds and is very productive. The variety is firm enough to ship well, and is a good reliable sort to plant. Under favorable conditions I have seen the Haverland average as large as guinea eggs. I shall never forget a patch of this grand old variety grown by my father when I was a boy. But little was said about it at the time, and in fact it has never been boomed by anyone, yet it has steadily worked its way up until today it is the most popular of all midseason varieties the country over. It is not likely that anyone will ever regret planting this variety. It is one of the old reliable standbys, that was a leader 15 years ago,



Others have been introduced, claimed to be a seedling of this and better, but they have passed away, and the Haverland still ranks ahead of all other varieties of its season. My stock of this variety is exceptionally fine and anyone in doubt as to what to plant would do well to anchor on the Haverland. Plant one row in four or five of some good staminate variety; Bismarck, Brandywine, Clyde, Fairfield, Dunlap or Tennessee Prolific are all good. Tennessee Prolific and Clyde are especially good to plant with Haverland.



THE CLIMAX STRAWBERRY.

**CLIMAX.** This new berry was originated in this county and has become quite popular. I have an order now for 100,000 plants from one grower who fruited several acres last season and made sales in New York City as high as twenty five cents per quart. The climax is supposed to be a cross of Bubach with Hoffman. The foliage is a beautiful light green that can be distinguished from other varieties as far as you can see the patch. The plants are strong and hearty, no rust. Season of ripening, second early; size of fruit rather above medium, productiveness simply immense. I think that no variety ever offered has a greater record for immense productiveness than has the Climax. The above photograph was taken by the writer and is only an average of what the patch was all over. It was all so good it seemed there was no special spot better than any other. I sold nearly every plant I had last spring therefore have not shipped any of the fruit to market myself but the experience above referred to seems to substantiate the claims made for its shipping qualities, and I have no doubt that it will prove a valuable acquisition to most growers whether for home market or for shipment.

**NEW YORK.** This variety is fast becoming a favorite. For the past two seasons, I haven't had near enough plants to supply the demand. It is one of those varieties, the more you get of it the more you want. It is a cross of Bubach and Jessie; far surpassing either in strong healthy growth of vines. Larger than either of its parents in size, and equal to the Bubach in productiveness. Like the Glen Mary it is rapidly coming to the front; and I am proud to be the introducer of these two varieties. New York is a fancy berry for fancy trade. Very large, bright red, strong foliage, and heavy fruiter; and is making a host of friends and admirers.

**PRIDE OF CUMBERLAND.** Like Gandy, this berry will carry from Florida to Boston, or from Louisiana to Chicago and arrive fresh and firm. It is brilliant red in color, and holds its lustre and freshness longer than most other varieties. It thrives on any soil, but owing to its immense crop, better results are obtained by putting it in rich springy land. The fruit is equal to the Gandy in every respect and better in quality. Ripens one week earlier than Gandy.

**GLEN MARY.** This variety introduced by me in the spring of 1896, is today one of the leading standard varieties of the country. It has proven especially valuable in New England and the West. Its beautiful color, large size and immense productiveness, make it a general favorite. Its plants are large and long rooted, and the fruit is firm enough to make a good shipping berry, its quality is good enough to make it sell. For size it is at the head of the procession. I would say, however, that it doesn't do as well in the South as in the North and West. The demand for Glen Mary plants has always exceeded the supply.

**FAIRFIELD.** This is one of the most promising new berries that has been set out for several years. We fruited it last season, and found it to be remarkably productive, medium to large in size, firm enough for a commercial variety, quite early, and good quality. In season it is only 2 or 3 days behind Mitchel, Hoffman, etc., and is far ahead of them in size, quality and productiveness. My attention was first called to this by Mr. Stanton B. Cole, of Cumberland county, N. J., who has this to say of it. "In the spring of 1901, our attention was called to this new seedling strawberry, growing on Mr. P. Johnson's farm, and just as it was commencing to ripen, I made it a point to go and see the berry and plants. I was very much pleased with it, and thought it a berry worthy of general distribution, but Mr. Johnson and I could not agree, as he had long enjoyed a monopoly of the berry, having let no one have any plants, as the fruit was paying him much better than any of some dozen or twenty kinds, which he was growing, and he has from 20 to 30 acres. Not until December 20, 1901, did I induce Mr. Johnson to give the plants general distribution. For earliness, large size, attractive color, quality and firmness, Mr. Johnson claims it has no equal." This is a good many superlatives to put on one variety, nevertheless, we give you the author, and you must use your own judgement. Personally, I am well pleased with what I have seen of the variety, and if only a part of the good things that Mr. Johnson claims for the berry, are true, it is certainly worthy of a careful trial, and as I have seen enough of the berry to pass an opinion of my own: I do not hesitate to recommend it to my customers.





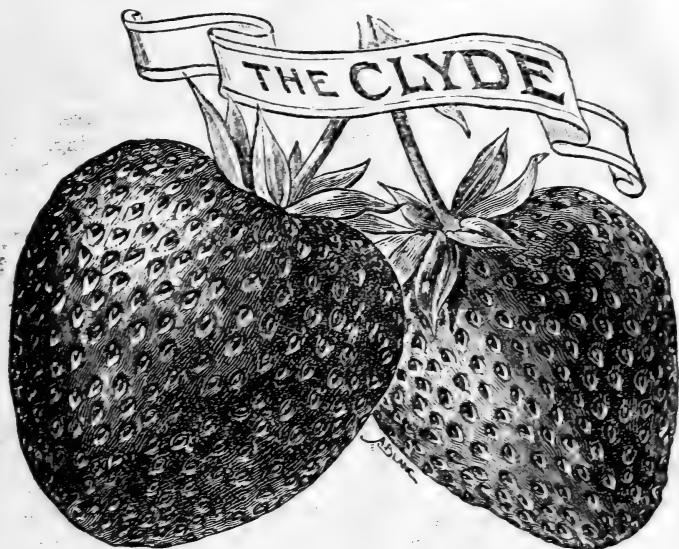
## EXCELSIOR

**EXCELSIOR.** It has been settled beyond all argument that no other variety anywhere near approaches Excelsior as an early market variety. In our vote on varieties for best early market berry Excelsior received 132 votes which was 61 more than that received by any one other variety. This is proof conclusive direct from the public that as an early market berry the Excelsior stands without a rival. Enough said.

**SAMPLE.** The Sample seems to be giving satisfaction in most sections. A few condemn it, but more praise it. The best test of its popularity is, that we get more and more orders for it every year; and if it were not popular, this would not be the case. The plant is a strong vigorous grower, very productive, of uniform, medium to large berries, firm enough for shipping to distant market. The berries color all over at once, and look very attractive in the crate. A good reliable standard sort, that will generally give satisfaction. In votes received Sample ranked fifth as best midseason market berry third as best late market and second as best late for home use or near market. This is an excellent showing.

**NICK OHMER,** fine quality, valuable when given high culture, crop of plants very short.

Hamilton Co. Tenn., April 1st 1894.  
 W. F. Allen, Dear Sir— I write to acknowledge the receipt of plants ordered five days ago, and want to thank you for your promptness in filling my order also for such fine plants and extra count. They are entirely satisfactory in every respect.  
 Very truly yours,  
 J. H. Allison.



**CLYDE.** The Clyde is as large as Bubach; and nearly or quite a week earlier. With a dry season and plenty of sun it is an excellent variety; but the foliage is a little weak during fruit time, and too much hot sun or a wet season is not good for them. The foliage is a light green in color, and makes a fine growth of vigorous plants the first season, but it is so extremely productive, that the whole vigor of the plant seems to go to fruit, and does not provide foliage enough during fruit season to protect the berries. The plants are strong, and always have an abundance of long roots, which even in the absence of sufficient foliage, helps this variety to withstand dry weather, and brings its crop to maturity under surprisingly unfavorable conditions. Few varieties ever introduced, have attained greater popularity than was accorded the Clyde a few years since. And except for the faults above named, I have no doubt that it would today be the most popular medium early berry on the market. In vote Clyde ranks seventh for early market, fifth for early home use, sixth for medium market, fifth for medium home use.

**SUPERIOR.** Ripens just after Mitchel's Early, of excellent carrying quality, of good medium size, which is maintained until the last of the season. A great favorite as a market berry in some sections. I would not advise it for light sandy soil. I have a large stock of very fine plants.

**SPLENDID.** This berry is well named. It should not be allowed to get too thick, as it will surely do, if not kept in check by tearing off part of the runners. It has a strong staminate blossom, and is one of the best pollenizers to plant with pistillate varieties of the Warfield and Crescent type. The vine is a rich dark green free from rust and diseases. It is very productive, of uniform, medium size berries.

**STEVENS' LATE CHAMPION.**—A late money-making variety, yielding enormous crops of large, beautiful and good berries that ship well very late in the season—after almost all other varieties have ripened and disappeared. The plant is an exceptionally healthy and good grower. I believe it to be an exceedingly valuable strawberry for market. "Originator."

**GANDY.** This is the most popular late strawberry in the world. In our voting test Gandy received more than twice as many votes as any other variety for late market and 26 more than any other variety for home use or near market. This shows conclusively that Gandy is considered the best of all well known late varieties for all purposes. It would be useless to give a lengthy description, the above is convincing. Plant in black swamp land, clay land or medium land on springy order. Never on dry, sandy land.

**JOHNSON'S EARLY.** This variety is particularly adapted to stiff clay land, or lowland. I have never seen it produce a full crop on light sandy soil. While on heavy soil, it produces satisfactorily. In time of ripening, it is second early. Berries are above medium in size, very prettily colored and of extra fine quality. In fact, there is no early berry quite equal to it when quality is considered. Plant is healthy, and one of the most persistent plant makers that I have ever grown.

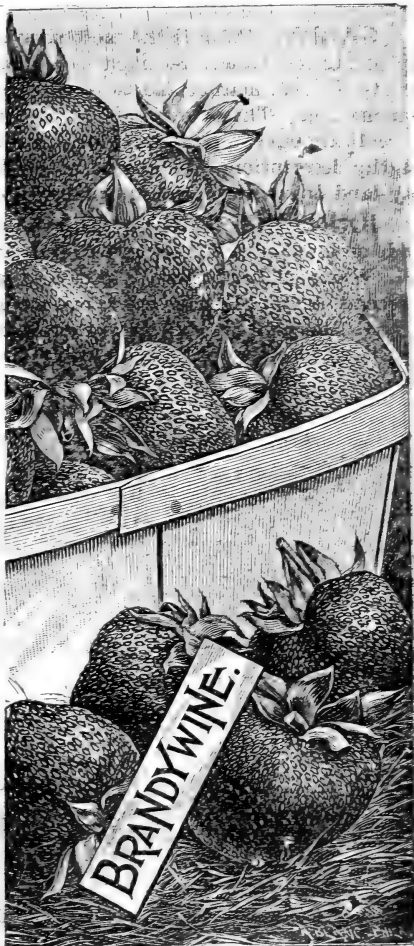


**BRANDYWINE. H.** A very large, broadly heart shaped berry, of medium red color, with bright yellow seeds and firm flesh, which is red to the heart. It has a distinct sprightly flavor that makes it a very enjoyable berry to eat. Medium late in ripening, Brandywine comes at a good time, between the medium season berries and the very late ones, and thrives on a great variety of soils. These points combined with large size, productiveness and firmness of texture, make Brandywine a very valuable Strawberry, especially as it has a peculiarly rich spicy flavor that charms all who taste it.

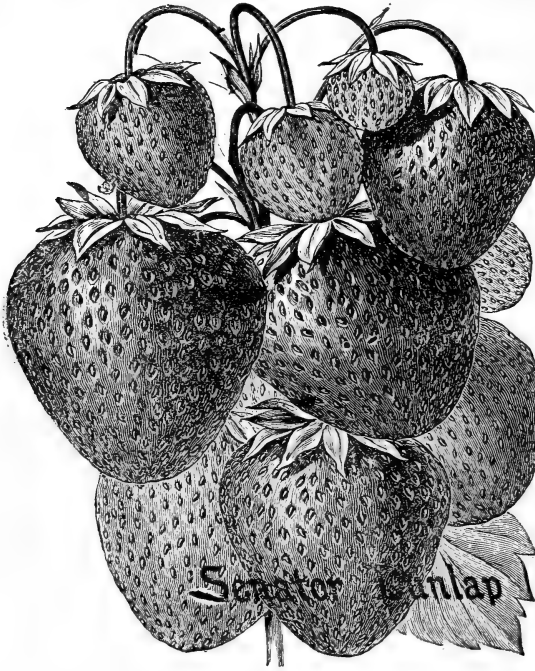
**BUBACH.** This popular old variety is too well known to require a lengthy description from me. It is very productive of large, showy berries that are red through and through. As a midseason berry for home use or near market it stands second on the list. Many nurserymen have dropped it from their list owing to the fact that it does not multiply freely and is not a money maker for the plant grower, but it makes a moderate amount of large healthy plants that literally cover themselves up with fruit. I have seldom had enough plants of this grand old variety to go around but this year I have four acres in this variety alone and they are very nice, so send along your order. I think I will have enough Bubach to go around this time.

**BISMARCK.** Bismarck is a safe pollenizing strawberry, possessing all the desirable qualities of the Bubach, and superior to it in quality. Bismarck makes a finer growth than Bubach, and will generally produce a larger yield per acre. Its color is what I would call a dull scarlet; and ripens all over at once with no green tips.

**LADY THOMPSON.** This has been, and is probably today, one of the most popular berries grown in the South. All that section from Maryland to Florida, and from Florida to Texas, has been its home, hundreds of acres having been grown in the South and shipped to Northern markets. This variety is a strong healthy grower and produces a large crop of medium to large perfectly formed berries. No Southern customer will make a mistake in planting these. It is also grown to some extent in the North and West.



**SENATOR DUNLAP.** Not since the advent of Crescent has any Strawberry shown such remarkable adaptability to all varieties of soil and climate as the Dunlap, a real old standby for home use or market. Extremely vigorous and healthy plant maker, with an abundance of heavy fruit stalks; a perfect bloomer, strongly staminate, so that each bloom develops well formed, perfect berries of large size, pointed globular and sometimes conical. Bright, glossy red, firm and solid, and so very productive as to attract attention of all as a great cropper. It stands second in the class of midseason shipping varieties. I think everybody is pleased with the Senator Dunlap.



Senator Dunlap

most popular early market variety and for home use, it heads the list of earlies. If grown on good soil it must be kept thinned. For eating from the vines as they are picked there is none better. Until the Excelsior came it was the leading early berry for market as well as home use.

**PARSON'S BEAUTY.** This is one of the most productive berries grown. Size, medium to large, dark red, and of fair quality, but rather acid. For a near market, where they can be hauled in and sold from the wagon, or direct to the grocer every day, this is a valuable variety; but for distant shipment, it has proved a failure. I notice that some of the catalogs say, it is a great market berry. I am well acquainted with the facts, as there has been more Parson's Beauty grown in this county than all the rest of the country combined. It is enough to say that, it will never be planted in anything like the quantity in the future, that it has been in the past. To those who want a very productive berry that can be sold without shipping it will no doubt prove very valuable.

**NORTH SHORE:**—Originated with Mr. Wm. H. Monroe, the originator of Commonwealth, who says of it, "I have fruited North Shore four seasons, getting a good crop of large, handsome berries each season. It is a large handsome berry with small yellow seeds. Makes a large vigorous plant with dark green foliage showing no disease. Blossom strong, staminate, season medium to late, quality good. I think it will please you." I have only a few plants of this of which I can offer by the dozen only, this season.

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**TENNESSEE PROLIFIC.** Too well known to need much comment. The plant is one of the most vigorous and healthy that grows. Large size, very productive. The fruit somewhat resembles Sharpless; and in fact, the plant is a cross of Sharpless and Crescent. It is one of the most productive varieties on our list, and is largely grown commercially. Two years ago we could not supply half the orders received for it.

**EA. HATHWAY.**—Has not fruited heretofore. It was introduced by the same man that introduced Excelsior and is claimed to be a seedling of Haverland crossed with Wilson, and many are the claims for its superior qualities. I can speak from experience of but one—it is a healthy, vigorous grower, but until further tested I should feel safer to plant Excelsior.

**WM. BELT.** Fruit large and usually of regular, round, conical form. Under high culture which should always be given this variety the first berry on the stem is quite apt to be cox-combed but all that follow are of beautiful form. The color is a bright, glossy red and the flavor delicious. Season, medium to late.

**WARFIELD.** Too well known to need much comment from me. A very productive midseason variety, of good quality, and highly colored. This is especially popular with Western growers. A reliable standard sort.

**BEAVER** has not fruited here. Mr. M. Crawford of Ohio, tells us it is exceptionally fine. He says, "The plant is a strong grower of large size, perfectly healthy, sends out plenty of stout runners, has a perfect blossom and is a prolific bearer, season medium. The fruit is large, roundish, conical and with the exception of an occasional berry, among the first to ripen, very uniform in shape and size. The color is bright glossy red."

### What To Plant With Pistillate Varieties.

Name of Pistillate Variety.	Varieties suitable for planting with pistillate varieties to properly pollinize them.
Bubach (P).....	Bismarck, Brandywine, or Tenn. Prolific.
Barton's Eclipse (P).....	Clyde, Tenn. or Prolific.
Crescent (P).....	Splendid or Senator Dunlap.
Haverland (P).....	Clyde, Tenn. Prolific, New York or Nick Ohmer.
Kansas (P).....	Brandywine, Aroma or Gandy.
Lyon (P).....	Splendid or Senator Dunlap.
Sample (P).....	Tenn. Prolific, New York, Nick Ohmer or Brandywine.
Warfield (P).....	Senator Dunlap or Splendid.

Varieties named are not the only ones that may be used for pollinizing pistillate varieties but they are what I consider the most desirable for the varieties.

## Our Gold Prize Contest.

I am very sorry indeed to have to announce that the prizes due last June have not yet been awarded. The plants were kept in excellent condition and several of them looked very promising, but the past season was such an absolute failure that after thinking over the matter from every imaginable point of view I finally decided that the only fair thing to do was to keep the bed over and make the award after the next fruiting season as it was impossible to give anything like a fair decision this summer. When I tell you that a field of as fine vines as I ever saw adjoining this plot made less than 500 quarts per acre where 5000 quarts were conservatively expected I think you will agree with me that I have taken the only logical course. The cause of the failure was continuous dry hot winds just when the crop was nearing maturity. We had never seen this condition here before and it completely ruined our crop. Should have very much preferred to have awarded the prizes this summer had the season been such that a fair decision could have been reached. This delay in award will in no way interfere with prizes due next June. Except we have a repetition of this year's condition which is very unlikely both sets of awards will be made after fruiting next June, and in view of the conditions which prevailed I trust this will be satisfactory to all concerned.

Yours Faithfully,

W. F. ALLEN.



# Price List of Strawberry Plants.

	By Mail or Express			By Express Purchaser to Pay			
	Prepaid.			Transportation Charges.			
	12	50	100	25	100	500	1000
Aroma.....	\$ .25	\$.40	\$.75	\$.20	\$.50	\$1.60	\$3.00
Bismarck.....	25	45	85	20	60	2.00	3.50
Brandywine.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
BUBACH.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
Beaver.....	1.00	1.75	3.25	1.00	3.00		
Clyde.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
Climax.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
Crescent.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
Earl Hathaway.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
EXCELSIOR.....	25	35	65	20	40	1.40	2.50
Fairfield.....	25	60	1.00	25	75	2.00	4.00
GANDY.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
Glen Mary.....	25	60	1.00	25	75	2.00	4.00
HAVERLAND.....	25	35	65	20	40	1.40	2.50
Johnson's Early.....	25	35	65	20	40	1.40	2.50
Kansas.....	25	40	75	25	50	1.60	3.00
Lady Thomson.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
Michel's Early.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
North Shore.....	1.00			1.00			
Nick Ohmer.....	25	60	1.00	25	75	2.00	4.00
New York.....	30	60	1.00	25	75	2.00	4.00
NEW HOME.....	1.00	1.50	2.25	1.00	2.00	6.00	10.00
Parsons Beauty.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
Pride of Cumberland..	25	60	1.00	25	75	2.00	4.00
Steven's late Champion	50	75	1.25	40	1.00	3.00	5.00
Sample.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
Splendid.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
Superior.....	25	35	65	20	40	1.40	2.50
Senator Dunlap.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
Tenn. Prolific.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
Warfield.....	25	40	75	20	50	1.60	3.00
Wm. Belt.....	30	60	1.00	25	75	2.00	4.00
Lucretia Dewberry...	40	75	1.50	30	1.00	3.00	5.00
Austin's Dewberries..	40	75	1.50	30	1.00	3.00	5.00

## Our Strawberry Book

Entitled "STRAWBERRY CULTURE," By M. Crawford,

**FREE** with every order for Plants or Seeds from this Catalogue amounting to \$2.00 or more. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

This little book contains about 60 pages, and gives more strawberry information in a manner that can be understood, than any book or paper published on the subject. Every grower of strawberries in the country should have a copy. Each subject is treated in a practical way that every reader can understand. We offer the book for sale for 25 cents or three for 50 cents by mail post paid.





## RESULT OF VOTE ON STRAWBERRIES.

VARIETIES.	Best Early for distant shipment.	Best Early for home use or near market.	Best Mid-season berry for distant shipment.	Best Mid-season for home use or near market.	Best Late for distant shipment.	Best Late for home use or near market.
Aroma.....			1	1	35	18
August Luther..11	13					
Arizona.....1					1	1
Bedar Wood.....20	33			3	1	
Bubach.....6	8	24	49	18	16	
Barton's Eclipse 1	1	9	9	1		
Bismarck.....1	1	9	8	2	7	
Bisel.....1	1	1				
Brunette.....1	1	1	3			
Brandywine.....	18	12	63	32		
Climax.....1	1					
Clyde.....15	20	25	23	1	2	
Crescent.....21	16	17	7	5	2	
Capt. Jack.....1	1				1	
Cyclone.....2	2					
Cobden Queen...1		2			1	
Corsican.....1		1		3	2	
Carrie.....1				3	2	
Commonwealth..				1	1	
Darling.....1	1					
Dixie Belle.....2		1				
Excelsior.....132	42	2		1	1	
Enhance.....2		3	1	12	4	
Enormous.....1		1		1	1	
Eureka.....1					3	
Fairfield.....2	2					
Glen Mary.....5	4	47	38	16	7	
Greenville.....1	3	3	1	1		
Gladstone.....2						
Gandy.....146					80	
Haverland.....13	14	52	59	4	6	
Heflin's Early...1		1				
Hood River.....1	1					
Hoffman.....5	1					
Johnson's Early 48	42					
Jessie.....2		4	6	3	1	
Kansas.....14		2	7	3		
Kentucky.....2				2	1	
Klondyke.....1	1	3	3	2		
Lady Thomson..15	7	12	5	1		
Lovett.....6	4	5	6			2
Lady Garrison...1		2	1			
Michel's Early..71	73					
Marshall.....1	1	2	7	5	6	
McKinley.....1			3		1	
Marie.....1	1	2	2	1	2	
Monitor.....1	1	1	1			
Miller.....2		1				
Marguerite.....1		4	3	1		
Maximus.....2		2	1			
Michigan.....2			1			
Midnight.....3			3	3		
New York.....1	1	12	11	6	5	
Nick Ohmer.....1	1	23	9	11	5	
Nettie.....3			3	3		
Oregon's Beauty 3	2	10	11	2	1	
Palmer.....1	3					
Pride of Cumberland.....	4	7	5	6	3	
Parker Earle...1		8	6	6	7	
Ridgeway.....1		5	5	7	6	
Rough Rider...3			3	3		
Robbie.....2			2	3		
Superior.....9	1	7				
Senator Dublap 13	6	47	18	1	3	
Sharpless.....1	1	4	4	3	2	
Sample.....2	3	29	21	57	54	
Seaford.....1	2	2	4	2		
Splendid.....2	18	7			2	
Saunders.....1	1	1	3	2		
Texas.....10	9					
Tenn. Prolific..20	12	33	9	1		
Uncle Jim.....1	1	1	3	2		
Wilson.....1	3	4	3	1	1	
Warfield.....27		46	25	2	1	
Woolverton.....2	3	8	2	1		
Wm. Belt.....20	13	11	1			
Williams.....1	1	1	3	2		

The following received 2 votes each:—Beverly, Bennett's Seedling, Belmont, Carmi Beauty, Crimson Cluster, Fountain, Gertrude, Jocunda, Kider, Lady Rusk, Lester Lovett, Meeks' Early, Murray's Extra Ea, Monarch, Mammoth Cluster, Oregon, Princess, Pocomoke, President, Rocap, Sutherland, Tubbs, Timbrell, Up-to-Date, Uncle Sam, Victor.

The following varieties received 1 vote each:—Armstrong, American, Avery, Borden's Early, Buster, Big Bob, Crystal City, Compton, Downing, Drought King, Dayton, Dufts, Daisy, Early Summer, Early Hathway, Edgar Queen, Emperor, Gandy Belle, Gardner, Glendale, Gibson, Hall's Favorite, Heflin Late, Itasca, Joe, Jersey Queen, Kitty Rice, Lewis, May King, Mary, Monmouth, Morgan's Favorite, Manchester, Paris King, Perry's Favorite, Phillips, Pacific, Profit, Robson's Choice, Rio, Shuster's Gem, Springdale Beauty, Staples, Salzer's Ponderosa, Success, Scofield, Standard, Sheppard, Sunshine, Stayman, Van Deman, Walker.

A total of 344 votes in all were received. 161 varieties received one or more votes.

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## CERTIFICATE OF NURSERY INSPECTION.

No. 6.

To Whom It May Concern:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on the 3d day of September 1904 we examined the Nursery Stock of W. F. Allen growing in his nurseries at Salisbury County of Wicomico, 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 1905, 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. 6, 1904

Thomas B. Symons  
State Entomologist.  
J. B. Norton  
State Pathologist.

## Field Meeting Of The Maryland State Horticultural Society On The Farm Of W. F. Allen, Salisbury, Md.

The field meeting of the Maryland State Horticultural Society on the farm of Mr. W. F. Allen, near Salisbury, Md., August 6, 1903, was a great success both as regards attendance and the educational features the visitors found.

The first attraction on the arrival of the visitors about noon were the long tables set in the woods. A bountiful repast had been prepared under the personal direction of Mrs. Allen, and was also served under her direction. Mrs. Allen was aware that the guests would bring their appetites with them and proved that she knew how to attractively serve the many good things that had been prepared for the occasion.

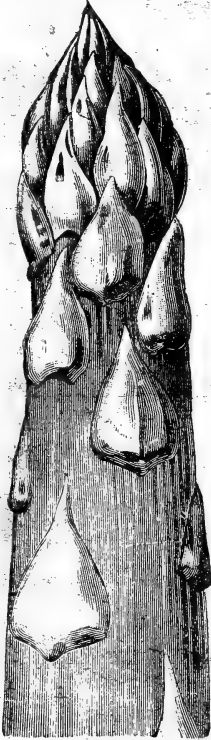
The tables with their vases of flowers, pyramids of magnificent peaches, piles of fried chicken, coffee steaming hot, etc., certainly presented a handsome and most inviting appearance. Near by was a table about ten feet square, which was piled high with a lot of luscious ROCKY FORD CANTALOUPEs. All the accessories for testing their quality were at hand—spoons, salt and pepper. Soon after the attack commenced, and every one had a satisfactory feast on fine melons.

Mr. Allen's farm consists of 500 acres, and he has another at Princess Anne of 485 acres. What the visitors went mainly to see and learn about was cantaloupe growing. A number of teams were kept busy carrying the visitors to different points of interest. A 60 acre field of cantaloupes was being harvested. The process of picking, hauling, sorting, packing and loading in the cars was eagerly followed by the interested spectators. There were forty two hands picking and four teams hauling, and scores engaged in sorting and crating. The packing shed is located by the railroad and the melons are loaded in refrigerator cars and are shipped to Boston and New York.—Maryland State Horticultural Society Report VI.

No Rocky Ford Cantaloupe seed has ever been sold from this farm for less than \$1.00 per lb., and it is none too much for seed saved from choice fruit carefully selected. Price pk. 5 cents; oz. 10 cents; ¼ lb. 60 cents; per lb. \$1.00. See page 20 and 3rd. cover page.

## Asparagus.

My stock of asparagus roots is very fine. I have only one year roots, however as all my sowing in 1903 which would have made two year roots for this season were lost. My 1904 sowing is fine and I think my one year roots will please all who buy them. I have no two year roots so please do not order that kind.



**GIANT ARGENTEUIL.** This variety was originally a selection from imported French Argenteuil stock, but has been both acclimated and improved, and is much superior to the original stock. It has been grown for several years, by some of the leading and most successful truckers, near Charleston, S. C., and is pronounced superior to Palmetto, or any other variety in earliness, productiveness, and size of stalks produced. One large Southern grower speaks of this variety as follows: "I have been growing asparagus for 30 years, and have grown both Palmetto and Argenteuil, and there is as much difference between them as there is between Conover's Colossal and Palmetto. And for my personal experience of Conover's Colossal and the Palmetto, the Palmetto is twice the size of Conover's Colossal and longer lived. And I consider Argenteuil twice the size of Palmetto, earlier, more prolific, and longer lived. Last season I could not near fill all the orders I received for this popular variety, notwithstanding, I had a large supply. Try it. Price, strong one year roots, \$1.00 per 100; \$3.50 per 1000, by express or freight.

**COLUMBIAN MAMMOTH WHITE.** It produces shoots which are white, and remain so as long as they are fit for use. Market gardeners, growers for canneries, and amateurs, should give this variety a thorough trial. In addition to the marvelous advantage of its white color, the Columbian Mammoth White asparagus is even more robust and vigorous in habit, and throws larger shoots, and fully as many of them as Conover's Colossal. A valuable new variety. Price, \$1.00 per hundred; \$3.50 per thousand. All one year old roots.

**PALMETTO.** Of Southern origin, a variety of excellent quality, early, very large, very prolific, and all who have used it, pronounce it very fine. Price, 75 cents per hundred, by express, or \$3.00 per thousand. All one year old roots.

**BARR'S MAMMOTH.** Early and large, and when placed on the market, its appearance makes a demand for it, while others are at a drag. This is considered one of the best standard varieties. Fine one year old roots, 75 cents per hundred; \$3.00 per thousand.

No orders filled for less than 100 plants of a kind. If Asparagus roots are wanted by mail, add 30 cents per hundred for postage, otherwise they will be sent by express.

## Sweet Corn.

After paying a prominent seedsmen \$15.00 for two bushels of famous northern grown sweet corn last spring only about five per cent of which could be induced to sprout I determined to grow my own seed. Having a few quarts which I had saved the previous year I planted it and now have a bountiful supply of sweet corn seed that is thoroughly developed and perfectly dried that will grow. I have plenty for my own use and a few bushels which I shall offer to those who want to try our Maryland grown seed. Get a little of this and plant it by the side of any other. I should like you to do this as it will insure me your order next year. I have only one variety this season, the good old **STOWELL'S EVERGREEN**. (See illustration.) Plant first planting early and then at intervals of two weeks until July 15th and you will have a bountiful supply all the summer. Price; pkg 10 cents; quart 25 cents; 4 quarts 90 cents; peck \$1.50; if to go by mail add 10 cents per qt. for postage.

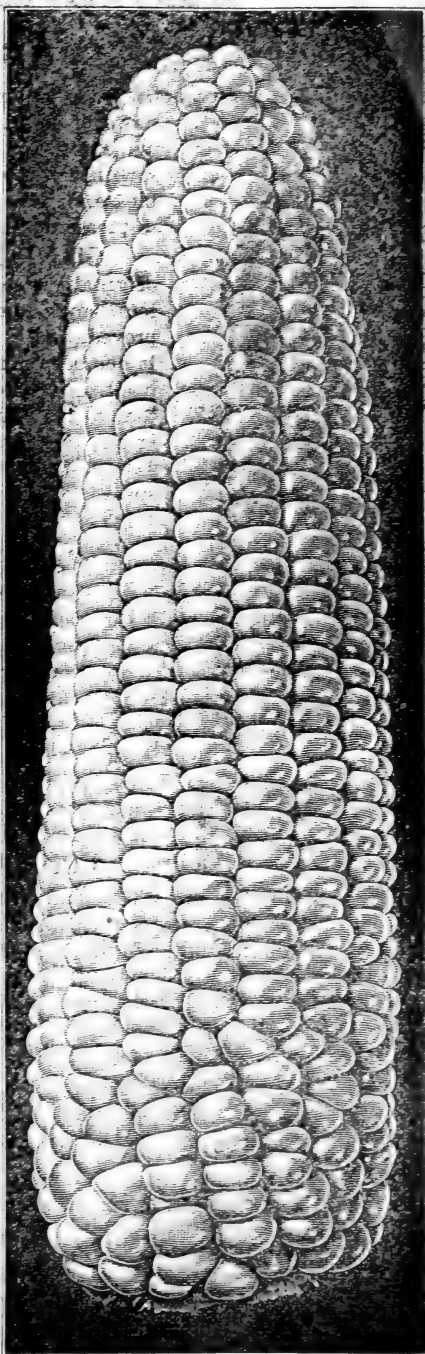
## Lima Beans

I have several bushels of Lima Beans all of my own growing which I can offer in a small way only as follows:

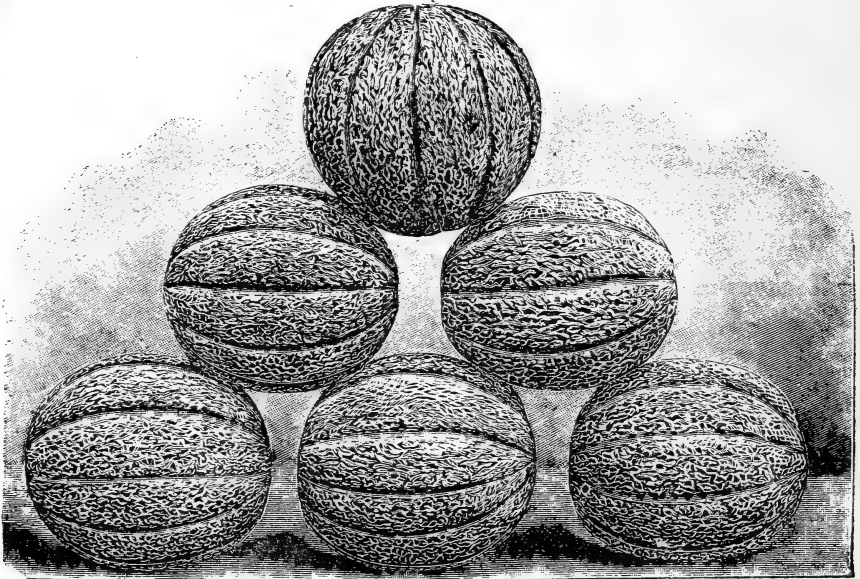
**King of The Garden.** Large white pole Lima VERY FINE. Large pkg. 10 cents; pint 20 cents; quart 35 cents.

**Henderson's Dwarf Lima.** Early maturing very prolific, requires no poles. Large pkg. 10 cents; pint 20 cents; qt. 35 cents.

**Dreers Improved Dwarf Lime or Potato Bean.** Beans very thick, nearly round, crowded close in pods, fine quality. Large pkg. 10 cents; pint 25 cents; quart 40 cents. If to go by mail add 8 cents pint, 15 cents quart on all beans for postage.



## Cantaloupe Seed.



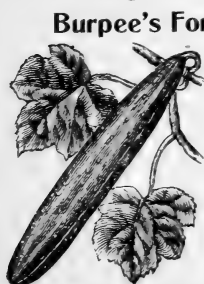
**TRUE ROCKY FORD.** (Burpee's Netted Gem.) It has come to be a well known fact that W. F. Allen grows more cantaloupes than any other one grower in all that vast territory east of the Mississippi River and north of Georgia, about three carloads daily being shipped through the season. In New York and Boston fancy dealers begin to inquire for Allen's cantaloupes several weeks before the season opens. In growing this quantity of cantaloupes it is worth much to have the truest type of uniform size and highest quality, with the surface completely and densely netted. With all this in view my seed are selected. All seed are saved from thoroughly matured cantaloupes that ripen on the vines. The seed that I am offering is the same exactly that I use for my own planting and I have never been able to buy any as true or as good. Neighboring growers willingly pay \$1.00 per lb. for my seed sooner than buy on the market at 30 or 35 cents. Some of the largest growers in Georgia secure their seed from me at \$1.00 per lb. sooner than take chances elsewhere. See Illustration on third cover page. This is a photograph of the table spoken of in report on page 17 and contained fifteen bushels of Allen's famous Rocky Ford's. Notice the perfect netting.

Price pk. 5 cents; oz. 10 cents;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 60 cents; per lb. \$1.00

## Cucumber Seed.

Being a large grower of cucumbers for market it occurred to me that many of my customers would appreciate an opportunity to get good seed true to name from selected stock. This seed has been selected for my own growing and if any better quality can be had anywhere in the world than the seed I am offering I will not charge a cent for mine. Northern grown not excepted. In fact northern grown seeds are not always the best. It is an expres-

sion that pleases the fancy and is freely used by many seedsmen to get your trade. The best seeds are those grown where the soil and climate conditions are such as to bring the species or variety to its highest and most perfect state of development. We have these conditions on the Eastern Shore of Maryland for the growing of all vine crops.



Burpee's Fordhook Famous.

**Burpee's Fordhook Famous** (White Spine) Cucumber. Very fine flavor and a beautiful long green. Vines produce an enormous crop being of unusual vigorous growth, with large thick leaves. Perfectly smooth and VERY DARK GREEN, the handsome fruit measures twelve to eighteen inches long. They are always straight. Never turn yellow, and are very solid. The flesh is a greenish white, firm, crisp, and of most delicious flavor. The flesh is unusually thick and seed space extremely small. It seems to be nearly all flesh and few seeds. Fordhook Famous is so very fine that I can scarcely doubt that it will soon supersede many other types of the popular long green. Gardeners everywhere will want this most handsome of all cucumbers both because they will bring an extra price on the market, are of the WHITE SPINE type—long retaining their dark green color, and because the vigorous vines are so wonderfully productive. Price, 10 cents pkg.; 20 cents ounce; \$1.25  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb; \$2.00 per lb.

**Improved Arlington White Spine Cucumber.** Our extra selected strain of this favorite type of Early White Spine is unsurpassed, either for forcing or the open ground. The cucumbers are very regular in outline, uniform in size, averaging eight to ten inches in length, straight and of a rich dark green color. They present the finest appearance in market, and, of course, like all of the true White Spine type, never turn yellow; the light stripes, or "white spines" running from blossom end, only add to the attractive appearance of the older fruits. Flesh white, crisp, and solid, with comparatively few seeds; flavor excellent. Vines of vigorous growth and very productive, yielding large crops early and continuously. Never before did a cucumber leap into prominence as quickly as the Arlington White Spine. Originated a few years ago at the famous garden spot of Arlington Mass., just back of Boston, where there are many acres under glass. It rapidly became known as the finest strain of cucumber in cultivation. Beautiful in shape, color, and of the finest quality. In the United States the Arlington is used more, perhaps, than any other variety. The field from which my seed were saved was the admiration and wonder of all who saw it. 5 cents pkg; 10 cents ounce; 60 cents  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb; \$1.00 per lb

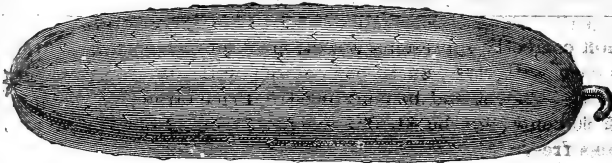


Improved Arlington White Spine.

**Early Fortune Cucumber.** This is a very early, wonderfully productive and exceedingly pretty cucumber; in spring of 1903 I shipped quite a good many of this variety to New York and though outdoor grown many of



them sold as high as \$7.00 to \$8.00 per bbl. and my commission merchant wrote

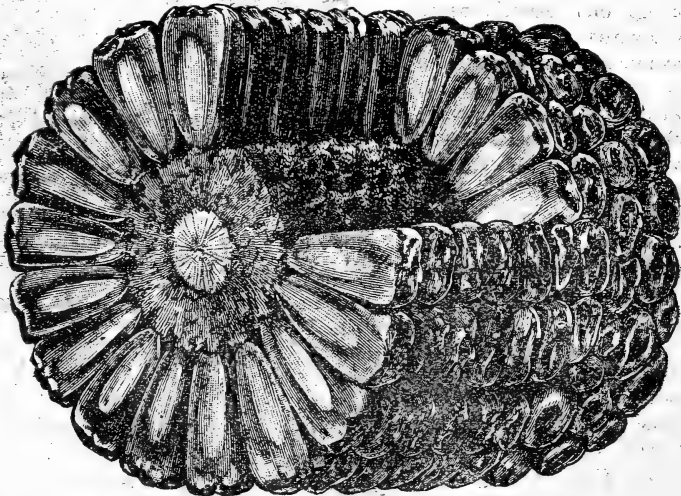


me you could not tell them from hot house grown. Even away along in mid-summer they never sold lower than \$2.50 per bbl. C. P.

**Early Fortune** vine seed I state that through their recommendations several southern shippers have been planting Early Fortune cucumber seed for the past several years and that the crops from this seed is the finest they ever handled. The Early Fortune is not only attractive in appearance but deep green in color and very regular in shape, therefore much sought after in market and always bring top prices. This is an improved strain of White Spine and a valuable acquisition to the list of cucumbers. It will actually keep green for a month after being pulled. Now don't say this is not true until you have tried it, for I have seen it done. Prices, 5 cents pkg; 10 cents ounce; 60 cents 1/4 lb; \$1.00 per lb.

## Field Corn.

Maryland has long been noted for her fine corn, and there is but few states that can equal her in the quality and yield of this important product. The seed that I offer is very fine. It will be selected, hand nubb'd and thoroughly cleaned. I guarantee it to give satisfaction.

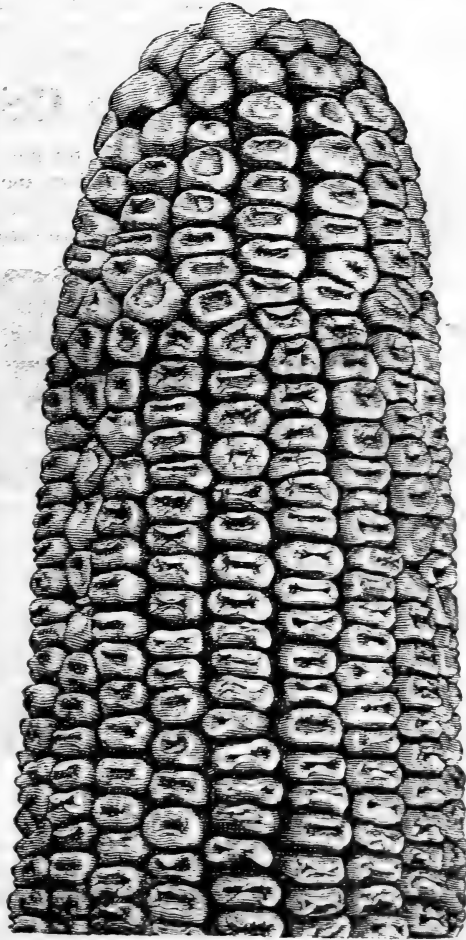


**Kansas King.** This new yellow dent corn is one of the best of recent introductions and is bound to please all who grow it. Matures in about 95 days and yields very heavy. The grains average from 5-8 to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch long and the cob is small. Sixty well developed ears will shell a bushel of corn. This corn roots deeply and will withstand drouth better than many others.

The above illustration correctly represents a section of an ear of this and the increased yield this corn will give you in one season will pay for your seed corn several times over. Try it and be convinced. Price large pkg 10 cents; quart 20 cents; peck 60 cents;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bu \$1.00; bushel \$1.75; 2 bushels or over \$1.50 per bushel, sacks free.

**Poor Man's Corn.** I have only a small lot of this to offer and must limit each customer to one bushel or less. This corn is a rich golden yellow, deep grain, small red cob, and will mature in 90 days, a heavy yielder and produces well on either light or heavy soils. I am much pleased with this and shall plant largely of it. Sorry I haven't a larger stock to offer. Price as long as stock lasts, large pkg 10 cents; quart 25 cents; peck 80 cents;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel \$1.40; one bushel \$2.50.

**Maryland Queen.** It is a beautiful sight to look in my corn cribs where several hundred bushels of this pure white dent corn is stored. I have been growing this breed of white corn for several years and I have never seen any that would equal it. The ears are usually eight to ten inches long, set very close and compact on the ear, which is well filled out at both ends, the small or top end usually being entirely covered over with corn. The accompanying illustration correctly represents the top half of an ear of this valuable white corn. While I have been growing and selecting this variety for a number of years I have never offered it for sale before and shall expect to have many favorable reports from it next year as I believe all who plant it will be pleased with the results. Matures in about 100 days. Grows to medium height with strong sturdy growth. Price, large pkg 10 cents; quart 20 cents; peck 60 cents;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. \$1.00; bushel \$1.75; 2 bushels or over \$1.50 per bushel, sacks included. If to go by mail add 15 cents per quart for postage on all field corn. Sample packets of Maryland Queen and Kansas King corn will be mailed to all prospective buyers on receipt of request accompanied by 2c stamp.

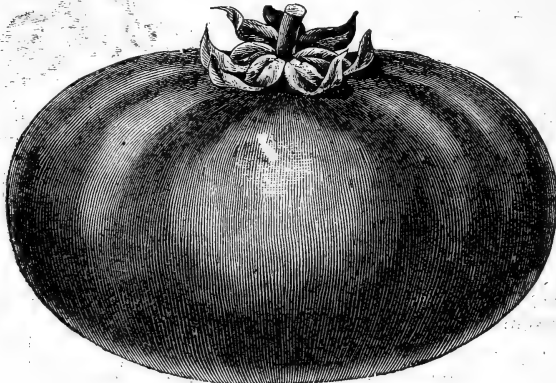


Maryland Queen

## Tomato Seed.

Some of our readers will no doubt be surprised to know that Maryland grows one-third of all the canned tomatoes put up in this country and further that the Nine Eastern Shore Counties of Maryland grow three-fourths the output of Maryland or one-fourth of the total output of the United States. Yet these are statistical facts, figures and prove beyond question the adaptability of soil and climate on this peninsula for the perfect development of the tomato. Therefore, it is not unreasonable to claim that we can and do grow the best tomato seed to be had. Our seed is not saved from the canneries where a hundred farmers are hauling tomatoes to the same factory but we grow each variety isolated and select the best fruit for seed only. This season I have three varieties, very early, 2nd early and medium as follows:—

**King Of The Earlies.** This is indeed an early variety one that will

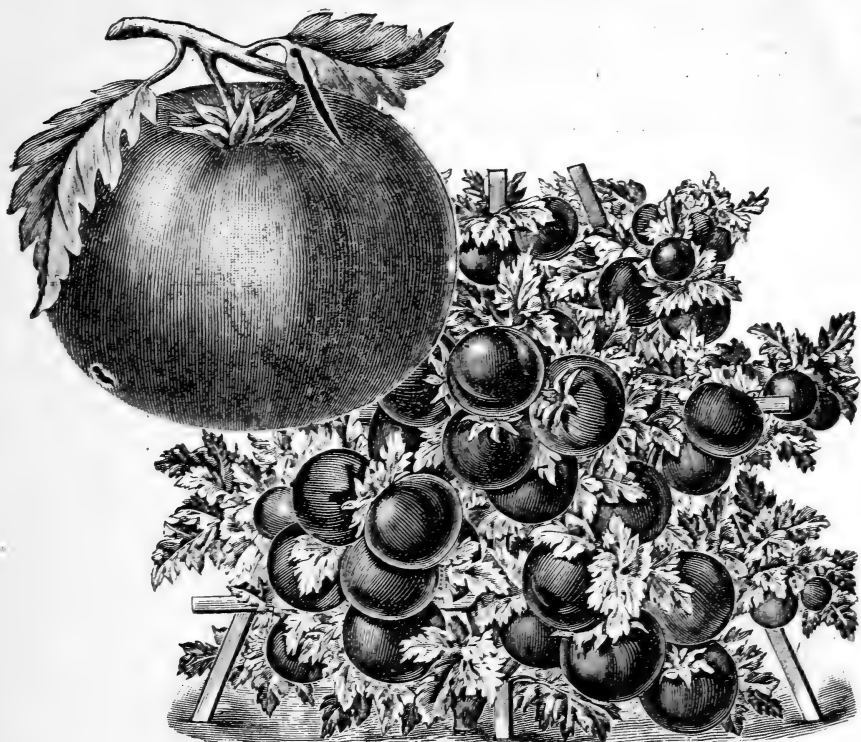


**King of The Earlies.**

give you large smooth tomatoes when most other early kinds are producing only small and knotty fruit. I have grown seven early market varieties but this has proven the best of all the extra earlies with me so far. The following are some of the expressions of those who have grown this valuable early variety, "I had beautiful

ripe tomatoes June 5th from King of the Earlies." "My King of the Earlies tomatoes were picked and all sold before my neighbors began to pick. "My King of the Earlies sold for 50 cents per basket more than my neighbors Earliana's and they out-yielded any sort ever grown here." Seed of this variety last year sold for \$24.00 per bbl. pkg 10 cents; ounce 40 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. \$1.25;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb \$2.25 per lb \$4.00.

**Chalks Ea Jewell.** This is the most profitable early tomato that I have ever grown for early market and I have grown a good many acres and a good many varieties. Season within a week or ten days of KING OF THE EARLIES or EARLIANA. The fruits are uniformly large, thick, though more solid and finer quality average well grown fruit are from 2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick, and to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, which is large enough for a market variety. The plant is immensely productive and is one of the most profitable varieties to grow for main crop as well as early market. The growth being strong and vigorous it does not soon burn as Earliana and many of the early kinds. I can conscientiously recommend Chalks Jewell as the most profitable early market tomato grown. The few days it is behind Earliana and other very early sorts is more than made up in fine quality and will bring twice as much in market side by side. I could give pages of testimonials proclaiming Chalks Jewell the best early tomato grown if I could spare the space. Price, pkg. 10 cents; ounce 40 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.25;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb \$2.25; per lb \$4.00.



Chalk's Early Jewell.

**Five Million Dollar Tomato.**

this tomato is its name. It is a tremendous strain on any fruit or vegetable to carry such a heavy name and a number of really good ones have been named to death. I was induced to plant this tomato by the many strong claims made for it and not by its name which in itself was an objection. Its season of ripening is early medium, size large, and by far the finest tomato I ever saw. Its shipping qualities are superb. It can be picked ripe and shipped by express 500 miles in good condition, a test I have never seen any other tomato that would stand. The color is a beautiful red. My shipments of this tomato sold in New York and Boston last July for \$1.50 to \$2.25 per carrier, holding  $\frac{3}{4}$  bushel, after most of the

The worst fault I have to find with



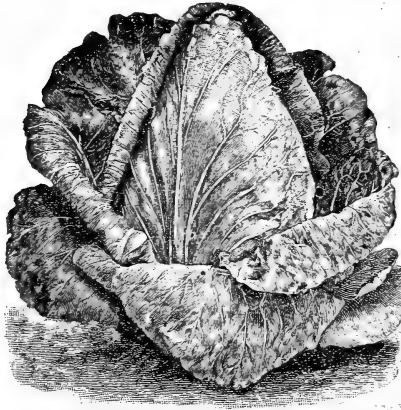
early varieties were off, my last shipment bringing \$1.50 per carrier. This tomato will bring paying prices after other varieties are too low to ship. The growth is strong, vigorous and healthy and immensely productive, stands drouth better than most varieties. The seed sold last year for \$15.00 per lb, but I propose to put it within the reach of all. Price, pkg 10 cents; ounce 40 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.25;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb \$2.25; per lb \$4.00.

## Cabbage Seed.

I am pleased to offer my customers this season a choice line of cabbage seed. This seed was not grown by me, but was grown on Long Island by one of the most careful growers in America, who has made a life study and has a life-long, 45 years, practical experience in this special line of cabbage seed growing. I offer this seed to my customers with the positive assurance that they can get no better anywhere at any price.

**Early Jersey Wakefield.** A leading early variety, and one of the best for private or market gardener's use; conical shaped and good quality. Our stock is very fine, being a selected strain and greatly improved. 5 cents a package; 20 cents an ounce; 60 cents  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.00 per lb.

**Early Large Charleston Wakefield** is an improved and larger form of Early Jersey Wakefield. It requires rather more time to reach maturity, but it yields fully twice the crop of the original Wakefield cabbage. It is about a week or ten days later than its parent, and comes along in a close succession to the earliest cabbage crop. It is a strain which cannot be profitably overlooked by any gardener, whether it is intended for a private garden or to be sent to market. All the market gardeners near the great Eastern cities plant Charleston Wakefield for second early cabbage, and there is no better second early sort. 5 cents a pkg; 20 cents an ounce; 60 cents  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.00 per lb.



Early Large Charleston Wakefield.

**Burpee's Allhead** is the earliest of all large cabbage, and considerably larger than any other early summer cabbage that is equally as early. The deep flat heads are remarkably solid and the most uniform in color, form, and size of any variety. As tenderness is the result of rapid growth, it surpasses all others in this respect. The hard heads grow so free from spreading leaves that fully one thousand more heads than usual with large cabbage can be obtained to the acre. It is really an all-the-year-round Cabbage, being equally good for winter. 5 cents a pkg; 20 cents an ounce; 60 cents  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.00 per lb.

**Long Island Second-Early.** A superior variety, closely following the Wakefields, hence superseding the Early Summer and others. 10 cents a pkg; 25 cents an ounce; 65 cents  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.25 per lb.

**Early Dwarf Flat Dutch.** An old sort but of unabated popularity. An excellent second early cabbage; producing large, solid heads of uniform shape, and always making a handsome appearance. It also is fine grained and of faint flavor. It succeeds everywhere, but seems particularly suited to the South, as it has strong heat resisting qualities. 10 cents a pkg; 25 cents an ounce; 55 cents  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.25 per lb.



Early Dwarf Flat Dutch.

**Early Summer.** This valuable cabbage matures ten days to two weeks after Early Jersey Wakefield, with heads of uniformly round, flattened form, as shown in the illustration. The heads are very compact and solid, and of double the weight of Early Jersey Wakefield. It is one of the best of the large, early cabbages, and is exceedingly valuable for the market gardener, as it has short outer leaves, adapting it for close planting. 5 cents a pkg; 20 cents an ounce; 60 cents  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.00 per lb.

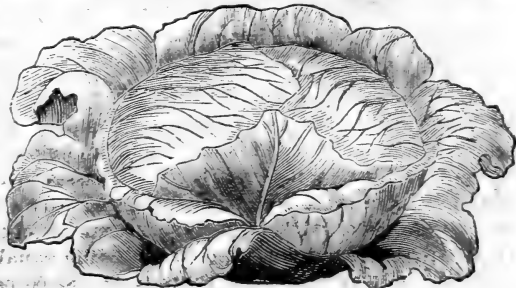
**Early Dwarf Drumhead.** This is a very fine cabbage and any of our customers who want a large second early variety, I am sure would be pleased with this.



Early Dwarf Drumhead.

**All Seasons or Vandergaw.** The heads are extremely hard and solid, round, flattened on the top, and ready to market nearly as early as Early Summer, while considerably larger in size. It is called "All Seasons" because it is as good for autumn or winter as it is for early summer. 5 cents pkg; 20 cents an ounce; 60 cents  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.00 per lb.

**Premium Flat Dutch.** An improved strain of the old Large Late Flat Dutch type. Highly esteemed where a very large solid head is desired. A standard reliable variety. 5 cents pkg; 20 cents ounce; 60 cents  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.00 per lb.

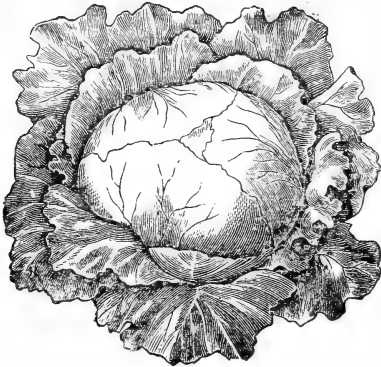


Premium Flat Dutch.

**Autumn King or World-Beater.** This is an extremely large and solid heading variety, well suited for fall and winter. The plant is of extra strong growth, with an abundance of dark bluish-green leaves growing closely about the large, flattened heads. In good soil it will produce heads of enormous size, but, of course, requires a longer season for growth than do the earlier and smaller varieties. 5 cents pkg; 20 cents ounce; 60 cents  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.00 per lb.



**Brills Nonsuch.** This is an extra fine and early variety, especially recommended. Try it. 10 cents pkg; 25 cents, ounce; 65 cents  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.25 per lb.



**Brills Nonsuch.**



**Surehead.**

**Burpee's Surehead** produces large round flattened heads of the Flat Dutch type, and is remarkable for its certainty to head. It is all head and sure to head, even under unfavorable conditions. The heads are remarkably uniform, very hard, firm and fine in texture, and ordinarily weigh from ten to fifteen pounds each. It is very sweet flavored, has but few loose leaves, keeps well, is good for shipping, and is just the variety and quality to suit market gardeners, farmers, and all lovers of good cabbage. 5 cents pkg; 20 cents ounce; 60 cents  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.00 per lb.

**Succession.** This popular second early sort is about ten days later than Early Summer. It is an excellent keeper and in color an attractive light green. The introducers say; "For medium early, main crop or late use it has no equal. It is so finely bred and so true to type that in a field of twenty acres every head appears alike. It is a perfect cabbage in every respect, not only being of the the largest size, but of handsome color and of the finest quality. It is probably the safest variety for an amateur to plant." Pkg., 5 cents; oz., 20 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 60 cents; per lb. \$2.00

**Perfection Drumhead Savoy.** This is the hardest heading and best all-round Savoy. Plants are of strong growth, having only a moderate amount of outer foliage growing closely about the large solid round head. It is not only more sure-heading than any other American strain, but seems to withstand better the attack of insects. Heads beautifully blanched and of the finest flavor. 5 cents pkg; 20 cents ounce; 60 cents  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.00 per lb.

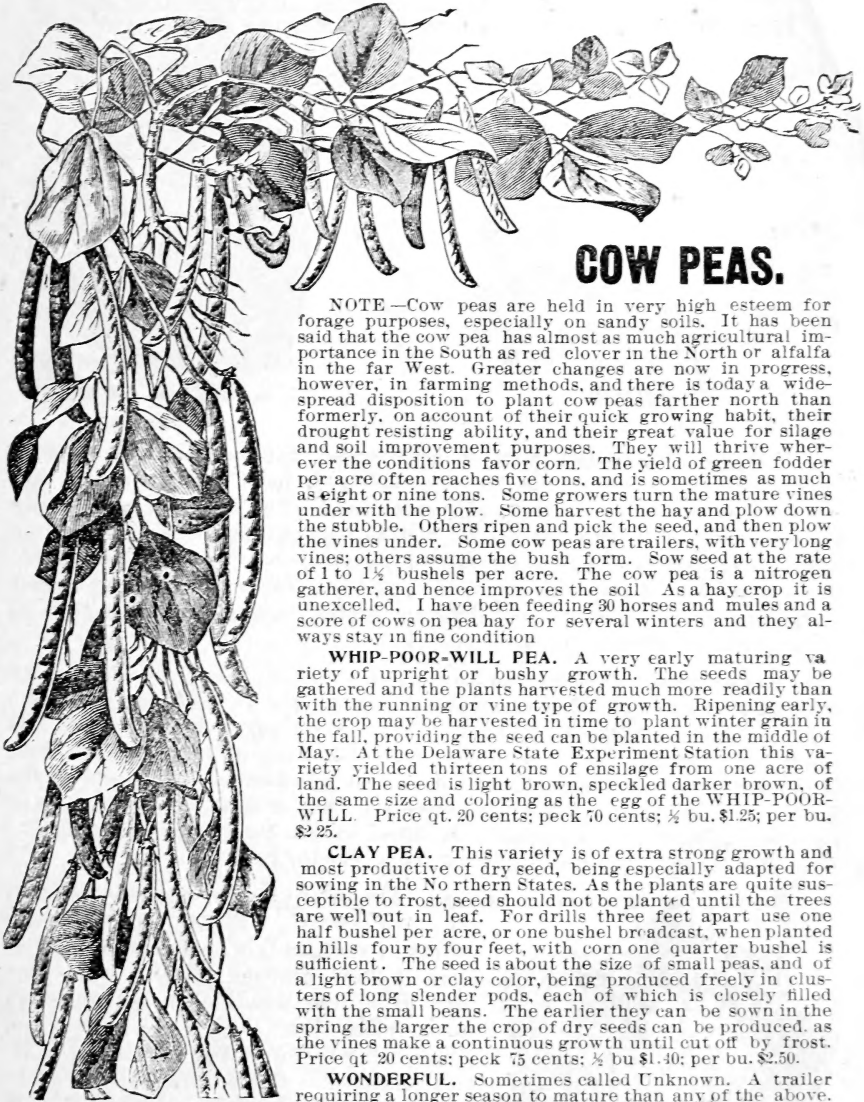


**Perfection Drumhead Savoy.**

ping cabbage, as it stands transportation well. The heads grow to very large size and heavy weight. They are solid, of good quality and texture, and have very few loose leaves, allowing of planting closely in the field. 5 cents pkg; 20 cents ounce; 60 cents  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb; \$2.00 per lb.

### **Improved Large Late Drumhead.**

A favorite winter variety, largely planted by growers who make a specialty of shipping



## COW PEAS.

**NOTE**—Cow peas are held in very high esteem for forage purposes, especially on sandy soils. It has been said that the cow pea has almost as much agricultural importance in the South as red clover in the North or alfalfa in the far West. Greater changes are now in progress, however, in farming methods, and there is today a widespread disposition to plant cow peas farther north than formerly, on account of their quick growing habit, their drought resisting ability, and their great value for silage and soil improvement purposes. They will thrive wherever the conditions favor corn. The yield of green fodder per acre often reaches five tons, and is sometimes as much as eight or nine tons. Some growers turn the mature vines under with the plow. Some harvest the hay and plow down the stubble. Others ripen and pick the seed, and then plow the vines under. Some cow peas are trailers, with very long vines; others assume the bush form. Sow seed at the rate of 1 to 1½ bushels per acre. The cow pea is a nitrogen gatherer, and hence improves the soil. As a hay crop it is unexcelled. I have been feeding 30 horses and mules and a score of cows on pea hay for several winters and they always stay in fine condition.

**WHIP-POOR-WILL PEA.** A very early maturing variety of upright or bushy growth. The seeds may be gathered and the plants harvested much more readily than with the running or vine type of growth. Ripening early, the crop may be harvested in time to plant winter grain in the fall, providing the seed can be planted in the middle of May. At the Delaware State Experiment Station this variety yielded thirteen tons of ensilage from one acre of land. The seed is light brown, speckled darker brown, of the same size and coloring as the egg of the WHIP-POOR-WILL. Price qt. 20 cents; peck 70 cents; ½ bu. \$1.25; per bu. \$2.25.

**CLAY PEA.** This variety is of extra strong growth and most productive of dry seed, being especially adapted for sowing in the Northern States. As the plants are quite susceptible to frost, seed should not be planted until the trees are well out in leaf. For drills three feet apart use one half bushel per acre, or one bushel broadcast, when planted in hills four by four feet, with corn one quarter bushel is sufficient. The seed is about the size of small peas, and of a light brown or clay color, being produced freely in clusters of long slender pods, each of which is closely filled with the small beans. The earlier they can be sown in the spring the larger the crop of dry seeds can be produced, as the vines make a continuous growth until cut off by frost. Price qt. 20 cents; peck 75 cents; ½ bu. \$1.40; per bu. \$2.50.

**WONDERFUL.** Sometimes called Unknown. A trailer requiring a longer season to mature than any of the above. It is named Wonderful for its great production of both hay maker, as a soil renovator, or for ensilage. Price qt. 20 cents; peck 70 cents; ½ bu. \$1.50; per bu. \$2.25.

vines and pods. Admirable as a  
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Order your peas early as the crop is short. Prices quoted will be maintained if possible but are subject to market changes and they may go higher in the season. If small quantities are wanted by mail add 15 cents a quart for postage.

**SOJA OR SOY BEAN.** Also known as German Coffee Berry. Year by year I hold this leguminous plant in higher agricultural value and importance. It is an upright bush form attaining a height of two to four feet, and of great vigor. It is more sturdy than the cow pea, and has even greater drought resisting qualities. It is very rich in those elements (protein, etc.) which give the clovers their high feeding value. It was for a time, and is still, sold under the name of German Coffee Berry, but its true sphere is that of the forage plant and soil enricher. It is one of the most promising new crops now before the American farmer.

man, and I recommend a universal trial of it. The Soja bean is a native of Asia, and is largely used for human food in Japan. It has been in this country a number of years, but its superlative virtues are just beginning to be realized in our agriculture. I am using Soja bean now to feed horses and cattle and find it equal to pea hay. I am much pleased with it and shall plant considerable of it next summer. It takes longer to grow than peas and should be sown in this latitude in May. Price pt. 20 cents; peck 80 cents;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bu. \$1.40; per bu. \$2.50.

NOTE.—When peas and Soja beans are wanted by mail add 15 cents per quart for postage.

**GOLDEN SUMMER CROOKNECK SQUASH.**

One of the best of the summer squashes. It is of dwarf, bushy habit and very productive. The skin is yellow. The shape is shown in the illustration. The flesh has a green yellowish color, and is dry and of most agreeable flavor. This is, in fact, most highly esteemed of all the summer varieties. I particularly recommend my selected strain to the attention of market gardeners. Price pkg. 5 cents; ounce 10 cents;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 25 cents; per lb. 50 cents.



Soja Soy or Bean.



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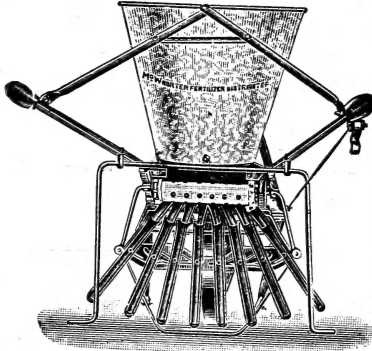
**AUSTIN'S DEWBERRY.** This makes a stronger growth than Lucretia and its canes are nearly twice as large but has the same trailing habit. The fruit is about same size as Lucretia but of different shape, being shorter and thicker. Both Lucretia and Austin Dewberries are as large as the Wilson blackberry. The Lucretia is three or four days earlier than Early Harvest blackberry, and are two thirds gone when Wilson commences to ripen, and Austin's is nearly or quite a week ahead of Lucretia, but not as good a shipper, being softer; but for a near market where earliness counts for more than firmness, Austin's will fill the bill. Price of plants, either variety, 50 cents per dozen by mail postpaid; \$1.00 per 100, or \$5.00 per 1000 by express or freight, receiver to pay charges.



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## McWhorter Improved Fertilizer Distributer.

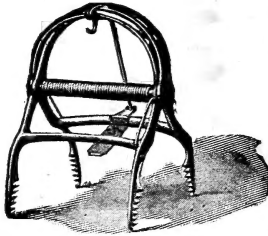


agement to be pushed by man power, (no horse) and can be used all day by an ordinary able man, without being unusually tired at night. Price, f. o. b. factory, \$11.00 each.

### IMPROVED HORSE FERTILIZER DISTRIBUTER.

This machine is made in two sizes. No. 14 will top dress or sow in the furrow 2 rows at a time. No. 16 works 3 rows at a time and will broadcast a breadth of 8 feet 6 inches every trip across the field. No. 14 will broadcast 6 feet at a trip. In building this machine, every tried and approved feature of our well known hand fertilizer distributor have been carefully preserved. We refer especially to our unequalled belt feed, strengthened to meet the demands of horse machines. This feed is without doubt superior in all respects, and is so pronounced by farmers everywhere. We urgently advise spreading fertilizers well for furrow work, especially when using heavy. These distributors put this matter readily and thoroughly under the control of the operator. These machines are worked with one horse, (No. 14), and will distribute fertilizer in three furrows at once, if 2½ feet or less apart. Over that width, and up to 5 feet, it will distribute in 2 furrows. It will side dress 2 rows of any growing crop, on each side of both rows. It will also side dress one side of 2 rows, that is to say, either the North side or South side as may be desired. It will distribute over 2 beds of strawberries of ordinary width, spread nicely to suit the case. It can be instantly changed to a broadcaster, taking a scope of 6 feet. No. 16 will be instantly changed to a broadcaster, taking a scope of 6 feet. No. 16 will be found a most convenient machine, for doing furrow work, side and top dressing on rows up to 8 feet apart, and broadcasting.

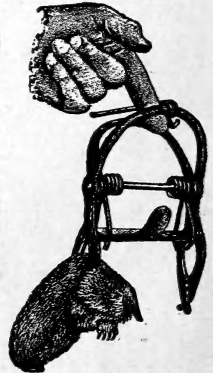
Price	Shipping Weight.	Hopper Capacity
No. 14, \$35.00	390 pounds.	300 lbs. fertilizer
No. 16, \$48.00	362 pounds.	400 lbs. fertilizer



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