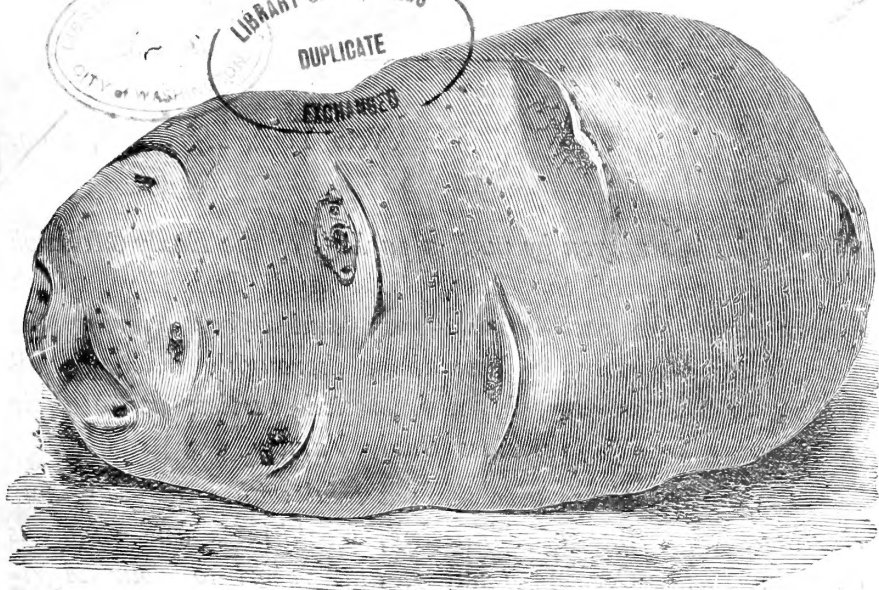


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THE EARLY MOHAWK POTATO.



This Potato was sent out last spring (free of charge) in packages of five potatoes, to all parts of the Country, to be thoroughly tested alongside of any and all other varieties, with a request that a statement be returned this fall, in respect to its merits as to Earliness, yield, strength, vigor of growth, and cooking qualities; at the same time refusing to sell any of them at any price, preferring to have the Potato thoroughly tested and stand on its own merits without any humbug. We take pleasure in saying that it has FULLY BORNE OUT THE CHARACTER OF BEING THE EARLIEST TO MATURE, HEALTHY AND STRONG OF GROWTH, OF LARGE YIELD, AND FREE FROM ROT, AND OF THE FINEST COOKING QUALITY; cooking dry, mealy, and of superior flavor, all of which is well authenticated by letters of well known disinterested agriculturists from all parts of the country.

This potato we can also recommend to take the place of the Peach Blow for Winter and Spring use, as we can show by the reports of first class Hotels and private families who tested them the past Winter and Spring, testifying to their superior qualities; thereby enabling the farmers to gather their crops before the fall rains, and in time to sow the ground with wheat. THERE BEING A LIMITED QUANTITY OF THIS SEED FOR SALE, ORDERS WILL BE FILLED IN ROTATION AS RECEIVED.

Price \$15 per Barrel. \$7 per Bushel. \$2 per Pock.

R. H. ALLEN & CO.,
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Address P. O. Box 376.

Our SEED CATALOGUE will be issued about January 1st, 1870.

MR. J. W. ... 1869

Copy of Circular sent out with each package of Potatoes
last Spring for Trial.

New York, April 9th, 1869.

Sir :

I have sent you by mail a package of the Early Mohawk Potato, a hybrid of the Peach Blow and Buck Eye, which I have tested the past two seasons; and before offering the seed for sale, I wish to have them thoroughly tested in all sections of the country, by disinterested parties, as to their claims as a strictly first class Early Variety.

You will please give them a trial with regard to their Earliness and time of Maturing, Healthiness and Vigorous Growth, Yield, Cooking Quality, and report to your Agricultural Society; and if not asking too much, would be pleased to hear the result.

COPIES OF LETTERS RECEIVED IN ANSWER TO
CIRCULAR.

From Croton Falls, N. Y.

I haste to comply with your request with reference to the Mohawks you sent me last Spring. I planted scant two pounds of early Mohawk, on May the first, in competition with 26 other varieties. On June 7th, I found Mohawk Potatoes as large as Pigeons' Eggs; the Rose were the size of Peas—the White Sprouts smaller; the Goodrich and Dykman's—nowhere. They were fit to eat fully eight days earlier than the Rose; were of uniform shape and size, and abundant yield. Vines stocky and vigorous, and maturing evenly I got 157 lbs. product, and should have got a much larger yield, but for your request—that I should show no favor but give them a severe test; and, accordingly, I put them on very ordinary ground, without special manuring; they were early enough to escape the effects of the drought, which has cut off all our other kinds. I am so well pleased with them that I shall plant no other kind for market next year.

Yours truly,

GERARD C. BROWN.

From Connecticut.

HAMDEN, CONN., Sept. 16, 1869.

In compliance with your request, I send you a statement of the Mohawk Potatoes, raised by us, from one and a half pounds of seed. We raised two hundred and ninety-five lbs., six oz. (295 lbs., 6 oz.), the largest potato weighing 2 lbs., 1 oz.; two potatoes from one hill, weighing 3½ lbs.; 15 of the largest weighed 23¼ lbs. We find them 10 days earlier than the Rose, and of fine quality.

Yours respectfully,

G. W. BRADLEY & SON.

From Monmouth County, New Jersey.

SHREWSBURY, Sept. 17, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your request for a statement of the growth, yield, &c., of the Early Mohawk Potatoe I planted last spring. I send you the following account of them:—I planted one barrel of them in twenty rows, in the middle of a field, and Early Rose Potatoes on each side of them, considering the Rose the best and earliest variety to test them with. I used the same compost for both kinds; applied the same quantity to each, and planted both the same day. I found the Rose set a little the earliest and kept larger until both kinds were about the size of a walnut with the outer shell on, then the Mohawks took the lead, and gained rapidly on the Rose, and were fit to dig several days earlier than the Rose. I was forced to this conclusion rather against my will, for I was very strongly in favor of the Rose. I did not dig the Mohawks early, but dug the Rose, leaving two rows alongside of the Mohawks, to compare with them on ripening; when, on digging them, I got as many in bulk, from two-thirds of a row of Mohawks, as from a whole row of the Rose, the Mohawks were very much larger on the average, and ripened six days ahead of the Rose. I sent a basket of Mohawks to our county fair, of 38 potatoes, weighing 38 lbs. I dug from what I planted, 39 barrels. It needs but a trial to convince any one of their excellence as a table potato.

Yours truly,

W. L. HOPE.

LEONARDSVILLE, N. J., Sept. 1, 1869.

SIR,—The package of seven Early Mohawk Potatoes you sent me, I planted alongside of the Early Rose, Goodrich, and Dykman; the Mohawks grew strong and healthy, quality very good, yield a full barrel from the seven planted; ripen sooner than the Goodrich and Dykman, and equal with the Rose.

EDWARD T. BURGE.

Office Probate Judge, Stark Co.

CANTON, OHIO, Sept. 8, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—In compliance with your request, we planted the Early Mohawk Potatoes which you sent us last spring, and have to say, that we think they are a little earlier than the Early Rose; that for strength and vigor of growth, they excel all other Potatoes, and yield equal to the Rose; the quality excels that of any other potato in existence for flavor and meanness. In short, we regard the Early Mohawk as the best potato of which we have any knowledge.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN LAHM.

JAMES W. UNDERHILL.

From John A. Warder, Ohio.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Sept. 11, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—Your Early Mohawk Potatoes have done finely, and were among the very earliest to ripen. They are of good size, quite productive, and, when cooked, pronounced good.

Yours, &c.,

JOHN A. WARDER.

From one of the largest and most successful Truckgrowers in Virginia.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., Sept. 8, 1869.

SIR,—Your circular of the first came duly to hand, and replying to your enquiries respecting the package of Early Mohawk Potatoes, I received six in number, would say they gave me entire satisfaction. The vines make a strong, vigorous growth, the quality for table use is excellent. The size under the circumstances was equal to the best I have grown, and there can be no doubts of their being the earliest of any variety grown in this section. In a word, I think they are the potatoes, and I would prefer them for my crop, Early Rose not excepted. I would here state when I received the package my potato crop had been planted some weeks; I selected a spot some distance off, put no more or any better manure under them, and they being isolated from other crops they slipped my memory, and consequently were not cultivated as they should have been, and the dry weather was much against them; the moles also destroyed a portion. Under more favorable circumstances, I feel confident I should have gathered a full bushel, which may be considered an immense yield here. I shall take pleasure in recommending them to growers for their early crops.

With respect,

W. I. BISHOP.

From President Forrest Grove Agricultural Society, Gloucester Co., N. J.

SWEEDSBORO, Sept. 11, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—The package of Early Mohawk Potatoes sent by you last Spring were duly received, and I planted them, but not until after I had planted my other early ones, as in this section of country we plant early in March. I gave one potato to Mr. C. W. WEBSTER, who planted it, and his results are similar to mine as regards earliness. It will beat any, not excepting Early Rose, *Ten days*, is very hardy of vine, yields a good deal like the Monitor, all large size potatoes, and will, I think, give a larger yield to the acre. I had a few cooked, and they are prime to eat, and of superior flavor, and will be a great acquisition.

Truly yours,

CHARLES YOUNG.

From Delaware.

From the President of Lincoln Agricultural Society,

LINCOLN, SUSSEX CO., Sept. 5, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—I received your package of Early Mohawks last Spring, some time after planting my other early varieties. I cut them to two eyes, have dug one half bushel of fine large potatoes, dug one mess to test quality while tops were quite green, and find them superior in quality to White Sprout, Goodrich, or Early Rose. They also grew larger than any other variety. I received seed too late for a test as to time with others, but they were as large as any other potatoes at time of digging, consequently grew and matured in less time.

Yours,

G. S. STEVENS.

From William Chorlton, West New Brighton, New York.

STATEN ISLAND, Sept. 7, 1869.

SIR,—The small package of Early Mohawk Potatoes, one and one-third pounds, received from you, were cut to single eyes and planted on the 30th of April; nothing but ordinary culture, both as to soil and care, was practised toward them. The crop was dug fully ripe, Aug. 9th. The total weight was 92 lbs., and the greater part being very large, fine, handsome potatoes; when cooked, the flavor is very good, and flowery and dry. I consider it a most valuable acquisition of vigorous and healthy growth, enormously productive, and early maturing as the above facts will show.

Yours,

WILLIAM CHORLTON.

From Professor J. Berckman, Georgia.

ROME, GA., Sept. 11, 1869.

SIR,—The Early Mohawks received from you are of vigorous and strong growth, and well adapted to this locality, as they ripen in nine weeks from time of planting, and we can raise two, perhaps three crops in one season, the season being favorable. I gave some of them to my friends in town, to test their cooking qualities, and they say they cook well. This agrees with my own experience.

Yours truly,

J. BERCKMAN.

From Pres. Metuchen Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

METUCHEN, N. J., Sept. 8, 1869.

SIR,—I planted the five Early Mohawk Potatoes the 15th of April. The first of July we had them on the table, and found them of excellent quality; they were at this time twice as large as the Early Goodrich which were planted seven days earlier. The Mohawks are large, smooth, very early, and very productive, and free from disease. I regard them as a very great acquisition.

Yours truly,

A. W. MARSHALL.

From United States' Experimental Gardens.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 6th, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—I had the Early Rose and Early Mohawk planted on the same day, and in the same soil. The weather has been dry here since they were planted. The Mohawk proved to be the largest and most bulky cropper of the two, under the circumstance, and both kinds having been dug on the same day, and cooked, the Mohawk was good, but the Rose was more matured. I doubt whether the test was very good, as the Rose grew quite small, being very much smaller than usual, owing, no doubt, to the extremely dry season. It seems to me, however, that the Mohawk succeeds better in a dry season than the Rose; both proved better than the Early Goodrich.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

NEW SPRINGVILLE, RICHMOND Co., Sept. 17, 1869.

DEAR SIR,—The two Early Mohawk Potatoes you gave me last spring, I have tested and find them superior to any potatoes I ever raised. I planted seven hills, two pieces in each hill, and they produced one-eight of a bushel to the hill. I can recommend them for their earliness, large yield and good quality.

Yours truly,

I. J. SIMONSON.

From Ohio.

CANTON, OHIO, Sept. 9, 1869.

SIR,—The six Early Mohawk Potatoes you sent Mr. Lahm last spring, he handed me, thinking I had a better opportunity to test them than he had, as I was planting the Early Rose, Goodrich, Early White Sprout, and Mountain June. I cut and planted them on the 8th of May, the Mohawks came up as readily as any I had on my grounds, and proved to be vigorous growers, and very heavy producers, and during the growing, and before they were ripe, I dug of the Rose and Mohawk, and boiled them in the same pot, and found the Mohawk dry and mealy, rich and delicious eating potatoes. The early Rose had not matured so well, and was not as dry and mealy as the Mohawks, and after testing the potato, I do think the Mohawk is the earliest by some days, and the best flavored potato I ever raised.

Yours truly,

PETER CHANCE, *Horticulturist*.

From President of Pontiac Agricultural Society.

ROCHESTER, MICH, Sept. 8, 1869.

SIR,—I planted the Mohawk potatoes alongside the Early Shaw and Goodrich, all having an equal chance in regard to earliness. I find the Mohawk from 7 to 10 days the earliest. As to strength and vigor, about the same as the Shower, yield as good as either; quality very superior.

Yours,

L. WOODWARD,

From Secretary of Burlington County Agricultural Society.

BURLINGTON, N. J., Aug. 5, 1869.

SIR,—I planted the Early Mohawk on the 24th of April, cutting to two eyes in a piece, giving them ordinary cultivation, and nothing more, as I supposed you wished them tried under ordinary circumstances. I dug them on the 24th of July, thoroughly ripened, the vines having been entirely dead for 10 or 12 days, the yield by weight, thirty-fold, and the quality very superior. I have raised, this year, the Early Rose, Early Henry, White Sprout, Silver Skins, and a seedling of my own, and I have no hesitation in saying that, in this soil and climate, I think the Early Mohawks will rank with the best of these as to earliness, quality and productiveness. The tubers are well-grown, large, ripe and smooth, and very few small potatoes.

I remain, yours,

A. T. STARK, *Sec. Burlington Farmers' Club.*

From President of Barnstable County Agricultural Society.

BARNSTABLE, MASS, Sept. 16, 1869.

SIR,—I consider the Early Mohawk 10 days earlier than any other variety I had on my place, and of very excellent quality for table use.

Yours, &c.,

NATHAN CROCKER.

From the President of Fruit Growers' Club.

SOUTH VINELAND, N. J., Sept. 14, 1869.

SIR,—The Early Mohawk is from 7 to 10 days earlier than the Early Goodrich, and more productive, and a far better eating potato; I think it the best and earliest potato I have ever eaten.

Very respectfully,

C. W. KILBORN.

From the Secretary of the New England Agricultural Society.

GROTON, MASS., Sept. 17, 1869.

SIR,—I received the package of five small Mohawk Potatoes, and planted them in the same ground, and with the same manure as my other potatoes. I dug them, and the yield was forty-four pounds, of average size and excellent quality. I am well pleased with the variety. There was no rot among them, but every indication of vigor and health. They were planted in high, dry ground, and suffered very much from the drought.

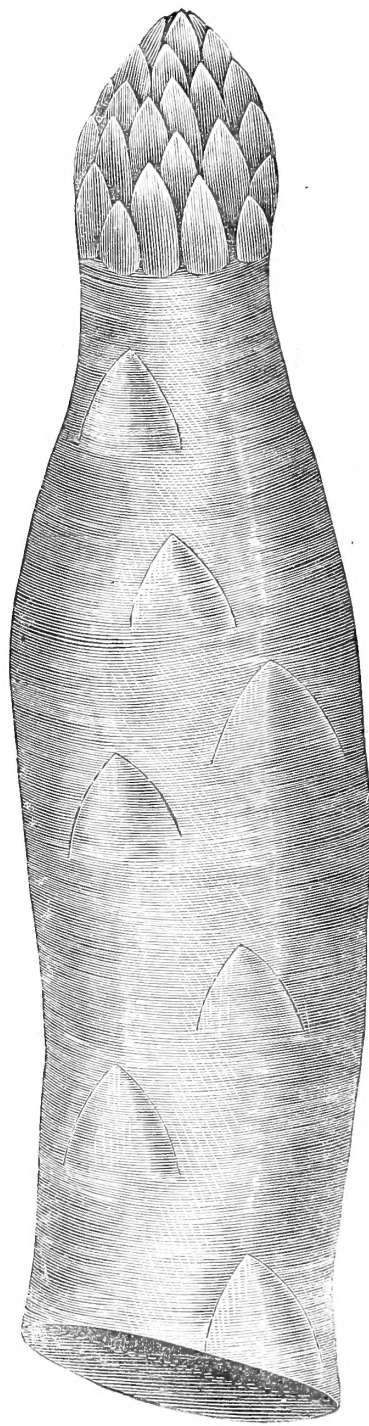
Respectfully yours, &c.,

DANIEL NEEDHAM.

LETTERS

Received from the following gentlemen, for want of space, would respectfully refer to them.

- CHARLES H. ALLEN, Sec. Hor. Society, Plattsville, Wis.
JOSEPH BAILEY, Prest. Perry Co. Agl. Society, New Bloomfield, Pa.
J. W. SEAMAN, Prest. Coos. Co. Agl. Society, Beardstown, Ill.
S. W. HOUGHTON, Prest. Bolton Agl. and Mech. Ass'n, Bolton, Mass.
JEFFERSON RAINEY, St. Clair Co. Agl. Society, Belleville, Ill.
J. B. HUTCHINGS, Prest. Ionia Agl. Society, Ionia, Mich.
ZADOCK TOWNSEND, Prest. New Castle Co. Agl. Society, Eden Park, Del.
HENRY GREEN, Prest. Atconian Social Agl. Society, Atco, N. J.
G. R. BARNETT, Prest. Clearfield Co. Agl. Society, Clearfield, Pa.
ALLEN D. MORGAN, Prest. Cayuga Co. Agl. Society, Auburn, N. Y.
T. T. LYON, Sec. Plymouth Farmers' and Mech. Club, Plymouth, Mich.
JOHN DUNCAN, Prest. Shelby Co. Agl. Society, Sidney, Ohio.
DAVID DUNN, Prest. Farmers' and Mechanics' Club, New Market, N. J.
RICHARD A. LEONARD, Prest. Monmouth Co. Agl. Society, Leonardsville, N. J.
O. B. GRIDLEY, Prest. Oneida Co. Agl. Society, Deansville, N. Y.
PROFESSOR COOK, State Geologist, New Brunswick, N. J.
WM. S. ROLAND, Sec. of York Co. Agl. Society, York, Pa.
THOMAS DOWD, Prest. East Hartford Agl. Society, Conn.
JOSIAH SAWYER, Prest. Tazewell Agl. Society, Fremont, Del.
JAMES COLE, Valhalla, Westchester Co., N. Y.
RICHARD VAN WYCK, Stratford, Conn.
JOHN S. STILWELL, Keyport, N. J.
J. S. WHITLOCK, Matteawan, N. J.
JOS. I. THOMPSON, Middletown, N. J.
JAMES VAN SICLEN, Jamaica, N. Y.
R. ROMAINE, Lodi, New York.
WM. S. CARPENTER, Rye, N. Y.
GEORGE W. FIELDER, Hightstown, N. J.
P. & J. TEN EYCK, Middletown Point, N. J.
WM. A. NEWELL, Allentown, N. J.
G. W. THOMPSON, New Brunswick, N. J.
H. REDFIELD, Metuchen, N. J.
JOHN GOTTY, Spring Valley, N. Y.



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Though but two years from the seed, many of the plants produced from twenty to thirty sprouts, averaging from two to four inches in circumference, and were ready for cutting one year in advance of the ordinary varieties.

The experience of another season confirms all that was claimed for this variety when first offered last spring, and it now stands unrivalled in point of size, productiveness and quality.

Strong one-year-old roots, mailed post paid upon receipt of price, \$3 00 per 100; \$25 00 per 1,000.