Select Varieties of Strawberries.

THE following varieties of Strawberries have been carefully selected from the entire mass that have been brought to notice in this country and in Europe; and all the others have been rejected, except three or four that are under probation. As a general result, all the Hermaphrodite varieties that have been introduced from Europe have proved worthless, on account of their unproductiveness. In fact, it may be taken as a general guide, that Pistillate varieties can alone be relied on for *abundant and regular crops.* A few exceptions exist among the American Hermaphrodites where fair crops are produced; but even these cannot be deemed equally reliable, in all respects, as the Pistillates. It is mortifying to witness the ignorance displayed by many of our Pomological writers when describing the qualities and relative productiveness of the varieties they recommend to the public. To see such long discarded varieties as the Swainstone's Seedling, British Queen, Alice Maud, Burr's Seedling, and Duke of Kent's Scarlet, recommended by one late author, and the two last named, together with Brewer's Emperor, Grove end Scarlet, Black Prince, and Willey, recommended by another late author, are the grossest wrongs which ignorance can practice on the community. And lately "A Complete Manual" on the Strawberry culture has been published, than which a grosser humbug could not be palmed upon the public. A writer may be sometimes excused for a lack of knowledge on certain points, but when he professes to give *special instruction* to others, he is certainly inexcusable for presenting so absolute an abortion as the work in question, and thus abusing the public confidence by the dissemination of a mass of errors and falsities, for which the ignorance and imbecility of the author form no sufficient excuse. It is from such blind guidance, that so many Nursery Catalogues still continue to recommend to their customers miserable unproductive Staminates, and other worthless kinds.

Of the following *Select Assortment,* fifty-five of the most splendid varieties were originated by us, and selected from thousands of seedlings during the past ten years, and the larger part are now offered for sale for the first time, and are not in the possession of any other Nursery whatever. These are designated by an asterisk. No less than a dozen are sold of any one variety, and no orders are desired for a less amount than $10. P. denotes Pistillate, and H. Hermaphrodite varieties, usually termed Staminate.

SCARLET, PINE, AND CHILI STRAWBERRIES.

	P. doz.	P. 50	P. 100
1. ***Aromatic Crimson,** P, secondary size, rounded or obtuse cone, crimson, sweet, juicy, very fine rich flavor, similar to the old Black Prince when in its prime, of which it is a seedling, productive.....	1 00	3 00	5 00
2. **Barry's Extra,** H, rather large, or secondary size, short cone, beautiful scarlet, excellent flavor, firm and suitable for market, productive; plant hardy, foliage vigorous, leaves thick and leathery, unaffected by the sun's heat, and the plants never die out.....	75	2 50	4 00
3. **Bicton Pine,** H, large, irregular form, often compressed, white with a tinge of pink on one side, moderate fla-			

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vor, and produces but moderately, valuable only for its color. A rather delicate plant. Barr's White is very similar in quality, but may be a slight improvement in size and flavor	75	2 50	4 50
4. **Bishop's Orange,** P, late, minor size, round, beautiful orange scarlet, but little flavor, very profuse bearer, particularly desirable as one of the later varieties after the general crop. There is a spurious crimson variety called by this name at Rochester and Boston	25	75	1 25
5. **Burr's Scarlet Melting,** P, early and rather large, rounded or short cone, bright scarlet, showy, moderate flavor, rather soft for market, very productive. This and the "*Rival Hudson*" are the best of Mr. Burr's seedling varieties	38	75	1 00
6. ***Campagnia,** H, large, conical, crimson, good flavor	1 00	2 50	4 00
7. ***Champion Montevideo,** H, very large, oblong cone, scarlet, fine color and flavor; vigorous growth, fair bearer for this class, ripening gradually for two or three weeks. It is indispensable that the varieties of this family be grown in a strong rich soil, and that the stools be kept free from runners. All the Montevideo varieties are of the same original species as the British Queen, but are much more hardy and productive than that, or any of the mass of deceptive trash which have been palmed upon us from England with Myatt's name attached	2 00	5 00	8 00
8. **Chester,** P, early, large, conical with a neck, crimson, fine flavor, productive, plant vigorous and very hardy, valuable	25	75	1 50
9. ***Clarissa,** P, large, conical, light scarlet, good flavor, showy, productive	1 00	2 50	4 00
10. **Climax Scarlet,** P, medium size, conical, light scarlet, good flavor, rather acid, productive	25	75	1 00
11. ***Colonia Montevideo,** H, large, light scarlet, roundish or obovate, very sweet flavor, produces a fair crop for its class and sex, and continues long in bearing	1 50	4 00	6 00
12. ***Cordova Montevideo,** H, large, conical, light scarlet, fine flavor, fair crop for its sex, flowers large	1 50	4 00	6 00
13. ***Cornucopia,** P, large, conical, scarlet, beautiful, good flavor, firm, suitable for market. A seedling from the Hudson	50	1 50	2 50
14. ***Coronation,** H, large, obovate, bright scarlet, pleasant flavor, strong scapes	1 00	2 50	4 00

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15. ***Coronet Scarlet,** P, very large, rounded, beautiful scarlet, excellent flavor, productive, very valuable.....	2 00	5 00	8 00
16. ***Crimson Cluster,** P, rather large, conical, crimson, productive, fine foliage, large flowers.....	1 00	2 50	4 00
17. **Crimson Cone,** P, fair size, or rather large, oblong cone, bright crimson, sprightly flavor, rather acid without sugar, the seeds deeply embedded, very productive, vigorous growth. Great quantities are brought to market from New Jersey, where they might double their profits by growing larger and more estimable varieties.....	25	75	1 00
18. ***Crimson Perfumed,** P, large, obovate or rounded, crimson, sweet, high flavor when fully ripe, very productive, foliage dark green.....	1 00	2 50	4 00
19. ***Crimson Pine,** H and P, large, conical, deep scarlet or crimson, sweet rich flavor, very productive.....	50	1 50	2 50
20. ***Crimson Profusion,** P. secondary size, resembling Crimson Cone in this as well as in color, form and flavor; slightly acid, profuse clusters, none more productive.....	1 00	2 50	4 00
21. ***Crimson Prolific,** P, conical, crimson, sweet and good flavor, strong scapes, extra productive, tall vigorous foliage.....	1 00	2 50	4 00
22. ***Diadem,** P, very large and showy, rounded, beautiful light scarlet, pleasant flavor, a remarkably fine and beautiful berry; plant very robust, vigorous, and hardy, very productive. A seedling of the Iowa....	2 00	5 00	8 00
23. ***Dido Swainstone,** H, very large, short cone, some rounded, scarlet, fine rich flavor, fair crop for its class and sex.....	50	1 50	2 50
24. **Early May,** P, rather large, conical, bright red, fine flavor, productive.....	50	1 50	2 50
25. ***Early Prolific Scarlet,** P, secondary size, conical, with a neck, beautiful light scarlet, excellent flavor, exceedingly productive.....	1 00	2 50	4 00
26. ***Eclypse,** P, large, conical, splendid fruit on strong peuncles, bright scarlet, high color, and high flavor, rather soft, very productive; plant vigorous, a very valuable variety.....	1 50	4 00	6 00
27. ***Eustatia,** P, secondary size or rather large, conical scarlet, fine flavor, productive.....	50	1 50	2 50

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28. **Genesee,** H, rather early, and rather large, oblong rounded with a neck, bright crimson, showy, moderate flavor, long scapes, productive for its sex, growth vigorous	25	75	1 00
29. ***Globose Cluster,** P, large, rounded, beautiful, bright light scarlet, moderate flavor, rather acid, and too soft for carriage to market, very showy and productive, vigorous growth, with large foliage, very hardy. A seedling of the Iowa	1 00	2 50	4 00
30. ***Globose Scarlet,** P, large, rounded, beautiful light scarlet, mild flavor, very productive, plant hardy and very vigorous	2 00	5 00	8 00
31. ***Globose Swainstone,** H, very large obtuse cone, dull scarlet, very high flavor, productive for its class and sex, valuable	1 00	2 50	4 00
32. **Hovey's Seedling,** P, very large, but very unequal in size, conical, crimson, a splendid berry, but its dark color and little flavor are unfavorable as a market fruit, and others consequently take precedence. It is however a remarkable variety, very productive, with broad dark-green luxuriant foliage, not so tall as most other varieties	25	75	1 00
33. **Hudson,** H and P, large, pointed cone, dark scarlet, excellent flavor when fully ripe, very productive	25	75	1 00
34. **Huntsman's Montevideo,** P, large, bright scarlet, short cone or rounded, indifferent flavor, but would probably be improved at the South, to which climate it seems appropriate. Ripens late, and continues two or three weeks, and is fairly productive for its sex. It was the first Pistillate variety obtained from the Montevideo, none having ever been produced in Europe. We have at last obtained two or three Pistillate varieties, whose merits will be tested the present year, which will be gratifying intelligence to those who have been striving to obtain a Pistillate seedling from the British Queen	50	1 50	2 50
35. ***Imperial Crimson,** P, large, short cone or rounded, dark scarlet or crimson, fine color, sweet, fine flavor, a first rate berry, firm for market, productive. It is nearly as large as McAvoy's Superior, and much more suitable for transportation to market	2 00	5 00	8 00
36. ***Imperial Scarlet,** P, very large, and second only in size to *Scarlet Magnate*, to which it is preferable in flavor; form obtuse cone or rounded, scarlet, handsome, juicy and sprightly flavor, firm for market, productive; plant very vigorous, foliage pale green, very			

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large and luxuriant, a remarkable variety, very valuable for the size and beauty of its fruit, and for its other qualities. This and the other variety referred to are of larger average size than Hovey's Seedling..	2 00	6 00	10 00
37. **Iowa,** H, early, large, broad rounded, light orange scarlet, peculiar color, beautiful, inferior flavor, productive. It is a distinct and peculiar species, native of our Western prairies, and worthy of culture; but several new seedlings from it, comprised in this Catalogue far surpass the parent in size and flavor.....	25	75	1 00
38. **Jenney's Seedling,** P, late, secondary size, rounded or obovate, crimson, sprightly flavor, but too acid until fully ripe, then of fair flavor, tolerably productive. It has been much overated, and ought in fact to be rejected when there are so many superior to it.....	25	75	1 00
39. **Jenny Lind,** H, a new variety originated by Mr. Isaac Fay, early, large, conical, glossy crimson, seeds imbedded, fine flavor, firm, productive for its sex.....	1 50	4 00	6 00
40. **Large Early Scarlet, or Early Virginia,** H, is only of moderate size, conical, light scarlet, pleasant flavor, and produces one-third to one-half as large a crop as the Pistillate varieties. Its only value has been its precocity, and in that it is now quite equaled by others, which are greatly superior to it in size and productiveness. Even as a fertilizer its blossoms expand too early for any but the earliest varieties. We have a true Pistillate variety precisely similar in the fruit but more productive.....	25	75	1 00
41. ***Le Baron,** H, early, very large, obtuse cone, dark scarlet, not showy, sweet, rich, melting, highest flavor of all the largest varieties, very productive for one of its sex, and continues long in bearing, plant vigorous; a seedling of the old Swainstone.....	1 00	3 00	5 00
42. ***Long Scarlet,** P, oblong with a neck, very fine flavor, productive.....	75	2 00	3 50
43. **Longworth's Prolific, or Schneicke's Hermaphrodite,** H, early, large, rounded, dark scarlet, fine flavor, sweet but not as sweet as McAvoy's Superior, and only two-thirds its size, but has some advantage in earliness, productive for its sex, but not so much so as the Primate and some others; plant of weaker growth than the other Cincinnati varieties, with pale green foliage, by which it is readily distinguished. The leaves are thin and very subject to be burned by the sun, which is a great objection.....	50	1 50	2 00

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44. ***Luscious Scarlet,** P, large, rounded, dark scarlet, first rate flavor, productive	1 00	3 00	5 00
45. ***Magnifique,** P, large, rounded, orange scarlet, good flavor, productive	50	1 50	2 50
46. **Marylandica, Edmondson's,** P. This is a superior variety originated by Dr. Edmondson, who has kindly offered to furnish us with the plants			
47. ***Maximus Swainstone,** H, very large, obtuse cone, dark crimson, high flavor, moderate bearer. All the varieties of the Swainstone should be cultivated in hills, and be kept free from suckers, and they will then produce good crops	1 00	2 50	4 00
48. **McAvoy's No. 1,** P, large, bright scarlet, very showy, productive, not high flavored. A seedling of the Iowa, bearing much affinity to its parent in color and size	50	1 50	2 50
49. **McAvoy's Superior,** P, very large, averaging full as large as the berries of Hovey's seedling, rounded, glossy crimson, of a good color in the medium stage, but becomes, when full ripe, rather dark for a market fruit, very juicy, good flavor, and very productive. This is a highly valuable family fruit, but it will not do for the market, as it is tender and bruises easily, when the juice runs out, and it speedily decays, and it is therefore unsuited to long carriage. This may be deemed a rather early variety, but continues a long succession of fruit, and in strong soil it will often throw up a succession of scapes, that bloom at the period the first crop is ripening. The foliage is often affected and burned by extreme summer heat, and the plants frequently die out from this cause, or from the exhaustion of an abundant crop. They should be renewed every second year. *McAvoy's Extra Red,* we reject, it being the sourest and most worthless of all Strawberries	50	1 50	2 00
50. **Monroe Scarlet,** P, large, rounded or obovate, light scarlet showy fruit, not high flavor, too acid, very productive, a beautiful market fruit	25	75	1 00
51. **Malvina,** P, large crimson, obovate, good flavor, much resembling Hovey's seedling in appearance, but not so large, though of better color and flavor, very productive; foliage luxuriant. The whole habit and foliage of the plant resemble Hovey's seedling, which must have been its parent	50	1 50	2 50
52. ***Monstrous Swainstone,** H, large, dark scarlet, obovate or roundish, delicious flavor, numerous trusses, very			

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vigorous, with large and beautiful pale-green foliage, a prolific seedling of the old Swainstone.....	1 00	2 50	4 00
53. **Moyamensing,** P. This is a variety of the Hudson, and not of the Pine family, and we, therefore, drop the "Pine" from its name. Fruit secondary size, conical, crimson, juicy, not sweet, and with but little flavor, strong fruit stems, ripens gradually, very productive; plant of vigorous growth, assimilates greatly to the old Hudson in form, color, and general appearance..	38	1 25	2 00
54. **Nicholson's Ajax,** H, large, compressed at the sides like many other English varieties, tolerably productive for its class, it being of the same family as the British Queen. It is probable this will prove as worthless, for unproductiveness, as all other English Staminates have hitherto done	75	2 00	3 00
55. **Orange Prolific,** P, large, obtuse cone, and some rounded, bright orange scarlet, showy fruit, rather acid, not high flavored, exceedingly productive, ripens about a week after the early kinds.....	37	1 00	1 50
56. **Peabody's Perpetual Hovey,** P, this is none other than the ordinary Hovey's Seedling, which, by being subjected to continued irrigation in a southern climate, has acquired the perpetual habit, and retains it whilst under that treatment as other varieties have done. By the same process here during the warm summer period, the crops may be greatly extended, and the Triumph, Twice-bearing-Scarlet, Superlative, McAvoy's Superior, Primate, and several other varieties, whose natural tendency is to produce a second crop, are much better adapted to the purpose than the Hovey. Mr. P. has professed that he had changed the constitution of the plant, but he must surely know this to be a mistaken notion.....	50	1 50	2 00
57. **Pennsylvanica,** P, rather large, roundish, dark scarlet, tolerable flavor, productive. This has been unduly extolled in Philadelphia, where they are deficient in the most splendid varieties, and seemingly ignorant of their existence.....	75	2 00	3 00
58. ***Perfumed Scarlet**, P, rather large, rounded, light scarlet, highest flavor of all, productive. This and the Le Baron may be considered the climax in flavor...	1 00	2 50	4 00
59. ***Primate,** H, large, conical, deep scarlet, beautiful, firm, moderate flavor, the most productive of all Hermaphrodites. A good market fruit, vigorous growth, with dark luxuriant foliage, and very hardy.....	75	2 25	4 00

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60. ***Prince's Black Prince,**, P, secondary or rather large, conical, very dark crimson, good flavor when fully ripe, productive. This and the Aromatic Crimson are seedlings of the Black Prince	1 00	2 50	4 00
61. ***Prince's Climax,** P, very large, rounded form, splendid bright scarlet, pleasant flavor, a showy and beautiful berry; plant vigorous, with large foliage, and very hardy. A hybridized seedling of the Iowa	2 00	6 00	10 00
62. ***Prolific Swainstone,** H, very large, conical, dark scarlet, splendid, sweet, high flavor, very productive for its sex, very valuable, being second only to the Le Baron in this class	50	1 50	2 50
63. ***Psyche,** P, large, conical, scarlet, handsome, productive	50	1 50	2 50
64. **Rhode Island Seedling,** H, quite late, large, but very variable in size, conical, dark scarlet, moderate flavor, with too much acidity, fair crop for its sex, ripens in succession for two weeks	38	1 25	2 00
65. **Rival Hudson, (Burr's)** P, rather large, conical, dark scarlet, showy, medium quality, acid, good for preserves, very productive	25	75	1 00
66. ***Rubicon,** P, large, obtuse cone, rounded, dark scarlet, good flavor, productive; foliage dark-green and vigorous	1 00	2 50	4 00
67. ***Saccharine Scarlet,** P, moderate size, conical, scarlet, extra sweet flavor, productive	1 00	2 50	4 00
68. **Scarlet Cone,** P, secondary size, short cone or rounded, bright scarlet, fair flavor, productive	37	1 00	1 50
69. ***Scarlet Magnate,** P, largest of all, rounded, and some berries compressed, scarlet, rich flavor, productive, highly valuable, a very distinct fruit; plant hardy and vigorous, with large broad foliage	2 00	6 00	10 00
70. ***Scarlet Primordian,** H, very early, large, splendid, dark scarlet, oblong conical, pleasant flavor, good bearer, a valuable variety of this sex	1 00	2 50	4 00
71. ***Scarlet Prolific,** P, large, conical, bright scarlet, extra sweet flavor, very productive, valuable. A seedling of Burr's new Pine, and so great an improvement on that variety in size, flavor, and productiveness, that we shall discontinue that variety on account of its deficient crop	1 00	2 50	4 00

	P doz.	P. 50	P. 100
72. **Schneicke's Pistillate,** P, secondary size or rather large, obovate or rounded, bright scarlet, handsome, juicy and good, regularly productive, plant of vigorous growth, but not equal in flavor or size to the fruit of McAvoy's Superior	50	1 50	2 00
73. **Scott's Seedling,** H, large, oblong cone, bright crimson, perfumed flavor, rich and melting, not juicy, productive for its sex, very hardy	75	2 00	3 50
74. ***Serena,** H, large, conical, light scarlet, excellent flavor, very productive for its sex, valuable	50	1 50	2 50
75. ***Sirius,** H, large, light orange scarlet, obtuse cone or rounded, fine color and showy, good flavor, very productive for its sex. It is of the Iowa family, and sweeter than any other variety of its class, and of vigorous habit	1 50	4 00	6 00
76. ***Superlative,** P, medium size, light scarlet, rich spicy flavor, productive; plant vigorous and hardy. This is a seedling of Burr's New Pine, and superior to it in productiveness and vigor	75	2 00	3 00
77. ***Suprema Montevideo,** P, very large, obtuse cone, scarlet, good flavor, productive	2 00	5 00	8 00
78 ***Supreme Staminate,** H, monstrous obtuse cone, bright scarlet, good flavor, a remarkable berry, fair crop for its sex; plant very vigorous with tall and large foliage	1 00	2 50	4 00
79. ***Sylvestris,** H, secondary or rather large, conical scarlet, good flavor, productive for its sex	50	1 50	2 50
80. ***Tivoli Scarlet,** P, large, oblong cone, beautiful, good flavor, very productive	1 00	2 50	4 00
81. ***Transcendant Scarlet,** P, extra large, dark scarlet, round, often compressed, sweet and good, productive	2 00	5 00	8 00
82. ***Triumph,** H, very early, large fruit on strong stems, conical, beautiful scarlet, mild flavor, very productive, the earliest variety producing large fruit. It is twice the size of the "Large Early Scarlet" and thrice as productive. It requires a strong rich soil, and seems to have a deficiency of foliage, and to exhaust itself in flowers and fruit	1 50	4 00	6 00
83. ***Triumphant Montevideo,** H, very large, ovate, deep scarlet, fine flavor, fair bearer for this class, ripening gradually for two or three weeks	1 50	4 00	6 00

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84. ***Troubadour,** P, large scarlet, conical, good flavor, productive	1 00	2 00	3 50
85. ***Trumpet Montevideo,** H, large, very long cone, of peculiar form, showy, bright scarlet, good flavor, fair crop for its sex, continues long in bearing	1 50	4 00	6 00
86. ***Twice Bearing Scarlet,** H, one of the earliest, secondary or rather large, pointed cone, scarlet, good flavor, some acidity, very productive; second crop in September. The soil should be moist, and watered during August if necessary	1 00	3 00	5 00
87. **Walker's Seedling,** H, rather large, conical, dark crimson, fine flavor, productive for its sex	38	1 25	2 00
88. ***Warrington,** H, large, obtuse cone, dark scarlet, fair crop, a valuable seedling from the Swainstone	50	1 50	2 00

HAUTBOIS, ENGLISH WOOD, AND ALPINE STRAWBERRIES.

ALL THESE ARE HERMAPHRODITES.

89. **Flat Hautbois,**	50	1 50	2 50
90. **Prolific or Conical Hautbois,**	25	75	1 00
91. **Myatt's Prolific Hautbois,**	50	1 00	2 50
92. **Green Hautbois,**	50	1 50	2 00
These produce tolerable crops. Fruit of moderate size, with a high musk flavor. The *Green Hautbois* is a distinct species, form flattened, greenish, tinged with red, very high musk flavor, an object of curiosity.			
93. **English Red Wood,**	25	75	1 00
94. **English White Wood,**	25	75	1 00
These differ from each other only in color, and produce small fruit in great abundance, supported like the preceding class on scapes rising above the foliage. They have a peculiar wild but not high flavor, and by many are much esteemed.			
95. **Red Running Alpine,**	25	75	1 00
96. **White Running do**	50	1 50	2 00
These produce small fruit similar to the preceding, with this advantage, that they continue in bearing till the winter arrests them.			

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97. **Red Bush Alpine,**	50	1 50	2 00
98. **White Bush do.**	50	1 50	2 50
These are precisely like the preceding, with the exception that they form stools, and never throw out any runners.			
99. **Indica, or Yellow Flowering,** showy fruit, not eatable. Ornamental only. 50 cents per pair.			

REJECTED VARIETIES.

Aberdeen Beehive.
Alice Maud (Princess.)
Belle de Pallnau.
Black Prince (unproductive).
Boston Pine.
Bretonneau.
Britannia.
British Queen.
Buist's Prize.
Burr's Columbus.
——— Late prolific.
——— New Pine.
——— Ohio Mammoth.
——— Profusion.
——— Scioto.
——— Seedling.
Compte de Flandres.
——— de Paris.
Comptesse de Marne.
Cremont Perpetual.
Crescent Seedling.
Cushing.
Cuthill's Black Prince.
Duc de Brabant.
Duchesse de Trevise.
Dundee (*synonym.*)
Eberlin.
Elton Pine.
French Musk.
General Jacqueminot.
Goliath (Kitley's.)
Higgins' Seeding.
Honneur de Belgique.
Hooper's Seedling.
Keen's Seedling.
La Delicieuse.
La Liegeoise.
La Merveille de Flandres.
La Reine.
Lizzie Randolph.
McAvoy's Extra red, *trash.*
Methven Scarlet.
Myatt's Black Rock.
——— Deptford Pine.
——— Eleanor.
——— Eliza.
——— Globe.
——— Mammoth.
——— Prolific.
Necked Pine (Ohio.)
Nicholson's Ruby.
Patrick's Seedling.
Premices de Bagnolet.
Prince of Wales (Cuthill's).
Princess Royal.
Richardson's Cambridge, } Hermaphrodites.
——— Early, } Hermaphrodites.
——— Late, } Hermaphrodites.
Roseberry.
Ross Phœnix.
Royal Pine.
Royal Scarlet.
Schiller.
Sterling Castle.
Swainstone's Seedling.
Taylor's Seedling.
Triomphe de Gand.
Unique.
Versaillaise.
Vicomtesse Hericart.
Victoria.
Walworth.
Washington.
Willey, *vile trash.*

WHOLESALE PRICES OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

When a very large number of Strawberries are wanted to form plantations for market purposes, the price can be arranged by negotiation. A few of the most abundant varieties can be supplied at $6 to $10 per 1000; others more rare at $15 to $20 per 1000; and others still more rare, and ranking among the most splendid and valuable, at $30 per 1000.

REMARKS.

Our Specimen Strawberry beds occupy above an acre, with walks between them; and these being kept clean, there is no possibility of any admixture, or confusion in the varieties. The whole is under the management of a skillful gardener, with the especial supervision of the proprietor (Wm. R. Prince), and there is no possibility of any inaccuracy. We consequently *guarantee expressly every plant emanating from us.* The notorious confusion that attended the dissemination of the Ohio varieties, was corrected by us the first season, by our purchasing from three sources there, and selecting therefrom a few correct plants for propagation. The result has been that we have furnished none but genuine plants of those varieties, whilst gross confusion has existed elsewhere, even up to the present date. Amateurs of this fruit are invited to visit our Collection at the period of ripening; for without an inspection, they can form no idea of the magnificent and highly flavored varieties, which are yet unknown in other sections of the Union.

SEXUALITY AND SELECTION OF PLANTS.

Strawberry Plants are of three characters:—1st. Staminate or Male, *sterile;* 2d. Hermaphrodite or Bisexual, *more or less productive;* 3d. Pistillate or Female, *very productive.* The two first have been usually spoken of as one, by ourselves and others, when referring to impregnators; and the second has usually been termed Staminate, when speaking of Fruit-bearing varieties. The Hermaphrodite or Bisexual class comprises two very distinct divisions:—1st. Varieties producing flowers that invariably combine the two sexes; 2d. Varieties producing distinct Bisexual and Pistillate flowers on the same plant. All these sexual characteristics, as above stated, are *normal* and *permanent,* and as false impressions are conveyed by the terms as hitherto applied, we deem it important to correct the nomenclature by a true application of these terms. It is indispensably necessary that the Pistillate varieties be accompanied by about one-twentieth of some Staminate or Hermaphrodite variety, and they will then prove invariably productive. This course was recommended in our Treatise on Horticulture, published in 1828, since which it has been adopted in Ohio and elsewhere.

CULTURE.

It is indispensable that the ground for Strawberry beds be perfectly free from all weeds and their seeds. The preferable soil is a rich firm loam that retains moisture, but sufficiently friable for filtration, which should be highly manured, but without a possibility of nauseous weeds being introduced therewith.

The beds should be three feet wide, with four rows of plants lengthwise, and these a foot apart each way. This width will admit of all the fruit being gathered from the sides without trampling on any plants. A path, of about fifteen inches in width, should be left between the beds.

The best periods for spring planting, are the month of April for this and more Northern latitudes, and the months of February and March for the more Southern States. And for the plantations after fruiting, we prefer the months of August and September in this latitude and north of it, and the months of September and October for the more southern localities. The early autumnal planting has this superiority—such plants will produce a fair crop the ensuing summer.

The Pistillate varieties possess the great advantage that they may be allowed to run together in a mass, and will in this mode bear profusely; and this is the most profitable course of culture for market; whereas the larger Hermaphrodite varieties (with only two or three peculiar exceptions) will not produce a fair crop unless they are cultivated as distinct plants, and kept clear of runners. There can be no such event as a failure in the crops of Pistillate varieties (when accompanied by Staminates or Hermaphrodites). *Every Pistillate variety is productive,* varying only in abundance. The Hermaphrodites may all be deemed *moderate bearers,* except where we have denoted otherwise; and the few exceptions mostly produce fruit of but medium or small size. The Primate, and two or three other Hermaphrodites, comprise the only varieties, with large fruit, that produce large crops. In selecting an impregnator to plant among Pistillates, it is the better course to select a productive Hermaphrodite variety, as this will prevent any loss of space.

In regard to hardihood, all the varieties here enumerated will withstand the winters of the most northern States, by simply covering the beds with four inches of straw or leaves, by which the danger of the plants freezing out is prevented. Spent tan may be used as a winter covering to the depth of three or four inches; but it should be removed very early, or it will materially injure the crop.