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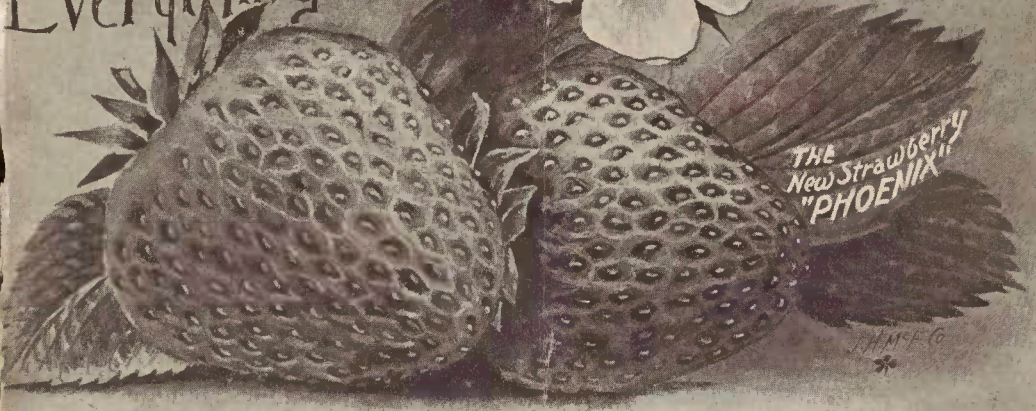
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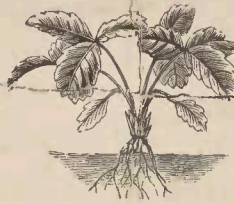
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WRONG WAY TO PLANT.

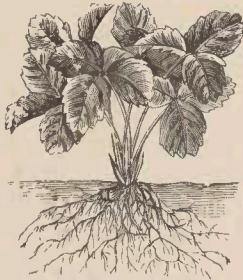


PLANTED TOO SHALLOW.



PLANTED TOO DEEP.

HOW TO SET STRAWBERRY PLANTS.



RIGHT WAY TO PLANT.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

In again asking attention to our annual Catalogue, we wish to thank our many friends for their continued liberal patronage. **Growing Berry Plants is our one specialty**, and has been for over twenty years. We have to offer for the Spring of 1898 **the largest and finest stock of plants we have ever grown** and with our yearly improved facilities each year we are able to serve our patrons better than ever before.

**Payments must be made in advance**, but orders will be booked and held a reasonable time, and sent on remittance.

**C. O. D.** orders will be accepted and promptly forwarded, but when made out for a large amount, a part of the money should accompany the order, or satisfactory reference be given.

**By Freight** we have shipped plants to all parts of the country with almost unvarying success, giving entire satisfaction to our many customers. We recommend freight as the cheapest and best way of shipping plants, except in small lots or late in the season.

**By Express.** We have special 20 per cent discount rates with the Adams and other express companies. Our plants are put up as light as possible for express, weighing only from 10 to 20 lbs. per 1,000 when ready to go. We usually send by express when not otherwise ordered.

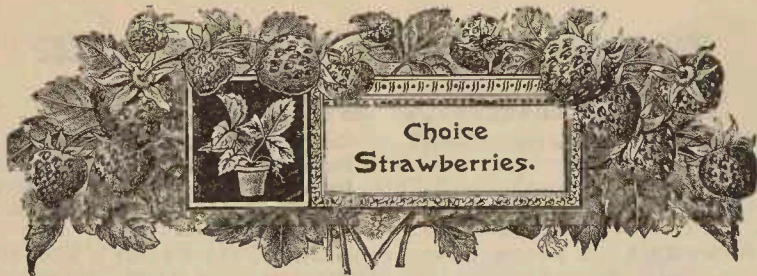
**By Mail** we have delivered plants in large and small lots during the past year to all parts of the country, including California. These have gone to hundreds of customers, and given entire satisfaction. No extra charge at dozen rates on any plants offered, nor on strawberry plants at hundred rates. Estimates on large lots, with all charges prepaid, will be furnished on application.

**Our Shipping Season** begins with September and ends about May 10. Our light, sandy soil, open winters, and warm packing rooms give us especial facilities for filling winter orders of southern planters and for starting plants to northern and western customers early enough in the spring to allow for plenty of time to reach their destination by freight, thus reducing the cost of transportation.

**Packing** in the best manner and delivery at office in Dover is included in all prices named. Small orders receive every care. All orders and enclosures will be promptly acknowledged, and questions relating to our business carefully answered. We use light and strong packages, put in plenty of moss, and carefully separate and mark each different variety with printed tags.

**Our Customers may depend on getting full count of live plants**, true to name. Should any fail to get such plants, they can, upon prompt notice, have plants replaced or money refunded.

SLAYMAKER & SON, Dover, Delaware.



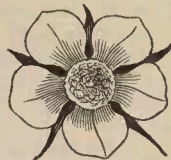
## STRAWBERRIES.

In preparing a Strawberry bed, it is better to begin in the fall by spading or plowing deeply in November, but good results can usually be obtained if this is done just as soon

as possible in the spring. After making the soil as fine as possible, plants may be set 18 inches apart each way, if for garden, or 14 inches apart in rows 3 feet wide, if for field culture. One row out of every four must be of a perfect-flowering variety. Dip each bunch of plants in a bucket of water deep enough to wet all the roots but not the leaves, just before setting out. Set the plants with trowel, or in any way convenient, so that the roots extend down into the soil, and are all covered, the crowns appearing



PERFECT BLOSSOM.



IMPERFECT BLOSSOM.

just above the surface of the ground. Firm very carefully. Large beds should be rolled as soon as set out. Cultivate or hoe soon after setting, and often enough to keep all weeds down. Let enough runners take root to make the rows 12 inches wide with plants standing 6 inches apart each way; then carefully remove all other runners, and remember that the success of your bed depends largely on the care with which this work is done. Keep up this treatment until stopped by winter, then mulch with straw, and you have only to wait for your crop, one of the most certain, profitable, delightful and interesting that can be grown. Bone meal, ashes, or well-rotted manure may be applied any time in the early summer to advantage.

Those varieties marked (Imp.) are imperfect in blossom, and need at least every fourth row to be planted with some perfect or staminate sort. Those marked (Per.) are especially good for use as staminate, or to be grown alone.

**ORDER STRAWBERRY PLANTS EARLY,** by all means; as early as possible. Let us book your orders while our stock is full, and then have them shipped so as to reach you at least one week before they are wanted. It is easy to hold plants over, but delay may be fatal, and it can only be certainly avoided by having the plants on hand in good time.

The descriptions on the following pages are a careful showing of the behavior of the different kinds under ordinary field culture on our farms, compared with reports from the best experimenters in other sections.

Some idea of the general character of the plants we send out is shown in the accompanying illustration. The thick, long masses of root-fibers are ready at once to take hold upon the soil. We tie in bunches of 25.

We wish to so treat our customers as to make of each one a friend, well knowing that good plants delivered in good order make the best possible advertisement of our business. We are even more interested in having our plants do well than the buyer, for should they not thrive his loss may be made good in a year or two, but we would lose forever one old customer and many possible new ones.



25 STRAWBERRY PLANTS READY FOR PACKING.



## THE PHOENIX STRAWBERRY.

WE OFFER this remarkable second-crop berry without waiting to submit it to the experimenters of the country for reports, as it has already been thoroughly tested in the western states. We have called it PHOENIX, from its wonderful power of sending up a second set of fruit stems as soon as the old ones are gone, like the Phoenix bird of old fables, that arose in renewed youth and freshness from its ashes.

THE PHOENIX is a striking novelty from Arizona, where under a local name it has proved itself capable of bearing three or more crops in one season. Hearing of this remarkable fruit from a friend who saw fine berries growing and ate them at his hotel late in the fall, we procured some plants and tested them in Delaware last season. After ripening a crop in regular time, these plants bloomed out afresh and, in due time, gave a second crop of as fine berries as any one need want. This second crop was about equal to Gandy's, only about four weeks later. By its peculiar tree-shaped fruit-stalks, the large berries were all held up clear of the ground, as clean, luscious and handsome berries as we ever see in mid-season.

This berry is distinct in every way from the ordinary everbearing varieties, which give a few scattering berries under favorable conditions through the season, but oftener give no berries worth anything after the regular season. The Phoenix gives a good second crop, blooming out afresh after the first berries are all picked, and this crop is as regular and full as the first crop of the Gandy.

On the first page of cover you will see a picture of the Phoenix. The photograph showing the little girl with bunch of Phoenix berries was taken July 15. The berries are shown in natural size just below. Their resemblance to Gandy will at once be noted. Buy the Phoenix, and you can enjoy the distinction of having the only berries in your neighborhood ripe four weeks after the season. Your neighbors will come to see the wonder, your boys and girls will take renewed interest in the home and the garden, and you will have a novelty that will awaken new visions of the possibilities of horticulture.

A BERRY THAT BEARS TWO CROPS as a matter of course needs a deep, rich soil, and a very thorough mulch. We think it better to put the mulch on in the early spring, after giving the rows one good cultivation and hoeing.

A GOOD MANY BERRIES are produced the first season without any extra care except to keep down the runners, and to have the soil always thoroughly loose. Thus you do not need to wait even until next year to see what this berry can do in the way of giving late berries and a second crop.

THAT OUR FRIENDS MAY TEST THIS MOST STRIKING NOVELTY, we put the price so low that all may have it without unreasonable cost.

PRICE, 50 cts. per doz., \$2 per 100, by mail.

## SEAFORD STRAWBERRY.

The illustration of Seaford, on the last page of cover, is from a photograph made by Mr. J. Horace McFarland. It shows the berries actual size, and, of course, correctly, but their beautiful color must be seen to be fully appreciated. Though now offered by us for the first time, Seaford has been thoroughly tested and has established for itself a reputation as the very best market berry known to this section. It is a pistillate variety of the most robust type, and has a large, strong, deep-rooted plant, and of a growth that is stronger and better than any other sort in our whole collection. The berry may be best described as compared with Bubach, of which it is a probable seedling. It is three days earlier than Bubach, and of the same large size, but on account of the greater vigor of the plant it holds its size better, lasts longer and is of a more uniform appearance. It has repeatedly given twice as many baskets per row, and commands the very top price of the market, as you will understand when you see its beautiful appearance when opened in the market. Last season it outsold all others in more than one market, and it can hardly fail to do so everywhere, as it has every quality necessary to make it sell.

### Wide-awake Growers Will Plant SEAFORD this Spring

BECAUSE it grows so easily and so fast that the danger from insect enemies is thereby greatly reduced.

BECAUSE it costs only about half as much to keep down the weeds in Seaford rows, as the ground is occupied and shaded by the large, early growth of foliage.

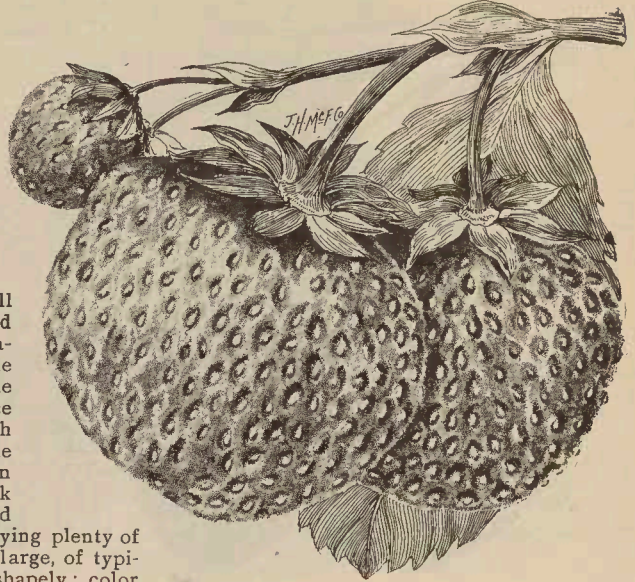
BECAUSE one acre of Seaford, fertilized with Ridgeway, will return as much money as two acres of any other combination.

BECAUSE Seaford is the coming berry, and you want to test it now and reap the abundant profits sure to come to those first in the field with this wonderful berry.

PRICE, \$1 per doz., \$4 per 100, \$25 per 1,000.

**THE RIDGEWAY STRAWBERRY.**

This, all things considered, we believe to be the best staminate Strawberry now offered. It has been lately sent out by Mr. M. H. Ridgeway, of Wabash, Indiana. In a letter of December 10, 1897, he says of it: "All reports received of the Ridgeway since first sent out have been favorable as to the plant-growth, healthiness, uniformly large size, handsome color and superb quality of the fruit. With me the past season's crop of Ridgeway was the largest and handsomest I have ever grown at Rocky Glen Fruit Farm. While prices on our home market were very low, we could not begin to supply the trade with Ridgeway at 2 cts. per qt. above the regular market price. It is all I have ever claimed it to be and more." Plants set out in Delaware last spring made a fine growth and such a remarkable showing of berries as to convince us that Ridgeway is very much above the ordinary berry. The plant is large and faultless in character, with large, heavy, dark green leaf, perfect blossom, and strong, well set fruit-stalk, carrying plenty of blossoms. Berry large to very large, of typical form, always smooth and shapely; color crimson, with golden seed; quality good.



RIDGEWAY.

We notice some similarity to Clyde which grows besides Ridgeway, but Ridgeway is better in color and much more satisfactory in ripening up quickly without any white tips or sides. This is just the strong staminate that growers are looking for all over the country, to use as a fertilizer for the popular pistillate varieties. Don't fail to try it as soon as possible.

PRICE, 50 cts. per doz., \$1.50 per 100, \$12 per 1,000.

**PRIDE OF CUMBERLAND.** (Per.) Originated in Cumberland county, New Jersey, by Mr. O. S. Gandy, about eight years ago, but not a plant was allowed to leave his place until two years ago. We then secured some plants, which fruited under unfavorable circumstances last spring. The fruit ripened with Bubach and resembles Gandy in size, shape and color; the plant is much more productive. Like Gandy, too, it is a splendid carrier, and gets to market with its fine color undimmed. Growers in the neighborhood where it has been long known went wild over Pride of Cumberland last spring; the demand for plants could not be supplied, and many growers in that neighborhood were sorely disappointed because they could not get the plants at any price. We have a fine stock of large plants, but not enough in all probability to meet the large demand. 50 cts. per 100, \$3 per 1,000.

**ANNA KENNEDY.** (Imp.) Plants vigorous, healthy and moderately prolific. Berries medium and very uniform, ranging from 1 inch to 1¼ inches in diameter, none small, and none extremely large. Conical, nearly globular, and never irregular. Bright, glossy red; flesh light red and firm. Mid-season. Although rather light in color, this variety has decided merits for market. In a trial shipment of 100 miles, it stood up even better than Warfield, showing no bruises, and holding its bright, glossy appearance perfectly. 50 cts. per 100, \$4 per 1,000.

**GREENVILLE.** (Imp.) Considered by many an improvement on Bubach, especially in point of firmness and vigor of plants, having also a fine color. Has been favorably reported from nearly every experimenter in small fruits in the country. A very fine variety. 40 cts. per 100, \$2 per 1,000.

**OUR READERS WILL PLEASE NOTE** that the illustrations in this Catalogue are all made true to life, in SIZE, as well as in other respects. We believe in telling the truth by picture, as well as by word and deed.



## THE RUBY STRAWBERRY.

**RUBY.** (Per.) Has been on trial at the Ohio Experiment Station for several seasons, and has uniformly behaved satisfactorily. Profs. Taft and Gladden say of it: "Plants are not of very large growth, but are vigorous, and the foliage is healthy. Berries large, flattened conical, very regular and even in form; color is rich, dark, glossy red. Flesh a rich color, juicy, firm and of best quality. The variety is excellent in plant; the berries are large, very handsome in appearance, and as the quality is very high and the fruits are sufficiently firm to stand shipment well, it is a most promising sort" "Ruby is," says Prof. W. J. Green, "particularly to be commended because of its good color and firmness. The berries retain their size to the end of the season, and hold up in quantity. For this reason it may be classed with the late sorts, although it begins to ripen quite early." The introducer thus sums up its points: "Strong, healthy plants; large staminate blossom;



RUBY.

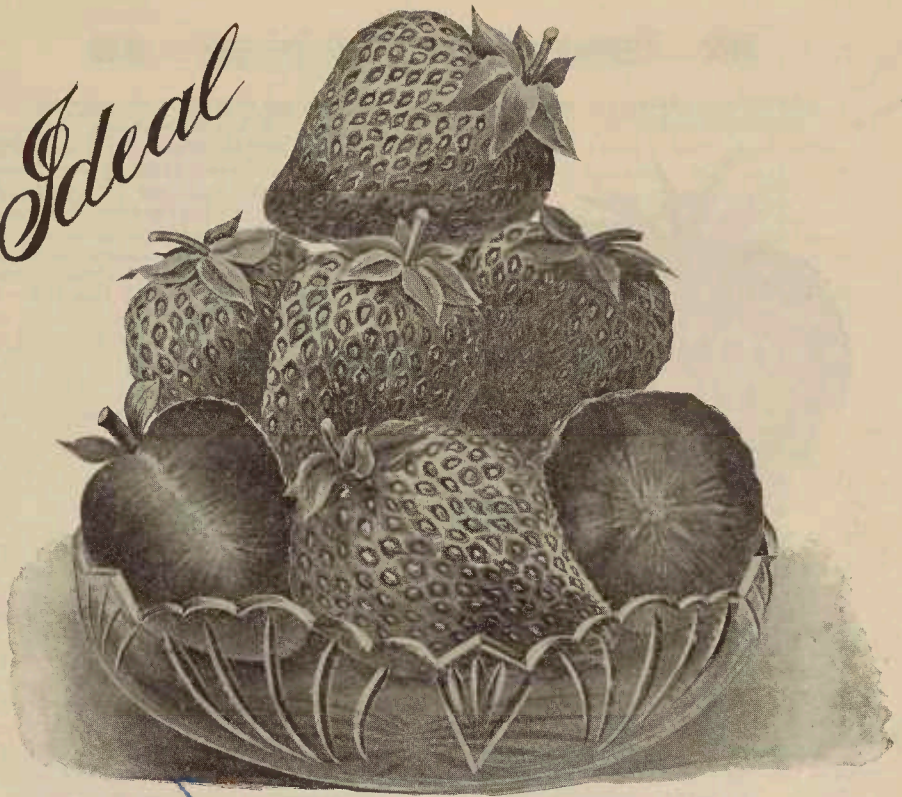
uniformly productive; fruit large, dark red clear through, firm enough to ship well; a fine keeper after being picked; of highest quality. If it has any fault I have failed to discover it." We planted Ruby last spring, and have grown a fine lot of plants. As usual, we allowed some berries to ripen, and finer ones we have never seen. Plants have grown vigorously, and been entirely free from rust. ]

PRICE, \$1 per doz., \$10 per 100, \$50 per 1,000.

**BISMARCK.** (Per.) "This is a self-fertilizing Strawberry, possessing all the desirable peculiarities of Bubach No. 5. To those familiar with Bubach, nothing further need be said, since Bubach has been a favorite berry, and more plants have been planted than of any other. Bubach has two defects which Bismarck corrects. Bubach is a pistillate, requiring other varieties to be planted near it, while Bismarck is self-fertilizing. Bubach, while of good quality, is not of the highest character. Bismarck is of better quality. We have in Bismarck an extraordinarily large berry, glossy, of fine color, good shape, and good quality, with vigorous plants full of vitality. Bismarck originated in Arkansas with Mr. Bauer. We get good words for the Bismarck, it having been tested both North and South, East and West, from Arkansas to Connecticut. It made an excellent showing at our fruit farm, and stands transplanting well, though the plants received by us came all the way from Arkansas,"—*Green's Fruit Grower*. Price, 50 cts. per 100, \$4 per 1,000.

**CLYDE.** (Per.) "Plants vigorous, healthy and prolific. Berries medium to large, quite uniform in size, and regular in form, varying but little from conical, and mostly from  $1\frac{1}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter. Color varies from light to dark scarlet, depending upon the degree of ripeness and exposure. Flesh light red, nearly white at center, moderately firm and of fair quality. Midseason. This is an uncommonly promising perfect-flowered variety, because of its prolificacy. The berries are large enough to meet the demands of almost any market, and hold up well in size toward the end of the season. A deeper color and firmer flesh would be desirable for market, and higher quality for home use, but even without these qualities in the highest perfection it is a remarkably promising variety."—*W. J. Green, in Bulletin No. 85, Ohio Experiment Station*. Price, 50 cts. per 100, \$3 per 1,000.

*Ideal*



## THE IDEAL STRAWBERRY.

We introduced this berry two years ago under this name, given it by U. S. Pomologist, Prof. S. B. Heiges. That it has come up to all that was claimed for it in most places is now fully established by the many letters and reports which we have received from all parts of the country, some of which we give below :

### CERTAINLY DESERVES THE NAME OF IDEAL.

"THE IDEAL for uniform typical Strawberry shape, rich, glossy, red color and sprightliness of flavor. Although somewhat acid, certainly deserves the name of Ideal."—*J. H. Hale, in American Gardening.*

### ITS FUTURE HAS MUCH OF PROMISE.

"Perfect flower. The plants were set late in the season. They are of low, stocky growth and the foliage is healthy. Few blossoms appeared, but nearly every flower developed a good berry. Berries of good size, round-conical, usually sharply pointed in form and of bright crimson color. The flesh is dark, juicy, of good quality and firm. The variety is excellent in plant qualities and the fruit very handsome in appearance, possessing high quality and firmness. Its future has much of promise."—*Report from Profs. Taft and Gladden.*

### OF SUPERIOR SIZE, BEAUTY AND QUALITY.

"Ideal is one of the best varieties fruited here this year. The plant is vigorous and productive and the fruit is of superior size, beauty and quality."—*M. Crawford, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.*

### OTHER GOOD OPINIONS FOR IDEAL.

IDEAL. This is a good one; ripens its fruit early, is twice as large as Oriole, and productive of highly colored, firm berries.—*Jacob C. Baur, in Strawberry Specialist.*

The Strawberries got from you a few months ago are ripening nicely now. The Ideal is a grand berry. If I can carry the plants through our hot season I can sell a great many next winter.—*J. W. Austin, Pilot Point, Texas.*

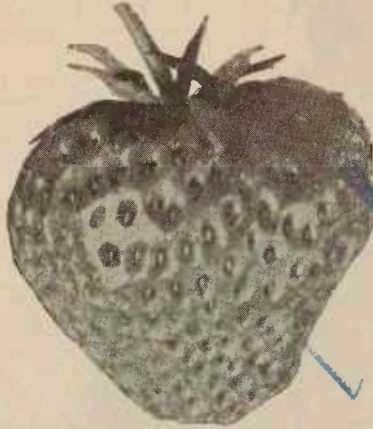
MR. J. W. KERR, the originator, says of Ideal in his 1898 Catalogue: "Early; large, perfection as to form,—broadly heart-shaped,—and color. Deep red outside and inside; very firm, with perfect flowers; plant robust, healthy and productive."

PRICE OF IDEAL PLANTS, 50 cts. per 100, \$3 per 1,000.





**CARRIE.** "(Imp.) A seedling of Haverland, which it resembles closely, but it is an improvement upon that variety in color and firmness. It has been on trial here two seasons, and has proved satisfactory in every respect. It has Haverland's fault of long fruit-stems, exposing the fruit to injury by trampling of careless pickers. Every fruit-grower, however, will appreciate an improved Haverland, because of its prolificacy and reliability, hence it seems safe to recommend the Carrie to their consideration."—*From Bulletin of Ohio Experiment Station.* Price, \$1 per doz., \$5 per 100.



ENORMOUS.

**ENORMOUS.** (Imp.) "Plants of very strong, upright, vigorous growth. Fruit very large, of short, round-conical form, very bright scarlet color, good quality and moderately firm. Valuable for vigor of plant-growth and productiveness, for handsome appearance, good quality and moderate firmness of berry. A sort of much promise."—*Prof. L. R. Taft, in Michigan Agricultural College Experiment Station Bulletin.*

We like Enormous on account of its superb, clean growth and heavy yield of fruit; season about with Bubach. Price, 50 cts. per 100, \$3 per 1,000.

**GERTRUDE.** (Per.) We have now fruited this berry 2 years, and it certainly holds well up to its promise. Early as Beder Wood, more shapely, firmer and better colored. The berry reminds us of Cyclone in appearance and in its delicious quality. Foliage is distinct in its healthy, light green color. Price, 40 cts. per 100, \$2 per 1,000.

**GLEN MARY.** (Per.) "Vigorous and prolific. Berries large, mostly irregular, often flattened and ribbed, but seldom cockscombed. Dark scarlet, glossy, beautiful, although an occasional specimen is not well colored. Flesh light red, moderately firm and of good quality. Medium to late. For home use and near market this is an unusually promising variety. It may not be sufficiently firm for long shipment, although it is probably firmer than Bubach and most other sorts of large size. It excels Brandywine, Sharpless and Marshall in productiveness. It has fruited here one season only, but it has such decided merits that there can be little danger in recommending it." *Prof. W. J. Green's description.* Price, 20 cts. per doz., 75 cts. per 100, \$4 per 1,000.

**HUNN.** (Imp.) Sent out by the Geneva Experiment Station. Ripens a week later than Sharpless, and nearly a week after Gandy. A large, dark-colored berry of very uniform appearance. Has been shipped from New York state to market along with other varieties, and outsold them all. Not yet fruited in Delaware, but the plants have made satisfactory growth. 25 plants by mail for \$1, \$3 per 100.

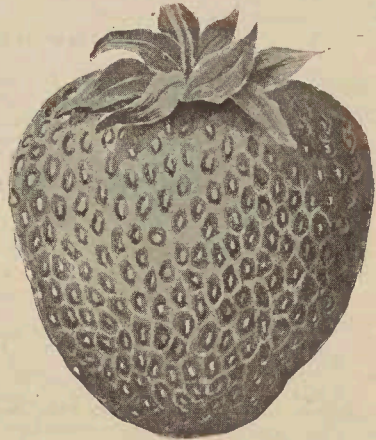
GRIZZLY FLATS, CAL., May 26, 1897.

MESSRS. SLAYMAKER & SON—All the berry plants came to hand in good condition, and all are now loaded with fruit. S. L. WATKINS.

This was a lot of over 20,000 plants sent to Mr. Watkins, of California, by freight.

DERBY, CONN., April 1, 1897.

MESSRS. SLAYMAKER & SON—The plants purchased from you 2 years ago fruited so well last year that some of my neighbors who saw them have written to you for plants, and more speak of writing. I had the largest berries I ever saw, some measuring  $3\frac{1}{2}$  by  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches. P. MURPHY.



HUNN.



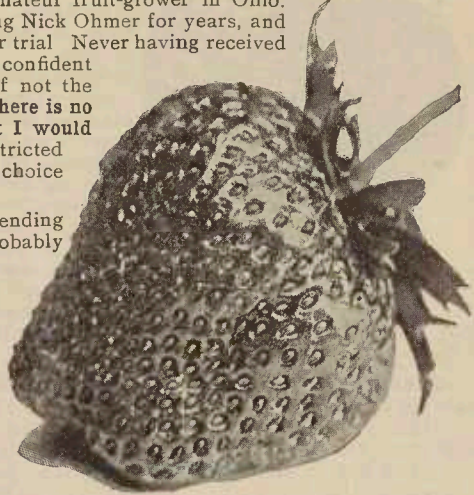
**ORIOLE.** This berry was introduced by us along with Ideal. While we receive many favorable reports from it, we also receive some that are not so favorable. In fact, though this still continues to do well on the ground where it originated, it has shown such a weak plant here that we feel we ought to note the fact. Plants are made very freely, but do not always seem to be strong enough to bring up the berries. We regret that this very promising fruit has apparently failed to give the results under general cultivation that it is capable of under the favorable surroundings of its original home and in other favorable localities. 50 cts. per 100, \$2.50 per 1,000.

**NICK OHMER.** A staminate variety, originated by Mr. John F. Beaver, who is conceded to be the most successful amateur fruit-grower in Ohio.

**M. Crawford's report:** "After watching Nick Ohmer for years, and hearing how it has behaved, I send it for trial. Never having received one unfavorable report on it, I am confident that it is one of the most desirable, if not the very best Strawberry ever sent out. **There is no other in the market, or in sight, that I would plant with so much confidence.** If restricted to a single variety, it would be my first choice without a moment's hesitation."

The plant is large and stocky, sending out plenty of very strong runners. It probably is not surpassed in healthy, vigorous growth and great productiveness by any variety. It has a perfect blossom. The fruit is of the very largest size, a **giant among Strawberries.** It is never misshapen. Its only departure from the regular, roundish conical form is when, under high culture, it is somewhat triangular. It is dark, glossy red, firm and of excellent flavor."

**PRICE, \$2 per doz., \$10 per 100, by mail; \$55 per 1,000.**



NICK OHMER.

DAYTON, OHIO, *July 6, 1897.*

**Superior to Any.**—I am very glad to say that the Nick Ohmer Strawberry has again proved itself superior to any I have on the place, and I had 70 varieties producing fruit this year. It made a fine show last year, but was still better this year, and leads any variety I have ever grown. The first berry ripening on a cluster is inclined to be a little uneven but not misshapen, and might be taken for a different berry from the others. It is of the best quality, and averages quite large to the last picking. The fruit is very firm and is produced in abundance, there being from 1 to 5 clusters on plants set out about August 10, 1896.—*John F. Beaver.*

DAYTON, OHIO, *August 14, 1897.*

**Verifies all Claims.**—The Nick Ohmer Strawberry is all that has been claimed for it. It is a vigorous grower, free from rust, has a very large plant, and produces in abundance extra large berries of good shape, good flavor and good color.—*J. P. Ohmer.*

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., *July 31, 1897.*

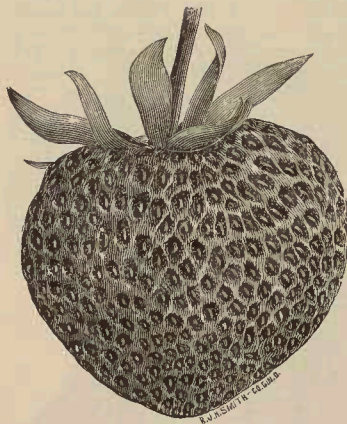
**A Valuable, Long-bearing Variety.**—I did not get well-rooted plants of the Nick Ohmer last season till quite late, but I made the best of them, and they have produced some wonderfully fine berries this summer. They were extra large and every one perfect in form. I am satisfied that it will prove to be a valuable, long-bearing variety, but I want to try it another year before fully reporting.—*E. C. Davis.*

**SPLENDID.** (Per.) We were so much pleased with this berry as it fruited with us in '96 that we allowed it to make all the plants possible, with very harmful consequences to the fruit. We had one row, however, from which the runners were kept off, and there the berries came fully up to expectation. Large, round, red berries; firm and good. Price, 40 cts. per 100, \$2 per 1,000.

**MARSHALL.** (Per.) This is the standard fruit in point of beautiful coloring, and also in shape and size. Perfection in everything except productiveness. We have a fine stock of heavy, strong plants of Marshall, which we offer at 25 cts. per doz., 60 cts. per 100, \$3 per 1,000.

**OUR FRIENDS** will confer a favor if they will send us the names of such persons of their acquaintance as will be likely to appreciate the receipt of this Catalogue. We want many more to know of our good things!

**BRANDYWINE.** (Per.) This fine Strawberry has been so thoroughly tested that its good qualities are well-known and generally appreciated, as is proved by its large sale in all parts of the country. It is a favorite in market already. Season medium to late;



BRANDYWINE.

berries large, uniform, with very large green calyx, or shuck, which helps very much in carrying the berry in good shape, and does not hurt the looks of the box, if proper care has been taken to face the berries. Strong growing and strong in pollen. Worthy of its immense popularity. Price, 40 cts. per 100, \$2 per 1,000.

**BUBACH.** (Imp.) This well-known variety still holds its own among the very best large market varieties. It is an immense bearer and a great favorite everywhere. Ideal, or some other perfect variety, should be planted with Bubach. This excellent Strawberry has worked its way from an obscure origin in Illinois, without any one to boom it along. By its real merit it has grown to be the great market berry of the land. The standard of excellence among Strawberries; to beat it will be honor enough for anyone. It is almost amusing when we consider how often much talked of new varieties, over which people in this or that section are reported to be wildly enthusiastic, have turned out to be our old friend, Bubach. Great Britain, Long Island Beauty and Western Union are all Bubach under new names. Price, 40 cts. per 100, \$2 per 1,000.

**OCEAN CITY.** Said to be a seedling of Wilson and Sharpless, but very much resembling Sharpless. It has already become a favorite in market, as is proved by the fact that one commission house in New York has taken the trouble to especially recommend that their shippers here plant freely of Ocean City for shipment to their house, as it sells so well in market. Price, 20c. per doz., 50c. per 100, \$2.50 per 1,000.

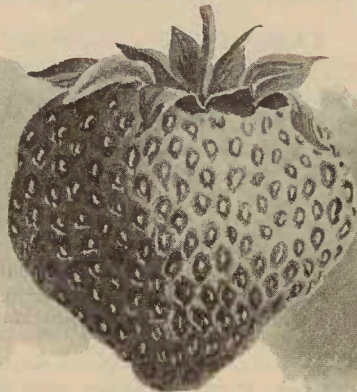
**GANDY.** (Per.) The standard late berry for market or home use. It gives three or four heavy pickings of the finest berries known to our city markets after most varieties have ceased to fruit, or become so small and poor as to be unsalable. It is also a berry of high quality and a sure though not heavy bearer. Succeeds everywhere, and should have a place in every Strawberry bed. Price, 40 cts. per 100, \$2 per 1,000.

**SAUNDERS and WOOLVERTON** are both excellent staminate that may be recommended to plant with pistillate sorts, to fertilize their imperfect blossoms and also to yield a good, large crop of fine fruit. Price, 40 cts. per 100, \$2 per 1,000.

**MURRAY.** Claimed by Mr. O. W. Blacknall to be among the earliest and most profitable varieties for the South. Price, 15c. per doz., 40c. per 100, \$1.50 per 1,000.

**LADY THOMPSON.** This variety behaved unusually well in this section last year. Many of our growers who were rather disappointed at first are now sounding its praise. Good reports come from various parts of the South and West. It evidently has a great future as an early variety of greatest vigor, strong growth, healthy foliage and great productiveness. Price, 15 cts. per doz., 40 cts. per 100, \$2 per 1,000.

**WILLIAM BELT.** (Per.) We have fruited this berry, and find it very good indeed. We had specimens of its fruit that were equal to those of Marshall or any other berry we have ever seen. In shape they are very regular, though somewhat peculiar, being flattened a little, but not cockscombed, slightly elongated but never pointed; color superb, quality finest. Our orders for plants required us to dig up so much of our bed that we can hardly report as to productiveness; in other respects Wm. Belt is faultless. Price, 50c. per 100, \$3 per 1,000.



WM. BELT.



**GENERAL LIST OF STRAWBERRIES.**

Descriptions of any of these varieties supplied upon request.

	Doz.	100	1,000		Doz.	100	1,000
Anna Kennedy . . . . .	\$0 25	\$0 50	\$4 00	Lovett's (Per.) . . . . .	\$0 15	\$0 40	\$1 50
Burt (Per.) . . . . .	20	40	2 00	Meek's Early . . . . .	15	40	1 50
<b>Bismarck</b> . . . . .	25	50	4 00	Mt. Vernon (Imp.) . . . . .	20	40	2 00
<b>Brandywine</b> (Per.) . . . . .	20	40	2 00	May King (Per.) . . . . .	15	40	1 50
Bisel (Imp.) . . . . .	15	40	1 50	Maxwell . . . . .	25	50	3 00
<b>Belt, William</b> (Per.) . . . . .	25	60	3 00	Marshall . . . . .	25	60	3 00
<b>Bubach No. 5</b> (Imp.) . . . . .	40	2 00		Margaret . . . . .	50	3 00	
Beverly . . . . .	20	40	2 00	Michigan . . . . .	50	2 00	
Belmont (Per.) . . . . .	20	50	3 00	<b>Michel's Early</b> . . . . .	15	40	2 00
Beder Wood . . . . .	15	40	1 50	Mrs. Cleveland . . . . .	20	40	2 00
Carrie . . . . .	I 00	5 00		Murray . . . . .	15	40	1 50
Cloud . . . . .	15	30	1 50	Muskingum (Per.) . . . . .	20	40	2 00
Clyde . . . . .	20	50	3 00	Noble . . . . .	20	50	2 50
Crescent (Imp.) . . . . .	10	30	1 50	Ontario (Per.) . . . . .	20	40	2 00
Crystal City, earliest . . . . .	40	2 00		<b>Ocean City</b> . . . . .	20	50	2 50
Columbian . . . . .	20	40	2 00	Oriole . . . . .	20	50	2 50
Cumberland (Per.) . . . . .	15	40	2 00	Parker Earle . . . . .	30	I 00	6 00
Champion (Imp.) . . . . .	20	40	2 50	Pearl (Per.) . . . . .	25	40	2 00
Crawford (Per.) . . . . .	25	50	3 00	Princeton Chief . . . . .	25	40	2 00
Cyclone . . . . .	20	40	2 00	Phillips (Per.) . . . . .	20	40	2 00
Dayton . . . . .	15	40	1 50	Pride of Cumberland . . . . .	25	60	3 00
Eleanor . . . . .	20	50	3 00	Princess . . . . .	20	40	2 00
Eclipse (Imp.) . . . . .	25	50	2 50	<b>Phoenix</b> . . . . .	50	2 00	15 00
Enhance (Per.) . . . . .	15	40	2 00	<b>Ridgeway</b> . . . . .	50	I 50	10 00
Enormous . . . . .	25	50	3 00	Rio . . . . .	25	50	2 50
Evans . . . . .	50	I 00		Robinson . . . . .	25	50	3 00
Eureka (Imp.) . . . . .	15	40	2 00	Ruby . . . . .	I 00	I 00	50 00
Edgar Queen (Imp.) . . . . .	40	2 00		Sharpless (Per.) . . . . .	15	40	2 00
Equinox . . . . .	25	75		Smeltzer Early . . . . .	15	40	2 00
Fountain . . . . .	20	40	2 50	Satisfaction . . . . .	20	40	2 00
<b>Gandy, late</b> . . . . .	15	40	2 00	Splendid . . . . .	15	40	2 00
<b>Glen Mary</b> . . . . .	20	75	4 00	<b>Saunders</b> (Per.) . . . . .	15	40	2 00
Giant . . . . .	25	75		Shuckless . . . . .	20	40	2 00
Gertrude . . . . .	20	40	2 00	Sunnyside . . . . .	50	I 00	6 00
Greenville . . . . .	15	40	2 00	Stayman (Imp.) Very late,	25	50	2 50
<b>Gypsy</b> (Imp.), early . . . . .	20	50	2 50	Sparta . . . . .	25	50	2 50
Gov. Hoard . . . . .	25	50	2 50	Seneca Chief . . . . .	50		
<b>Haverland</b> (Imp.) . . . . .	15	40	2 00	Success . . . . .	50		
Holland . . . . .	25	40	2 00	Sunrise . . . . .	50		
Hood River . . . . .	25	50	3 00	<b>Tennessee</b> . . . . .	15	40	2 00
Hall's Favorite . . . . .	40	I 00		Timbrell . . . . .	25	50	2 50
H. W. Beecher (Per.) . . . . .	25	50	4 00	Tubbs . . . . .	20	I 00	4 00
<b>Ideal</b> . . . . .	25	50	3 00	Victor Hugo . . . . .	20	40	2 00
Ivanhoe . . . . .	25	I 00	6 00	Van Deman (Per.) . . . . .	20	40	2 00
Jessie (Per.) . . . . .	15	40	2 00	Warfield No. 2 (Imp.) . . . . .	15	40	1 50
<b>Lady Thompson</b> . . . . .	15	40	2 00	Wilson Albany (Per.) . . . . .	20	40	2 00
Lloyd . . . . .	25	50	3 00	Woolverton . . . . .	15	40	2 00
Kentucky (Imp.) . . . . .	20	40	2 00	Weston . . . . .	25	60	3 00

In the above list varieties printed in heavy type do best in this part of Delaware. If intending purchasers will send us a description of the kind of land on which they wish to plant, we will make selections of varieties that will be sure to give satisfaction.

**SPECIAL OFFERS.**

All prepaid except No. 7.

- No. 1. **Sample Collection.** 3 dozen plants of 3 good varieties, postpaid . . . . . \$0 25
- No. 2. **Collection for Home Use.** 300 plants of 3 good varieties, early, midseason and late, prepaid, our selection . . . . . 1 00
- No. 3. **Amateur's Collection.** 1 dozen each of Ridgeway, Ideal, Bismarck, William Belt, Clyde, Pride of Cumberland, Fountain, Ruby, Phoenix, Glen Mary, Seaford . . . . . 2 50
- No. 5. **Test Collection.** 25 Phoenix, 25 Ridgeway, 25 Seaford, 25 Ruby . . . . . 1 00
- No. 6. **Gardener's Collection.** 100 each of Meek's, Ideal, Bubach, Gandy and Seaford . . . . . 2 00
- No. 7. 100 Miller Red Raspberry, 100 Palmer (blackcap), 100 Lucretia Dewberry, 100 Tennessee Strawberry, 100 Bubach, 100 Gandy and 2 Logan Berry. By express . . . . . 3 50

Remember, we use the lightest, safest and best package for shipping Strawberries. You can depend on getting only the best plants. Safe arrival guaranteed.



## RASPBERRIES.

Raspberries are best planted in hills, about 4 x 6 feet, and arranged so as to be cultivated both ways. Set the plants in furrows about an inch deeper than they stood in the nursery; firm very carefully, and cultivate clean and well. Canes should be pinched back in July, but no lateral branches should be cut before March, when the plant should be trimmed to such dimensions as will enable it to hold up its fruit. Bearing beds should be worked well, but shallow, until fruit begins to ripen. A good bed of these berries should last from 6 to 10 years.

Red berries grow from suckers which spring up from the roots. In bearing beds these suckers should be kept down by cultivator and hoe, allowing only about four good, strong canes to each hill. Plants of all the cap Raspberries are grown from tips of branches, which take root in the soft soil in August and September. They should not be planted any deeper than they have grown in the nursery row.

### NEW LATE RASPBERRY, MUNGER.

"AS A FANCY FRUIT THAT SELLS FOR FANCY PRICES, Munger is especially to be recommended, since it always brings the highest market price, and ranks first among such fruits. The illustration shows the fine appearance of the berries. Single specimens measure an inch in diameter. Munger is better than a Klondyke gold mine. The fruit of Munger ripens when most other Raspberries are gone, 5 to 8 days later than Gregg. It is black, and resembles Gregg very much. It is a better flavored berry than Gregg, tougher in texture, and therefore a better shipper. In size it excels Gregg by almost 25 per cent, being extra fine for canning and evaporating. Its season of ripening is from 5 to 8 days later than Gregg; and it has a special faculty of withstanding drouth and hot sun. Last season, when most other berries were dry and seedy, Munger ripened up sweet and juicy, and readily brought an advance of 50 cents per bushel over other kinds. The canes, too, resemble Gregg's, are free from disease, upright in growth, and have never yet been affected by the cold of winter. We believe that the Munger excels all other Raspberries in size and productiveness.

"STRANGE TO SAY, all the introductions of new Raspberries of any value in the last 10 or 12



THE NEW MUNGER RASPBERRY.

**THE NEW RASPBERRY, MUNGER, continued.**

years have been either early or mid-season varieties. So rapidly have new varieties of this type been originated and introduced that we have invariably a glutted market for this class of berries, while Gregg is the only late variety we have had. We have not one word to say against this grand old variety, for certainly with its introduction began a new era in Raspberry culture, but its day is over, it must give way to new blood and renewed vigor. With the introduction of Munger its place is filled, and several points of merit added, viz: **Munger is larger than Gregg, hardier, more productive, fruit is of better quality, and 5 to 8 days later.** Thus we see the condition of the Raspberry market of to-day. A dozen or more good, first-class early and mid-season varieties all grappling for a place in an over-crowded market, with the late market comparatively empty."—*Condensed from introducer's description.*

PRICE OF PLANTS, \$1 per doz., \$4 per 100.

**KING RED RASPBERRY.**

A new seedling from Ohio which has been carefully tested in Virginia. It is thus described by H. E. Van Deman, the well-known pomologist and horticultural writer, of Parksley, Va.: "Round, medium size; light crimson color; moderately firm and of excellent quality. A seedling of Thompson, and ripens about the same time, but larger and more productive." (Note that Thompson has for years stood as the earliest of Raspberries, red or black.) Mr. Van Deman is certainly impressed with the value of this variety, as we have heard him refer to it in conversation and in public addresses as about all that can be desired in the way of an early red Raspberry. We need hardly add that a more competent or disinterested judge could not be found. As it is a good grower and abundant producer of plants, we think that no berry grower can afford to miss the chance to get a start now in this excellent fruit. Prices will remain the same as last year. A dozen plants set now will produce thousands in a short time. \$3 per doz., \$20 per 100.

**CUMBERLAND RASPBERRY.**

(The Business Black-cap.)

"This variety is owned and controlled by Messrs. Jackson & Perkins, well-known nurserymen of New York state. The variety originated in Cumberland county, Pa., with David Miller, who truly knows a good thing in fruit when he sees it. Before Mr. Miller disposed of the variety, he had sent me three plants for testing. These were set in the spring and fruited the same season, producing the largest and finest berries I ever saw of the black-cap type."—*J. W. Kerr.* Price 50 cts. each, \$4 per doz., \$25 per 100. We have no hesitation in commending this variety to our friends and patrons.



CUMBERLAND RASPBERRY.

**EUREKA RASPBERRY.**

Of this black-cap the New York Experiment Station reports (Bulletin 111, 1896): "Most satisfactory of the early black-caps, Eureka is an early berry of large size, firm, and of good quality and color. As is usual with very early varieties, it is only moderately productive. This variety received favorable notice in our report for 1895."

As is well-known to experienced growers, it is the early black-cap that brings the most money, and as the Eureka is both the largest and finest of the black-caps and a strong grower, yielding better than other varieties of its season, it must surely be a profitable variety to plant. We have fruited Eureka, and find it bears out its description in Delaware. We offer fine plants at 50 cts. per doz., \$1 per 100, \$8 per 1,000.

### LOUDON RASPBERRY.

"The finest Red Raspberry we know of."—*Rural New-Yorker*. This Raspberry ripens moderately early, and holds out very late; it is highly productive, claiming to exceed all other Red Raspberries; a good shipper; large, of superior quality, and an attractive crimson color.



LOUDON.

and an attractive crimson color. The bush is thornless and grows to a larger size than any other Raspberry that we know; is perfectly hardy and sets an immense crop, all of which it brings to maturity. We had berries of this variety from June 15 to August 1, last year, and always fine, large and good. 50 cts. per doz., \$2 per 100, \$17 per 1,000.

### MILLER RED RASPBERRY.

Each year adds to the high esteem in which this fine berry is held among those most familiar with it. The crop of '97 was a large one, and so many Millers have been planted that many had fears that the large crop could not be sold. But here the wonderful shipping capacity of this berry came out and enabled such a wide distribution to distant markets that the whole crop was marketed at a paying price. No one who has tried the Miller now thinks of planting anything else for market. While it does not begin to ripen so soon as Turner it produces so many baskets at a picking that more berries are produced even the first week of the season, and after that Turner and all the rest are simply nowhere. Both plant and berry are faultless. The vigor of the plant is wonderful. Such quantities of plants and yet all able to produce lots of berries. The berry is large, plump and good, carries its beautiful color to market, and easily outsells all competitors. It is easy to grow, easy to market and easy to sell. There is money in Miller Raspberry; don't fail to put yourself in the way of sharing it.

### GOLDEN OPINIONS FOR MILLER RED.

Mr. E. H. Bancroft, a successful berry grower for over 30 years, says: "The Miller is the only perfectly satisfactory red Raspberry I have ever tried. Last year I gathered berries enough from a two-acre patch, one year old, to net me \$200. Had a fine patch of Brandywine of about same size, 3 years old, which gave only one-third as many berries of decidedly inferior character."

Mr. Geo. M. Fisher, a fruit buyer of over twenty years' experience, says that the Miller is the best Raspberry for shipping he has ever handled.

Mr. Frank M. Thomas, who has for many years bought most of the Raspberries offered at Wyoming, Delaware, last season impressed upon his customers the necessity of giving up all other Red Raspberries for the Miller.

Mr. Chas. Wright, who has known the Miller from the first, says that he intends to set many more Miller the coming spring, esteeming it higher than he ever did. He says he never saw Miller winter-kill.

We are glad we have such a berry to offer, believing that it will prove a veritable bonanza to our many customers in all parts of the country. We are glad, too, that our ample stock of plants enable us to offer it at a price within the reach of all. Our plants are the true Miller. 25 cts. per doz., \$1 per 100, \$5 per 1,000, \$40 per 10,000.

### WELL-KNOWN RASPBERRIES.

**Kansas.** This new blackcap combines so many good qualities as to make it the best second-early blackcap. It ripens one picking after Palmer, gives heavier pickings of perfect berries than any other blackcap, and continues to bear until late. A wonderfully strong grower; a faultless berry. 50 cts. per doz., \$1 per 100, \$8 per 1,000.

**Cuthbert.** This is the old reliable red Raspberry. It has a long season and large, deep berries of most excellent flavor. A heavy bearer, known in some sections as Queen of the Market, a name that is appropriate if not quite correct. We have a large lot of fine young plants. 75 cts. per 100, \$5 per 1,000.

**Golden Queen.** Yellow; sweet, good; a handsome table berry. Very productive. 50 cts. per doz., \$1 per 100, \$10 per 1,000.

**Hansel.** Red berries of good size, very early; needs high manuring. 40 cts. per doz., 75 cts. per 100, \$5 per 1,000.

**Thompson.** \$1 per 100, \$5 per 1,000.

**Turner.** Red berries; ripens with Brandywine and about three days after Hansel; of medium size; highly productive when not too much crowded with suckers. 40 cts. per doz., 75 cts. per 100, \$4 per 1,000.

**Palmer.** Most productive early blackcap. Strong grower; large berries. 40 cts. per doz., \$1 per 100, \$4 per 1,000.

**Souhegan.** 40 cts. per doz., 75 cts. per 100, \$5 per 1,000.

**Columbian.** Not successful in Delaware. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100.

**THE LOGAN BERRY.**

(Raspberry-Blackberry.)

This is a decided novelty, and if it succeeds generally as well as at its place of nativity, it will be a valuable addition to our fruits. It is a seedling of the Aughinbaugh Blackberry, a wild variety, pistillate, of California, crossed or fertilized by pollen of the Red Antwerp Raspberry.

The plants are described as unlike either the Raspberry or Blackberry, and are of low-growing habit, more like the Dewberry, of very large, strong canes or vines, without thorns, but have very fine, soft spines like those found on Raspberry plants; leaves of deep green color, coarse and thick, more like the Raspberry's than the Blackberry's. The fruit is as large as the largest Blackberry, and of the same shape, with similar globules; color, when fully ripe, a dark, rich red. It partakes of both the flavors of the Raspberry and Blackberry, being a combination of the two mixed, a very pleasant, mild, vinous flavor, delightful to the taste, not found in any other fruit, but peculiar to this alone. It is excellent for the table, eaten fresh or cooked, and for jelly or jams is without an equal. The fruit is firm and carries well; seeds small and few. The vines are enormous bearers. Ripens very early—beginning with strawberries, and the bulk or nearly all are ripe and gone before Raspberries become plentiful, rendering it a very valuable fruit for market. Genuine stock very limited. Beware of seedlings offered by some. The Logan Berry gave us some unique berries of striking character on a few 1-year-old plants last season. We are so well pleased with it that we will plant quite largely the coming spring, and we advise everyone to try it. Price, 6 for 50 cts., \$1 per doz., \$6 per 100.

**RASPBERRY-DEWBERRY, ETC.****QUEEN OF THE PACIFIC.**

This new and unique berry seems destined to become one of our most useful fruits. Vine is much like the Dewberry, but the fruit partakes of the character of both Raspberry and Dewberry. The berry is quite as large as the Dewberry, of a reddish-black color; it is of a most deliciously sweet and high flavor, of the Logan Berry type, but sweeter and better in flavor, and ripens earlier—begins with strawberries—and can be used for every purpose that the Raspberry is put to. A rapid grower and heavy bearer; 300 good berries have been counted on a single cane 5 feet long. This new and choice fruit will command high prices on account of its early ripening season, its great beauty and delicate wild flavor. As this novelty has not yet fruited east of California, our description is from J. S. Watkins, of that state. Price, 50 cts. each, \$2 per doz.

**JAPAN RASPBERRY (Wineberry).** Price, 10 cts. each, 50 cts. per doz.

**STRAWBERRY-RASPBERRY.** Price, \$2 per doz., \$15 per 100.

AULON, TENN., Jan. 10, 1898.

MESSRS. SLAYMAKER &amp; SON, DOVER, DEL.

*Gentlemen*—It has been my pleasure to order from you from 30,000 to 50,000 Strawberry plants several times. All plants have arrived in good shape, well rooted and true to name. I order to-day 75,000 plants, which speaks for your honesty and fair dealing.

Yours truly,

FRED J. WARNER.





## BLACKBERRIES.

Plant in early spring or late fall, 4 by 6 feet apart in rows each way, so as to cross-cultivate. Set carefully and firm well. Cultivate and trim like raspberries. Manure and fertilize ground abundantly, and don't let more than three canes grow to each hill. Remove old fruit-canes as soon as possible after picking, and always before cultivating the following spring.

**AUSTIN IMPROVED DEWBERRY.** A new berry from Texas, that has been tested several years. We note the following good points: **Surpasses in productiveness anything ever seen in Blackberry or Dewberry.** It is of a glossy, shining black color; its very appearance has a tempting effect on those who see it. Its flavor is most excellent; when fully ripe it will melt in your mouth most pleasantly. Has the hardy character common to the Dewberry family. Professor Heiges testifies to the receipt of specimens of Austin Improved Dewberry in Washington, carried all the way from Texas, in good condition, retaining their intense jet black color. A few fruits of this Dewberry were produced at the Geneva Experiment Station last season which "were of the largest size and good in quality. This is a promising variety"—(Bulletin No. 111). Season quite early. We are so impressed with the importance of this berry that we have arranged to offer it to our customers at originator's price, which includes postage or express paid, if preferred. Order early. 15 for \$1, by mail; \$5 per 100, by express.

**LUCRETIA DEWBERRY.** Every year growing in favor in all parts of the country. Large, black berries, produced on running canes that lie close to the ground through the winter, safe from all danger of injury from cold, but must be tied up to stakes in the spring. Productive, healthy plants, easy to grow, and very satisfactory to gather. 25 cts. per doz., 60 cts. per 100, \$4 per 1,000.

**EARLY HARVEST.** The earliest Blackberry; also the sweetest, and by many thought to be the best. Its strong, hardy character has led to its neglect in many instances, and consequently it is generally rated below its real worth. Try a patch with careful culture, keeping all unnecessary growth down, leaving only two or three canes to a hill, and trimming after the blossoms have appeared, so that just enough fruit may be left. Mulch well with manure, and apply also some form of potash—say 400 lbs. of muriate per acre. We promise a grateful surprise when the cash returns are counted from such a bed. 50 cts. per 100, \$4 per 1,000.

NASHVILLE, TENN., *January 11, 1898.*

During the last three years I have purchased from Slaymaker & Son, of Dover, Delaware, large quantities of plants of all kinds. My business with them has been very satisfactory, for the reason that the plants come true to name, in good condition and full count.

Respectfully,

WALTER STOKES.

**BLACKBERRIES**, continued.

**ELDORADO.** An accidental seedling from Ohio, remarkable for its excellent quality. Hon. H. E. Van Deman is our authority for claiming that it is the best Blackberry in point of quality; also productive and hardy. Berry large, with small seeds, ripening after Wilson. 10 cts. each, \$2 per 100, \$15 per 1,000.

**MAXWELL.** 25 cts. each, \$2 per 100.

**ERIE.** 50 cts per doz., \$2 per 100.

**WILSON'S EARLY.** The most popular Blackberry. Large, handsome, of good quality; heavy bearer. 40 cts. per doz., 75 cts. per 100, \$5 per 1,000.

**RATHBUN.** Of this new Blackberry the introducers say: "Last season's experience and the accompanying tributes from parties prominent and responsible" (a great number, from which we can here cull only a few, are given) "substantiate all claims hitherto made for Rathbun. Not a cane suffered last winter, and we still offer it as the best Blackberry known."

**Has a Future.**—The Rathbun Blackberry is now in full fruit, and we are very much pleased with it. It is midway between a Blackberry and a Dewberry in habit as also in earliness. The berries are exceedingly large, glossy, jet black, and of good quality. I certainly think there is a future for it.—*L. H. Bailey, Professor of Agriculture, Cornell University.*

**Most Profitable.**—We note particularly the large size of the berry, its richness of color, luscious quality and the fact that it is about as practically seedless as any Blackberry can be. We consider it a very fine variety, and should judge for market purposes it is the most profitable one that could be grown.—*Brown Brothers Company.*

**JORDAN.** A new berry from Texas. One of the finest growers we have ever tried. Produces a good crop one year after planting. Berries said to be very large and firm. Season late. 75 cts. per doz., by mail; \$4 per 100, by express.

**GRAPE VINES.**

**ALICE.** The new, red winter Grape. Begins to ripen with Concord, and is said to keep all winter. 2-year vines, \$1 each.

**CONCORD.** The great standard black Grape, more widely planted than any other. 1-year vines, 50 cts. per doz., \$2 per 100, \$15 per 1,000; 2-year vines, \$2.50 per 100.

**MOORE'S EARLY.** Earliest of all and among the best in quality; an excellent shipper and splendid seller in market. 1-year vines, 50 cts. per doz., \$2 per 100, \$17 per 1,000; 2-year vines, \$2.50 per 100.

**NIAGARA.** Finest white Grape. 50 cts. per doz., \$3 per 100.

**PEAR TREES.**

**KOONCE.** "The Incomparable Early Pear."—*Stark Bros.* Season very early—as early as the earliest. Fruit medium to large, very handsome; surface yellow, one side covered with a bright carmine; quality very good, spicy, juicy, sweet, far better than in any other early Pear. Trees very hardy and an extra-strong grower; not subject to blight. Bore a heavy crop in 1894, when all other Pears in its locality were killed by late frosts. We believe that many of our customers would like to try this new early Pear, which has been such a source of profit and pleasure to growers in Southern Illinois, and so have secured a good stock of thrifty trees, suitable for shipment along with our small fruit plants, which we offer at 20 cts. each, \$15 per 100.

**KIEFFER.** Of undoubted value. 1-year trees, 10 cts. each, \$6 per 100.

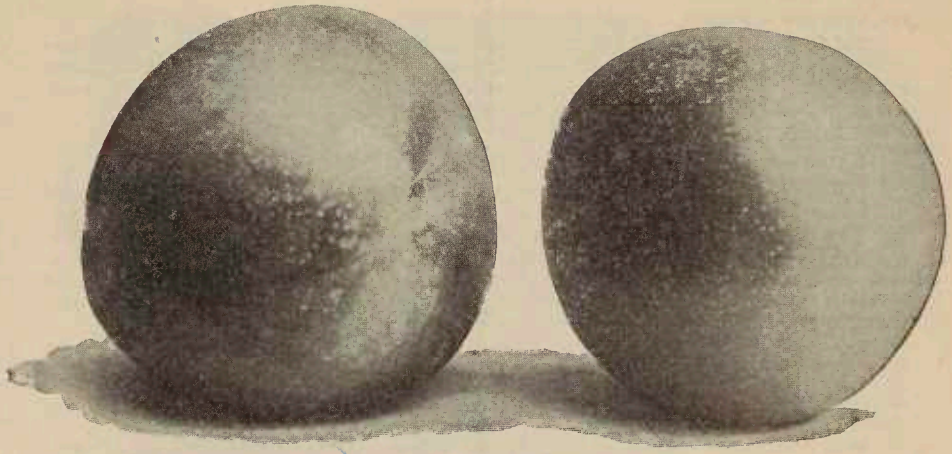
**PEACH TREES.**

(Grown in a section free from Yellows or Scale.)

Elberta, Mountain Rose, Reeves' Favorite, Chair's Choice, Walker Free, Stump, Oldmixon, Crawford Late, Moore's Favorite, Smock and others. Price, 3 to 4 feet, best size to plant, 10 cts. each, 60 cts. per doz., \$4.50 per 100.

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THE HALE PLUM.

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Prof. L. H. Bailey, the highest American authority on Japan Plums, in Cornell Bulletin 106, January, 1896, "Revised Opinions of the Japan Plums," says of the Hale Plum: "A very handsome, large, round-cordate Plum, usually lop-sided; orange, thinly overlaid with mottled red, so as to have a yellowish red appearance, or, in well-colored specimens, deep cherry red, with yellow specks; flesh yellow, soft and juicy (yet a good keeper); not stringy, with a very delicious, slightly acid peachy flavor; skin somewhat sour; cling. Very late. I know the fruit only from specimens sent at two or three different times by Luther Burbank. To my taste, these specimens have been the best in quality of all the Japanese Plums." Price, 50 cts. each.

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**Conover's Colossal.** Strong, assorted plants, 25 cts. per 100, \$2.50 per 1,000.

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### POTTED STRAWBERRIES.

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 Our July Circular on Strawberry and Celery Plants sent only to those who make special application for it.

## EGGS FOR HATCHING.

We keep Barred and White Plymouth Rock, Light Brahma, White and Brown Leghorn fowls, each kind on a different farm, thus giving the hens plenty of room to range about and yet keep the stock pure. Eggs from hens running at large are admittedly better than those from hens kept in close quarters, as is necessarily the case where several breeds are kept on one place. Our stock is kept in fine shape by always mating with the best blood of the best fanciers. This year we put in fine new cocks all around, from celebrated prize-winning stock.

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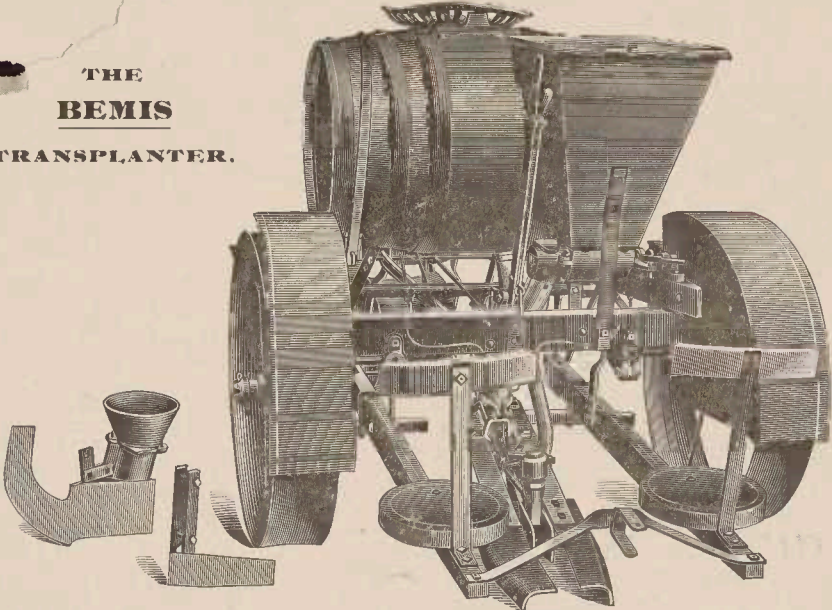


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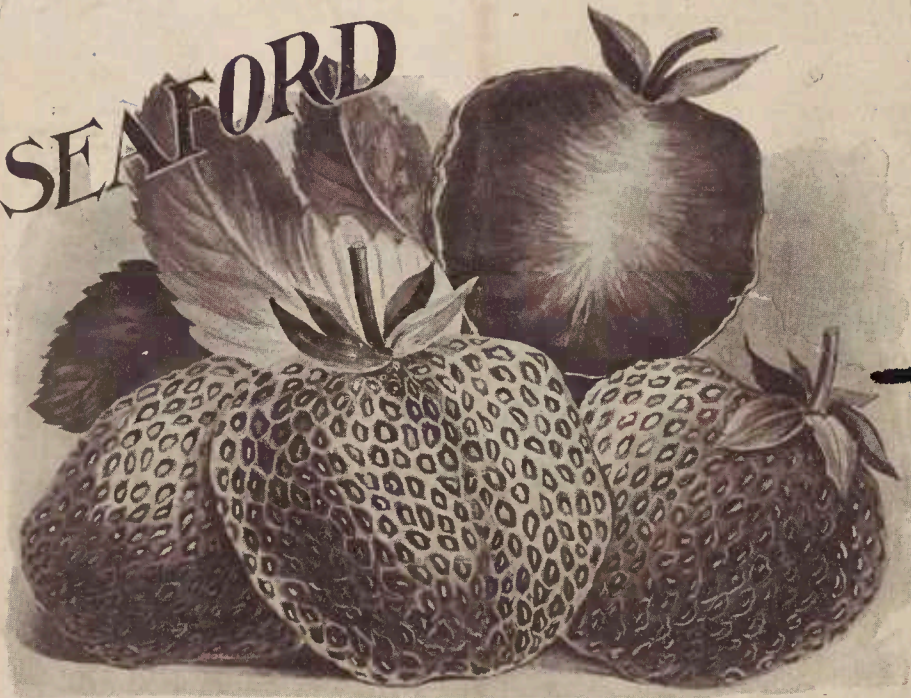
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