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**SOMERSET FRUIT, SEED, POULTRY
AND PLANT FARMS**

JOHN W. HALL

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Marion Station, Somerset Co., Md.

Being on the line of the N. Y. P. & N. R. R., I have unsurpassed facilities for prompt and safe shipments North, East, South and West. I always obtain the very lowest shipping rates for my customers.

A Good Reputation

It has always been my effort to conduct my affairs along the lines of "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

I promise absolutely a square deal to any and all persons doing business with me. In my efforts to please, I frequently do more than duty commands.

If you doubt my responsibility or standing, I would advise any prospective patron before placing his order, accompanied with the cash that they communicate with the Postmaster of Marion Station, or the Cashier of Farmers Bank of Somerset county of Marion Station, Md., or any responsible business man in or around this place.



THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SATISFACTORY SERVICE IS A RECORD IN WHICH WE TAKE PRIDE.

In presenting this Thirty-Seventh Annual Catalog to our customers and friends, we wish to thank you one and all for your generous patronage and hoping to again be favored with your orders again this season. We are often asked why we furnish plants so much cheaper than some other nurserymen. First, we own our own farms, second we economize in expenses, third we are satisfied with a smaller profit than some. We have the finest and largest stock of plants we ever had to offer our customers. Because our catalog is not as large as some nurserymen and as full of pictures to misrepresent the varieties as is often the case, we can fill your orders large or small, no matter where you live, distance no object. We can furnish you just as good plants that will bear you just as good crops of fruit as you can get for double the price, and as true to name. Our system of packing plants to reach destination in perfect condition is unsurpassed by none. We are not perfect, but if we make a mistake we are willing to correct same. **Hall's Stock** represents honesty and quality. I handle but one grade of seed, plants and poultry—best and highest in quality—the best is the cheapest. My plants and seeds give perfect satisfaction wherever grown.

I wish every reader of this catalog a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I remain, Yours for Prosperity,

JOHN W. HALL, Marion Station, Md.

DESCRIPTION OF VARIETIES.**DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW EXTRA EARLY****"MATTHEWS" STRAWBERRY.**

Originators description—In writing the description of my NEW EXTRA EARLY STRAWBERRY "MATTHEWS" I do so with the knowledge that berry growers are somewhat suspicious of new varieties and it is not to be wondered at, for so many of them have proved disappointments. I surely believe it will prove to be what the growers have been looking for—that is a FANCY EXTRA EARLY BERRY. It ripens with the very earliest and no scrapping here and there either to fill a quart, as large quantities ripen at once. In other words when it begins to ripen pickers have to get busy. This berry has a perfect blossom and rich in pollen. It is of large size, color a beautiful deep red with a large green cap. It is very productive. The plants are large with plenty of tall dark green foliage. It is a very early bloomer. The blooms are very hardy as frost seems to do but very little damage. I have never had a short crop. My plants are fine and I think if you will give it a trial you will be well pleased.

KLONDYKE. Of Southern origin and a standard berry. Productive, firm, brilliantly colored and famous in all markets as a shipper. It is so firm that it is used as a reshipper. A great plant maker; blossoms perfect. It has been planted very extensively for the past few years and it is growing more popular every day.

SUPERIOR. This variety has become quite popular in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina. The plants are strong, healthy growers, with dark green foliage, and do well in almost any soil. It is a great plant maker, and should be kept thin and planted a good distance apart. It bears an immense load of berries, medium in size, bright glossy red, firm and a good keeper. Ripens about one week after Excelsior, and continues bearing until mid-summer.

ABINGTON. This berry was originated by Mr. Blanchard of Massachusetts, who says it is a berry to take the place of Bubach. It is a better plant maker; the bloom is perfect and hardy; it sends up more fruit stalks and more fruit on each stalk, and ripens in same season. Give it a trial.

LADY THOMPSON. This is a great Southern berry, and is grown largely in the Southern states for market. It makes strong, healthy plants that produce large crops of medium large berries.

EWELL'S EARLY. I find it very productive of early, medium to large berries. It is a strong grower, as early as Excelsior, with large fruit and more productive.

EXCELSIOR. Medium size, very productive and firm, and ships well. Not so popular for the home garden owing to its extreme tart, but the fruit is highly colored and flavored, and when fully ripe, are of excellent quality. The standard for earliness by which all others are compared.

KELLOGG'S PRIZE. This is a pistillate variety and is claimed to cover a long season. The originator describes it as follows: "Kellogg's Prize continued to bear a little later than the Sample and Stevens' Late Champion. and was the last to be found on the vines. It was the remark of some of my customers that they did not know that Strawberries grew so large. If the public knew of the value of this variety the demand for plants could not be supplied. The berry is very highly colored, with golden seeds, the rich color extending to the center; flavor delicious, the cap is ample and in harmony with the size of the berries."

OSWEGO. Midseason. Large, firm, productive, and a reliable market berry; excellent quality.

CLIMAX. Early, has been widely planted, and has given the best of results; it is exceedingly productive and has a long season; fruit very large, red in color to the center.

MAPLES' EARLY. It is indeed a great commercial berry. It is early, very productive and a good plant maker of medium large plants. Berries large and attractive; noted for its firmness; color a dark red all through with an exceptional hard core; single cap, medium long and round. Season of ripening with Klondyke. The main feature of this great berry is when you pick it three times you have the whole crop. It ripens very early from the blossom. The bearing stems are large which holds the fruit off the ground, blossoms rich in pollen and perfect to plant with pistillate varieties. Plant a beautiful green and makes a splendid foliage which never shows any sign of rust.

PRIDE OF MICHIGAN. Midseason. Produces immense crop of very large berries on almost any soil, and in any climate that will produce corn.

PRIDE OF CUMBERLAND. Originated in Cumberland county, New Jersey, about twelve years ago. It took first premium over all other varieties at the Strawberry Fair in Vineland, N. J., where it was greatly admired for its large and uniform size, resembling the Gandy. Compared with the Gandy, it is a week or more earlier in ripening, of the same large size and regular shape, with large cap and deep red color, that makes it very showy in appearance, and is unexcelled for shipping. The blossom is perfect; the plant is vigorous, free from rust and remarkably productive. Pride of Cumberland is the plant for business. Most of all the fruit is held off the ground by strong bearing stems, which is very much in its favor. My plants are fine.

WILSON. An old standard variety. Very productive of medium large berries of good quality. Good plant maker of large plants.

REWASTICO. The Rewastico is a highly colored, large cardinal red berry, and the color penetrates through and through; it is very productive and in size is uniformly large; it is as perfect and uniform in shape as if turned out of a mould. It makes an abundance of strong healthy plants with vigorous dark green foliage. The berry is rich, with an aromatic Strawberry flavor, though somewhat tart, but firm enough to make a popular market shipper. A very prominent grower says he considers it the only real competitor the Chesapeake has ever had, and in some respects it even surpasses it.

CHIPMAN. Originated in Sussex county, Delaware, by a grower of thirty years' experience in strawberry growing. The plants are strong, upright, large and healthy growers. The fruit is very large and early. Foliage tall, broad, bright, glossy green, that has never shown any sign of rust or disease. It has a strong, perfect blossom, and is a good variety to plant with pistillate varieties. It has a large green cap of even size and shape, succeeds well in light or heavy soil, and it is predicted that it will soon become one of the leading commercial varieties.

HERITAGE. Originated in New Jersey and is popular with commercial growers. It does not make as many plants as some varieties but are extra large with tall, green foliage and succeed on any soil. It ripens medium early and is very productive; large, of even size and shape, color a beautiful crimson and of fine quality. Give it a trial, my plants are fine.

SENATOR DUNLAP. I have fruited this variety for several years. It has proven to be one of the best grown, some varieties may surpass it in some respects, but as an all-around berry it has few equals. The berry is adapted to all sections, as it seems to do well everywhere, more so than any other variety. Plants medium in size. A severe drouth seems to affect it much less than other standard varieties. It has a perfect blossom, rich with pollen, to plant with pistillate kinds. Enormously productive. Fruit medium to large, uniform in size, conical shape, bright glossy red. The meat is a bright red all through, of excellent quality and a good shipper.

OAKS EARLY. Originated near Marion, Somerset county, Md., several years ago, and for some time only a few of them were planted outside of its home. The originator continued to plant it and made money. Now it has become very popular and is largely planted here for market, as elsewhere. It makes lot of vigorous plants, and is a heavy cropper of medium size berries. Very regular and uniform in size; good shipper; remains firm in wet weather.

WM BELT. Originated in Southern Ohio. Among the large size berries, none are more uniform in shape and size than this variety, except the first berries to ripen which are usually coxcomb. It is very firm and of most excellent quality; color a beautiful glossy crimson. The fruit always brings the highest price in the market. The plant is a good thrifty grower, with strong roots and makes just enough plants for a good matted row, without crowding. It is better in quality, larger in size and is also more productive and a better grower than Bubach. It pays to put this variety on good soil and give good culture.

PRIDE OF SOMERSET. It is as early as Excelsior, good plant maker of large, healthy, deep rooted plants. Is a chance seedling and unlike most other very early varieties it has a long bearing stem which holds the fruit off the ground. Very productive of large berries. A great feature of this wonderful variety is that there are very few small berries as every blossom matures a large berry, nearly all one size. Color a beautiful red all through, ripens all over at once, no green tips; shape medium long and round, blossom perfect and rich in pollen; cap very large and green which shows off the berry nicely. Has never shown any sign of rust or disease; foliage very heavy, tall and thick. The past season it excelled all others as an early berry.

JESSIE. Jessie ranks among the leaders with growers who want fancy strawberries and whose soil is adapted to its production. Under right conditions it is one of the most satisfactory varieties produced by commercial growers. It is an extra heavy yielder of highest quality fruit and a good pollinizer.

BRANDYWINE. Perfect blossom, medium late. This variety thrives in almost any soil and gives good results. Fruit well colored, bright glossy red, firm, of excellent quality and very productive. It has a bright cap—an old and reliable variety.

HAVERLAND. An old variety, which seems to do well everywhere. It never rusts or shows any blight. It is enormously productive. It should be mulched, as the fruit stems are not able to hold the fruit off the ground. It has an imperfect blossom, but is easy to fertilize; a good plant maker; berries long and conical and even shape. If you are in doubt as to what to plant, try some of these.

GIBSON. A very productive mid-season variety from Michigan. The plant is a dark green and berries are dark red. A good one, try it.

BISMARCK. Fruit produced in abundance, outyielding Bubach. Shape obtuse, conical, never coxcombed; the heaviest, most solid berry ever grown or handled. Color bright scarlet, no green tips, very firm, good flavor, season medium to very late, larger in size than Bubach.

BUBACH. It still holds its place in the favor of many growers—the leading pistillate variety for market; large, bright, colors very evenly—just the size and color that is popular now.

MICHAEL'S EARLY. Extra bright scarlet, conical—an old and popular variety and an excellent table berry of good flavor. Those who have a garden and want a few for eating purposes will do well to try it.

GLEN MARY. A variety that is popular throughout New England and the Middle West. The berries are large, showy and of fair quality; immensely productive; good plant maker; deep rooted, resisting drouth; of a long season. Foliage is large, upright in growth, dark green in color, leaves nearly round, with dark, glossy surface; fruit stems large and strong. The berries continue large the whole season.

NICK OHMER. Medium late; a strong, perfect blossom, and productive of rich, dark glossy red berries, colored all the way through; flavor delicious; berries nearly round; a good shipper, and suitable for fancy trade and table use. It is a great favorite in the South.

SUCCESS. One of the best and most popular of the midseason varieties. A good one.

SHARPLESS. Too well known to need any description, except as to its excellency as a table berry.

CLYDE. A very large, most wonderfully prolific Strawberry, yields great crops of berries, slightly light in color, foliage sometimes insufficient to protect the berries from the sun, needs good rich soil, does best on moist soil.

NORWOOD. This plant was originated by L. J. Farmer of Pulaski, N. Y. It is the largest berry known, very firm and more productive than the Marshall. Four berries have been known to fill a quart basket. The plant is adapted to any climate, but is more productive in light sandy loam, or clay and sand mixed with chocolate cast. It does well all over the country. It is a new variety, and one that I can recommend. I have only a limited supply.

JOE JOHNSON. This great berry has been grown in Wicomico county, this state several years, but was only introduced to the public last spring. It begins to ripen with the Chesapeake and will bring the grower more money to the acre than this very popular berry. It produces more quarts than the Chesapeake and will make a much better bed of plants. This berry brought the top notch prices on the market last season.

UNCLE JIM. The plants of this variety are very large, vigorous and healthy. They mature all their fruit which is of very large size; firm deep red and of the best flavor.

PARSON'S BEAUTY. One that may be depended upon to produce a large crop of fruit every season. The plants are splendid growers on any soil and without a sign of disease. The fruit is large, conical, uniform shape, dark red and fair quality. Largely planted by commercial growers on account of its vigor and productiveness.

LADY CORNEILLE. This new Strawberry hails from Louisiana and is destined to become the leading Southern Strawberry and is claimed to be better than the Klondyke which is saying a great deal. The Klondyke for a long time was the leading Southern berry but as the growers become acquainted with the Lady Corneille they will plant it as it is much more productive than the Klondyke and the berry and plant are ideal in every way. The fruit begins to ripen with the Klondyke but continues in bearing longer. The berries are larger, rich glossy red, slightly long, uniform in size and shape, with bright golden seeds which add to their beauty. Quality of the best, having the true Strawberry flavor, rich, sweet and delicious, the berries are very firm and one of the best shippers known. This one quality alone would make it a very valuable berry for the grower a long distance from market. The Lady Corneille has the size, color, shape, appearance, firmness and productiveness which we have all been wanting in an early berry.

TENNESSEE PROLIFIC. A fine, healthy plant, that is well known and extensively planted to fertilize Bubach, Sample and other imperfect varieties. Always productive; quality fair. Under fair treatment, it produces fine, large fruit—a good berry for a short haul to market.

RYCKMAN. Awarded highest prize at the Buffalo Exposition in 1901, and has been thoroughly tested since. One of the largest berries; ripens early. It is in the front ranks of strictly big berries. I sell as many or more of this berry than any other variety that I have listed. Try it.

GANDY. This plant is well known all over the United States and Canada. This is the standard of late varieties all over the country, and probably no higher compliment could be paid the variety than that all other late varieties are compared by it. It should be planted in dark loamy soil, if possible; otherwise, in chocolate or clay, or sandy mixed soil of a springy nature—never in dry, sandy land. It will not thrive in light, sandy soil. We have an excellent crop of very fine plants this season, and think we can please you if you are looking for a late variety, and would be pleased to receive your order.

MISSIONARY. Hailed from the South. Plants vigorous, healthy and a strong grower and a great plant maker. Plants medium large, berries large and hold their size well through the season. Is early, but not quite as early as Excelsior and Hoffman. It is an enormous bearer, firm and a good shipper. It is extensively planted here for market.

MASCOT. Seedling of Sharpless and Gandy plants. Healthy and strong grower and free from disease. It will bear two berries to Gandy one and is of large size. Berries dark red; season of ripening, few days earlier than Gandy, firm and a good shipper. A great berry. No berry grower should be without it.

EARLY OZARK. Originated in Missouri—A cross between Aroma and Excelsior. It was in great demand last spring. After seeing this variety fruit I am thoroughly convinced it is a great early berry. Plants large and strong growers. The foliage is very thick and dark green, without a spot of rust or disease, and is exceedingly productive. Fifteen of these berries have been known to fill a quart basket rounding full. My stock of plants is large and exceedingly fine. Please place orders early. I want everybody to give them a trial.

SAMPLE. An old variety that can always be depended upon. It is popular everywhere—a strong grower, with dark green leaves, and a good plant maker. The berries are large, and retain this size until all are gone. Color deep red; firm for distant shipping. It has a smooth, glossy appearance, and is one of the largest and most prolific of the medium late varieties. There is always a great demand for plants of this variety.

THREE W'S. This berry is a chance seedling, and possesses many points of excellence. The foliage is beautiful, clean and healthy, dark green in color and very attractive. Fruit large, glossy red, and firm, of good quality and very productive; covers a long season—from medium to late. At the St. Louis World's Fair it won the highest prize, and had a record of keeping ten days. My plants are very strong and healthy.

STEVENS LATE CHAMPION. In plant growth this variety resembles the Gandy, except that it has a heavier and shorter fruit stem and is a much better plant maker. Healthy, vigorous and long rooted, nearly an ideal plant, and three times as productive as the Gandy. Fruit large and dark red in color; uniform in shape and size; very high in quality. This variety, with us, has proved to be as late in ripening as Gandy, and will prove a money-maker for those who want a late berry.

AROMA. This is a great Southern berry, especially Tennessee. It surely has the right name, for the flavor is beyond comparison, it is surely aromatic. Good plant maker. Very firm for long distance shipping; large roundish. Color deep red, which extends clear through. Late as Gandy but a better berry to my way of thinking. I have a fine lot of plants of this variety. As a table berry it cannot be excelled.

NEW YORK. If you want to become famous in the strawberry market, get some of our New York plants. They originated in the state of New York by Miss Yates. The berries are large, rather thick and of bright red color. They are strictly fancy. Small berries, or berries of an inferior quality, can find no sale, no matter how cheap they are offered, beside the New York variety. The quality is excellent. They are very productive and have a large green cap, which stands up properly. The foliage is light green, with glossy surface leaves. The plant is large and very productive. A seedling of the Bubach and Jessie varieties. We have a large demand for the plant all over the country, wherever it is known. The berries have sold readily for 13 cents per quart in the Philadelphia market, when other varieties were slow at 5 and 7 cents.

MARSHALL. This is a great fancy berry for market. Plants large and strong; fruit of the richest flavor. It is a strictly fancy berry, of perfect shape dark crimson when fully ripe; quality excellent. Fourteen berries have been known to fill a quart basket.

WARFIELD. A well known standard variety; berries above medium size; medium early. Its great beauty, firmness and good flavor make it exceedingly popular, especially in the West. Productive and vigorous, good plant maker.

HELEN DAVIS. Fruited here last season and it gave us a good crop of large, dark red berries of excellent quality. It has been thoroughly tested on all kinds of soil for several seasons and has never failed to produce a large crop of extra large berries when other well known varieties were almost an entire failure. It is not easily killed by frost and the fruit is produced in clusters on large, strong, fruit stalks, is perfectly formed, of large size, red to the center and of highly delicious flavor unknown to any other variety.

McKINLEY. Unrivalled as a strawberry of high quality. Berries large, handsome and freely produced on strong, healthy plants. Ripens in mid-season and is too tender in texture to endure shipment. It is preeminently a variety for the home garden.

FENDALL. Originated by Chas. E. Fendall, Baltimore county, Maryland. Plant strong, vigorous and healthy; foliage a beautiful light green. It has never shown the slightest blemish in any respect; berries very large

and of fine flavor. It is very productive, berries lay in piles around the plant; good plant maker. The berries are beauties, rich in color, smooth and glossy, with long stems and a large showy cap. In 1906 it yielded at the rate of 16,800 quarts per acre. Give it a trial.

CHESAPEAKE. It has been tested all over the country, and is very popular. Plants vigorous and do not rust. Foliage is thick and leathery, upright leaf stems with leaves almost round. The fruit is borne on large stems, the greater portion standing upright, holding the fruit from the ground. It bears more fruit to the single stem than any other variety I know. Blossoms is perfect, fruit uniformly large, averaging more than Gandy and more productive, firmer and better quality, without the green tips, colors all over at once. Season of ripening same as Gandy.

FALL BEARING STRAWBERRIES.

It is only within the past few years that a genuine fall bearing Strawberry has been an actual fact even though it has been agitated for several years.

You can set these plants in the early spring and keep the blossoms pruned off until about four weeks before you want ripe fruit and you will be surprised at the nice large, luscious berries you will have from them until it freezes. Just think, nice, large delicious Strawberries for four months in the year. It is a real fact. A few plants will make a small family all the berries they can use. Anyone can grow them and surely anyone can eat them. I have been frequently asked if the fall bearing berries were of good flavor, they most assuredly are. **SUPERB** and **PROGRESSIVE** are the 20th Century wonders. Give them a trial.

PROGRESSIVE. A genuine everbearer. This is without doubt the best of the everbearers. Here the plants are of good size, deep-rooted and make as many plants as most of the standard varieties. On many single plants, without forcing, I have counted at one time from ten to fifteen fruit-stalks, and each fruit-stalk contained from ten to twenty-five green and ripe berries. The fruit is of medium size, dark-red and of extra quality. The young plants begin to bear in about four weeks from setting but to obtain good plant beds the blossoms should be kept cut off, especially during the early part of the season. The runners from the young plants also bear plenty of fruit even before they are rooted. My plants of this variety have made splendid plant-beds and produced plenty of fruit in five months, so if you like fresh berries all summer and fall, plant **Progressive** as it is all that is claimed for it.

SUPERB. Another of the fall-bearers. This also has made a splendid bed of large deep-rooted plants, but the young plants do not produce fruit the first season. The second season it produces fruit the same as any other variety and in the fall also produces a full crop. The fruit is large, dark red, good quality.

March 4, 1916—Mr. N. T. Ritch, Jr., of Bradford Co., Florida: Please ship to me (10,000) Ten Thousand more Klondyke Strawberry plants. The 10,000 plants I just received from you proved so satisfactory I want 10,000 more of them, they were extra fine.

April 12, 1916—Mr. F. J. Brown, of Hillsboro, Co., Fla., writes: The 3,000 Strawberry plants that you sent me are surely fine, I have them all out and they are looking well. Now I am sending you another order for Mr. Brown.

April 25, 1916—Mrs. J. E. Harper, of Bradford Co., Florida writes: I received my Strawberry plants you shipped me all O. K., and they are surely fine plants. Just as soon as we get rain will order more, some of my neighbors will also order from you.

PRICE LIST OF STRAWBERRY, RASPBERRY and DEWBERRY PLANTS

Extra Early		1000	Medium	1000	
Per	Mathews	\$5.00	Per	McKinley	3.00
Per	Pride of Somerset	\$3.00	Per	Pride of Michigan	3.00
Per	Ewell's Early	2.75	Imp	Fendall	2.75
Per	Early Ozark	3.00	Per	SHARPLESS	3.00
Per	Excelsior	2.25	Per	Three W's	3.00
Per	Missionary	2.25	Per	Marshall	3.25
Per	Oaks Early	2.50	Per	Norwood	3.25
Per	Climax	2.75	Imp	Sample	3.00
Per	Chipman	2.75	Per	Nick Ohmer	3.00
Per	Michaels Early	2.50	Per	Brandywine	3.00
Early.			Per	Gibson	3.00
Per	Landy Corneille	3.00	Per	Heritage	2.75
Per	Maples Early	2.75	Per	Abington	3.00
Per	Lady Thompson	2.50	Per	Clyde	2.50
Per	Klondyke	2.25	Per	Success	3.00
Per	Senator Dunlap	3.00	Per	Wilson	3.00
Per	Helen Davis	2.50	Per	Jessie	3.00
Per	Superior	2.50	Per	Wolverton	3.00
Medium.			Late.		
Per	Bismark	3.00	Per	Rewastico	3.00
Imp	Warfield	3.00	Per	Pride of Cumberland	3.00
Imp	Haverland	3.00	Per	Aroma	3.00
Per	Tennessee Prolific	2.50	Per	Stevens Late Champion	3.00
Per	Glen Mary	2.75	Per	Joe Johnson or Big Joe	3.25
Per	Wm. Belt	2.75	Very Late.		
Per	Parsons Beauty	2.50	Imp	Kellogg's Prize	3.25
Per	Ryckman	3.00	Per	Gandy	2.25
Per	Uncle Jim	3.00	Per	Chesapeake	3.50
Per	New York	3.00	Per	Mascot	2.75
Imp	Bubach	3.50			
Per	Oswego	3.00			

500 Plants at the Thousand Rate.

Varieties of plants priced at \$2.00 to \$2.75 per 1000 will be sold in lesser quantities at the following prices		Varieties of plants priced at \$3.00 to \$4.00 per 1000 will be sold in lesser quantities at the following prices	
25 Plants	\$0.20	25 Plants	\$0.25
50 Plants	.35	50 Plants	.40
75 Plants	.50	75 Plants	.55
100 Plants	.60	100 Plants	.70
250 Plants	1.00	250 Plants	1.25

Special Prices in Lots of 5,000 or More.

	25	50	100	500	1000
Per Superb	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$3.75	\$7.00
Per Progressive	.75	1.00	1.50	4.00	8.00
DEWBERRY PLANTS. Austin and Lucretia 85c per 100; \$6.00 per 1000					

RASPBERRY PLANTS.

St. Regis (Red) Everbearer	\$1.50 per 100, \$7.00 per 1000
Cumberland (Black cap)	\$1.50 per 100, \$8.00 per 1000
Gregg (Black cap)	\$1.50 per 100, \$8.00 per 1000

Mch. the 7, 1916—Mr. J. E. DeShano, of Brunswick Co., Va., writes:
The shipment of plants came duly and I want to express my exceedingly
satisfaction with them. The nice condition and fine order in which they
came never was better treated by a shipper.

ASPARAGUS ROOTS.

When planting Asparagus roots, set four to six inches deep, and about 12 inches apart in the row, covering with only three inches of soil at first and filling the trenches as the plants grow.

The Asparagus bed is apt to be neglected in the early fall. Before the first of September the tops should be cut, and the bed or field cleared of weeds. It is highly important that all seed should be taken off, as the greatest enemy the Asparagus has in the way of growth is weeds, and it is almost impossible to get clear of superfluous plants when once established. When this work is finished, cover the bed to the depth of three inches with coarse manure, which will not only enrich the soil, but it will keep out the frost, which is highly, essential.

The first work in the spring should be to remove all the covering except the fine manure, which should be carefully forked in, so that the crowns will not be injured by the prongs of the fork. Forking the beds should not be neglected, as the early admission of the sun and rain into the ground induces the plants to throw up shoots of superior size. Another step in the right direction is to keep the ground entirely free from weeds the entire season, as these take from the plants the strength required for their own growth and the Asparagus needs it all.

PRICES: One year, 100 50c; 1000 \$2.75. Two year, 100 80c; 1000 \$3.50.

Prices on application for smaller or larger lots than quoted above.

CONOVER'S COLLOSSAL. Large, rapid grower, productive and of very fine quality.

PALMETTO. Of Southern origin; a variety of excellent quality, hardy very large. All who have used it pronounce it very fine.

GIANT ARGENTEUIL. This variety is largely grown in France, and has become adapted to our soil and climate, is noted for its earliness, productiveness and immense size of stalks. Remarkably healthy.

BARR'S MAMMOTH. Early and very large; makes a rapid growth. A general favorite.

My plants are extra large. Samples will be sent if requested.

Big Asparagus From Whittman, Maryland

Specimens of big asparagus that were raised by John T. Howeth on his farm at Whittman, Maryland, were sent to the Sun office by him yesterday. The largest of the stocks measured about fourteen inches in length and about one and one-half inches in diameter at the solid end.

The above article appeared in the morning Sun of Baltimore, May 14, 1915.

The roots were bought of John W. Hall, Marion Station, Maryland, and were the Palmetto variety. If any person that receives this catalog has grown larger asparagus than Mr. Howeth we would be pleased to hear from them. It does not matter of whom you bought the plants.

April 19, 1916—Mr. J. T. Howeth, or Talbot Co., Md., writes: The asparagus roots received on Saturday and I think are the best I ever received from you, the best I ever used owing to the way they were packed they arrived in fine condition.

PLANT HALL'S IMPROVED SEED CORN FOR PERFECT STANDS AND A LARGE CROP.

We pride ourselves in having the finest lot of seed corn that we ever had to offer to our customers. I fully realize the importance of growing it to have a perfect and even stand. Our seed corn is never stored in the fall until it is in perfect condition for seed. The fodder is saved in the old fashion way, but never before the corn is fully matured. As seed corn is first consideration and after the fodder saved, the corn is allowed to stand in the field to have the full benefit of wind and sun, and when properly cured it is then husked by hand, stored for winter.

When the time comes in the spring for shipping the seed is again carefully selected, sorted, examined, as to vitality, butt and tip ends are shelled off before shelling and grading. Our seed corn is all shelled by hand as I have not found anything equal to hand shelled for seed.

The corn crop is getting to be such an important crop to grow, I want to impress upon your minds the very importance of a regular and uniform stand. You cannot have this without you have a good germinating seed. You run no risk in getting seed corn from HALL that will germinate 95 to 98% as I never have a single complaint along this line.

Of the many causes contributing to a poor stand, poor seed is the greatest cause after all.

The cost of a few choice seed is nothing to be compared with the extra yield you will get. The increased yield of one bushel per acre will pay for the seed. We select our seed corn in the field from the very best developed ears.

One bushel of seed will plant from 5 to 6 acres. Our crop was large and fine in quality. All seed corn sold by us is guaranteed to show a germination test of 98%, and to be as represented. The U. S. Laboratory germination test of Maryland Twin Corn furnished by me shows a germination test of 100 per cent. If not satisfactory when received it can be returned at once, at my expense and money paid for it will be returned, otherwise it will be mutually considered between buyer and seller that goods are satisfactory.

Seed Corn on Ears can be furnished if wanted, price on application.

Headquarters for Hall's Improved Maryland Twin Corn—The Largest Yielding Corn Grown and a Prize Winner.

The wonderful Maryland Twin has again produced with me the magnificent crop of 90 bushels of shelled corn per acre in 1916; in 1910, 110 bushels per acre; in 1911, 96 bushels per acre; in 1912, 112% bushels per acre; in 1913, 100 bushels per acre; the 1916 crop was exceedingly fine, under the circumstances instead of 90 bushels of shelled corn per acre I think I would have gotten 115 to 125 bushels per acre. If every thing had been favorable when I planted this corn, it came up fine as weather conditions was favorable, but after a few days weather turned cool and the bud worms commenced to kill it and I had to replant it three times. Every corn grower knows the replanted corn will not produce like the first planting hence the short crop and it looked as though one time I would have a very poor crop; weather conditions turned more favorable and after all the insect trouble I had 90 bushels per acre. This was no guess work about the yield of this corn. Both the corn and the land was measured, the plot of land contained 1 1/2 acres and only 2 bags of fertilizer used on this plot of land.

The foliage is abundant, leaves thick, broad and long; makes more fodder, by one third, and of the finest quality than any other variety of corn

I have yet seen. **Unexcelled for Ensilage.** It grows from 10 to 12 feet high and has from 2 to 4 ears on a single stalk. Ears from 7 to 11 inches long. The kernels are a nice, even, size, medium hard, good keeper, an excellent corn for milling—the meal from this corn being of the very finest quality—and unexcelled for making corn flakes of any kind. The ears have from 14 to 18 rows of deep kernels around a small white cob. It will grow well on light or heavy land. Stalks strong and will mature in 110 days.

This corn shells and weighs better than other corn. 4 bushels of ears even full when shelled will make one bushel of shelled corn that weighs 60 pounds.

When I first commenced to grow and sell this Maryland Twin Corn for seed some of my customers told me the only fault the ears were not up to the standard in size and length, since I have been growing and carefully selecting this corn in the field for seed, before gathering, using the finest select ears. I have been suprised at results. If you could see the seed corn I have stored for seed for the spring of 1917, instead of short medium ears you will find as fine a lot of seed corn as you wish to see, both in length and size of ears. Price 40c per quart, postpaid; by express or freight 25c per quart. \$1.25 per peck, \$2.00 per $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel, \$3.50 per bushel, \$6.25 for 2 bushels sacks free.

THE BOONE COUNTY WHITE CORN. This is a popular and satisfactory corn wherever grown. The ears contain 18 to 20 rows, ears long and holds its size well from butt to tip. It has white cobs of medium size, the kernels are nearly white, very deep which shows a large percentage of shelled corn. Fodder is abundant and to make excellent fodder it has a good strong growing stock and is a prize winner and is classed as one of the best early maturing large yielding white corn. After growing both Colliers, Excelsior and Boone County White, I like the Boone County much the best. My seed corn came from prize-winning stock, and our stock of seed of this corn is exceedingly fine.

Price 40c per quart, postpaid by express or freight 25c, \$1.00 per peck, \$1.75 per $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel, \$3.00 per bushel, \$5.50 for 2 bushels. Sacks free.

IMPROVED FARMERS' FAVORITE GOLDEN DENT CORN. Light golden color and one of the best varieties of yellow corn ever grown. The cob carries a large amount of corn, the butts and tips are practically well covered with long, broad grains, grows very rapid and makes excellent ensilage. The ears are from 8 to 11 inches long, with 16 to 20 rows. The ears are large, the grain deep and broad. Cob red, medium size, ears are well set, 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet above ground. By careful selection we have bred out the barren stalk and a large percentage of the stalks have two ears. This corn, with a favorable season and soil will produce 80 to 100 bushels of shelled corn per acre. Produces a good crop on medium soils. I sold all the seed I had of this variety last season and every customer was satisfied. Don't hesitate to send your orders, for the more you plant of this variety the better you will like it. Matures in 85 to 90 days. Peck, 75c; bu., \$2.50 2 bu., \$4.50. Sacks free.

Prizes for Hall's Maryland Twin Corn Contest for 1917

I will award December 15, 1917 the following prizes to corn planters open to all.

First Prize—For largest yield of shelled corn on one acre \$15.00.

Second Prize—For second largest yield of corn on one acre \$10.00.

Third Prize—For third largest yield of corn on one acre \$5.00.

Only those who purchase Hall's Maryland Twin Corn direct from me in 1917 may enter the contest, the said acres of land and the corn both must be measured and certified by two persons. Try for the prizes and break my record. Boys' Corn Clubs should plant this corn.

HEALTH AND VIGOR IS THE FOUNDATION OF SUCCESS IN POULTRY RAISING.

Whether you want to start in the poultry business or introduce new blood in your flock. Vim, vigor and vitality is the corner stone of success. There does not seem to be any questioning the statement that infertile weaklings and poor hatches can all be traced to lack of vigor in the stock that produces the eggs. White diarrhea which is detrimental to raising young chickens comes from the hen that lays the eggs. The report is that 50 per cent of young chickens hatched die with White diarrhea. We claim vigor and vitality for our birds excelled by none. As we lost no young chickens with white diarrhea or any other contagious disease during the spring of 1916 vitality seems to be but little understood and it is difficult to those who do not understand. It seems strange that the one road to success leads through a careful selection of a single breed and the concentration of breeding them for improvement.

17 years ago I commenced to breed the Barred Plymouth Rocks, and I have never had any temptation nor desire to change from this breed, I have long since come to the conclusion, fortunate indeed and my admiration and the beauty of this particular breed led me to adopt it each year as my strain increases in beauty and efficiency I am proud that I adopted this, the greatest of all varieties. If you have been breeding Barred Plymouth Rocks successfully, you have the best all around bird that is to be had today, the demand for Barred Rocks is greater than for any other breed.

More money can be made in breeding Barred Plymouth Rocks both in the fancy and utility branches than any other breed. If you have a right kind of Barred Rocks. A more hardy and vigorous fowl than Barred Rocks has never been found. My customers write me that I have such a fine laying strain of Barred Rocks. If you watch the egg laying contest all over the country you will find the Barred Rocks among the very biggest. I chose this bird because I liked them and on account of their popularity and demand for choice Barred Rocks. As well as price which is constantly advancing we never have birds enough, demand is so great. Chicken lice are very troublesome to many chicken raisers. The best preventive is a plenty of sunshine, ventilation and cleanliness. I am happy to say that we are not bothered with lice.

A number of breeders have several different pens. I can give you just as good stock from my 60 acre free range.

I sell you eggs from my very best matings; shipped in light, strong baskets to go safe at any distance by express or parcels post. I ship nice, fresh, well-formed, fertile eggs, and guarantee a satisfactory hatch, when properly handled. When this is not obtained we will duplicate your order at half price. I have not had over one per cent of my orders to duplicate in the 17 years. The reason for this phenomenal success is that the greatest care has been exercised in selecting choice, fertile eggs and packing for a satisfactory hatch. It matters not where you live, send me your order and get a fine hatch and as fine birds as you ever had for double the money. If at anytime you should want any birds and will tell me as near as possible what you want I will ship what I think will suit you, and after receiving them and giving them a test you are not satisfied, you may send them back to me and I will refund your money, less express charges. You are running no risk of getting what you do not want. I shall in all instances endeavor to give full value for every dollar sent me.

I keep only one breed on my home farm, and they are Hall's famous strain of Ringlet Barred Rocks. I have been raising them exclusively for the past 17 years. The other breeds herein described, White Leghorns and Rhode Island are on separate farms. These strains have been bred for heavy laying in the cold winter months when eggs are highest. Baby chicks for sale this spring of Ringlet Barred Rocks.

SINGLE C. WHITE LEGHORNS. This breed is positively the most popular of the special egg producers. The stock I offer is from the best noted strain. Selected eggs, \$1.50 for 15; \$2.50 for 30; \$6.00 per 100.

SINGLE C. RHODE ISLAND REDS. Hardy and vigorous, they mature quick, good winter layers, and healthy. This is distinctly an American utility breed. Stock and eggs from the best blood. Selected eggs, \$2.00 per 15; \$3.00 per 30; \$7.00 per 100.

Hall's Superb Ringlet

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS



BARRED ROCK

From Exhibition stock since my 1916 Catalog was printed we have exhibited at two large shows and won the prize in both shows. Barred Plymouth Rocks are my specialty. My birds show careful breeding and true to type of Ringlet ancestors. I improve my stock from year to year from the best blood lines of Ringlet Barred Rocks, to keep up vigor. You need new blood, just such as I can furnish you to strengthen and build up your flock. My birds are prolific layers all the year round. They have perfect health, shape and color. My customers testify to the high quality of my birds. They are the kind that put money in your pockets. My mateings this year are the best I ever had. You cannot get better stock than I will furnish you for double the price I charge. No other breed so large and handsome nor easier to

rear, will lay all the year along if given the proper care and attention. They are more profitable as a market breed than any other and as a table fowl they are unexcelled. They thrive anywhere and make plump bodies in eight or ten weeks. My birds have conditional vigor, health and stamina. My motto: "First Quality then Quantity. The beauty of a Bird is what we see. My birds have wonderful narrow even barring from head to tip. **Right Blue Color** which is considered ideal and carries with it sound qualities and proper barring. My cockerels show very fine straight barring, well spaced and cleanly barred surface, grand and even head combs and eyes fine. I am proud of my birds; they are Ideal Barred Rocks, type and shape. By keeping the one breed, they have full range on the farm, therefore they are vigorous and healthy. While show birds have been my first consideration, breeding utility qualities have not been neglected. They are excellent layers of rich large eggs. My birds are shaped well, with good length of back, breast deep, forms compact, combs small and finely set, legs of a bright yellow. At maturity the cockerels weigh from 9 to 11 pounds, hens from 7 to 9 pounds. They have been culled until nothing remains but typical specimens of the breed. I have secured a fine type, large size and display of vigor, sometimes lacking in Thoroughbred Stock. It is better to buy a setting of eggs from a yard in which all of the birds are of excellent quality rather than from a yard in which one or two of the birds are of phenomenal merit. Get eggs this spring to raise prize winners for next winter shows. Price of eggs: \$2.50 for 15; \$4.00 for 30; \$5.00 for 50; \$10.00 for 100.

IF I CAN PLEASE OTHERS I CAN PLEASE YOU

Dec. 15, 1916—Mrs. B. A. Hinkle, of Greensbrier Co., West Va., writes: The Ringlet Barred Rock Eggs bought of you this spring one was cracked when I received them and I got eight chickens out of the balance of the eggs and raised them all, 5 roosters and 3 pullets one of the roosters is an exceptionally fine one. The bars are so fine and he has such nice yellow legs, in fact I am well pleased with my purchase. I have been raising Barred Rocks for twenty years and wanted to add some new blood in my flock.

Oct. 9, 1916—Mr. A. B. Gardiner, of Charles Co., Md., writes: The two Ringlet Barred Rock Cockerels were received O. K. They are fine birds and I am pleased with them.

Feb. 28, 1916—M. C. W. Stonestreet, of Charles Co., Md., writes: The Ringlet Barred Rock Cockerel arrived safely and I like him very much when fully matured I am sure he will be a splendid specimen.

Feb. 9, 1916—Mr. Burnard Murphy, of Prince George, Co., Md., writes: Will you please send catalog for 1917. The Ringlet Barred Rock Cockerels I bought from you some time ago pleased me very much, all of my neighbors think they are beautiful. They have grown very much since I received them. Nothing like the same money could buy them.

July 8, 1916—E. L. Barker, of Sussex Co., Del., writes: I am pleased with the 10 Ringlet Barred Rock pullets you shipped, they are laying fine your stock is surely fine.

Dec. 29, 1916—Mr. G. W. Howard, of Green Co., N. Y., writes: The 3 Ringlet Barred Rock Cockerels arrived today, I think they are fine ones thanking you for sending me such nice ones.

FARMS FOR SALE.

Our farm of 94 acres 3 miles from Marion Station, Md., nicely situated, state road crosses one end of the farm and county road on the other side, and a public school just across the state road, 50 acres of cleared land, balance in woods.

A valuable Farm for sale of 196 acres; 125 in cleared land, in good state of cultivation; 46 acres in meadow. This is a fine farm; can be used for a truck or dairy farm. A good roomy dwelling, built out of the very best material; good stock and hay barn, and other outbuildings; good fruit; good water; convenient to railroad station and steamboat landing. This farm will be sold cheap. The reason for selling, the owner too old to work farm of this size.

Either large or small farms for sale; no better farming country in the world. In a mild, healthful climate, especially adapted to all kinds of small fruits and all kinds of stock; fine for wheat, corn and grain and dairying; railroad and steamboat transportation from every point on the Peninsula.

J. W. HALL,
Marion Station, Maryland.

Being on the line of the N. Y. P. & N. R. R., I have unsurpassed facilities for prompt and safe shipments North, East, South and West. I always obtain the very lowest shipping rates for my customers.

FARMERS BANK OF SOMERSET COUNTY

MARION STATION, MD., JANUARY 1, 1917.

To Whom it May Concern:

We unhesitatingly recommend Mr. John W. Hall, as an experienced Nurseryman, perfectly reliable, and we believe any stock purchased of him will be found as represented and true to name. Our business relations with him have been entirely satisfactory through the many years he has been dealing with us. We believe him to be an honorable man in all of his dealings. We take great pleasure in recommending him to anyone desiring to purchase SEED, PLANTS or POULTRY.

Very respectfully yours,

ADEN DAVIS, Jr., Cashier.

Certificate of Nursery Inspection

No. 22.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY. That on the 28th day of July, 1916, we examined the Nursery Stock of J. W. Hall, growing in his nurseries at Marion, County of Somerset, State of Maryland, in accordance with the laws of Maryland, 1898, Chapter 289, Section 58, and that said nurseries and premises are apparently free, so far as can be determined by inspection, from the San Jose Scale, Peach Yellows, Pear Blight and other dangerously injurious insect pests and plant diseases.

This Certificate is invalid after August 1st, 1917, and does not include nursery stock not grown within this State, unless such Stock is previously covered by Certificate and accepted by the State Entomologist and State Pathologist.

Thomas B. Symons, State Entomologist.

C. E. Gemple, State Pathologist.

College Park, Md., August 25, 1916.

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ORDERING.

Terms, Etc. Payments in advance. In ordering please be sure to write name and address plainly, postoffice, county, express office, and state by what method or route you prefer having goods shipped.

Order Early. Please send in orders early—the earlier the better.

Substitutes. In case I should be out of any variety ordered, patrons should state whether or not I can substitute other varieties just as good, in place of those ordered. When no instructions accompany order, I shall feel at liberty to substitute other varieties as nearly similar as possible, to have equal or greater value. When parties are unknown to me, orders should be accompanied by one-fourth cash, balance when you want stock shipped. Of course, in all cases I shall do my best to please.

Our Shipping Season. We can get stock out in good time for Southern trade during the mild weather in winter, at any time as late as the 10th of May for Northern customers.

By Express or Freight means that we deliver the stock to express or railroad here, and the purchaser pays all the transportation charges on receipt of goods. No charge for packages. If there is no freight agent at your station, all of the charges must be prepaid before shipment. Therefore cash should be sent with the order to cover these charges. Large orders of plants should go by express, small orders delivered at your door by parcels post, by freight at purchaser's risk.

When to Order. To make sure of getting just what you want, just as soon as you get this catalog, read it carefully, then make out your order while it is fresh on your mind and send it to me. Stock will then be reserved for you and shipped when directed. Orders acknowledged when received and forwarded as soon as weather permits. If I cannot fill your order, I will return your money promptly.

Express Rates. Plants and seeds are now taken by express companies at a reduction averaging about 20% from regular rates for merchandise. A certificate of inspection will be attached to every shipment.

How Best to Remit. By registered letter, bank draft, check to my order, postoffice money order, on Marion Station, Md., express money order or by postage stamps taken for fractional parts of a dollar, one and two cent ones preferred.

We Guarantee that all seeds, plants or other goods shall reach our customers safely and in good condition. All plants and seeds to be true to name. I will replace, free of charge any plants found otherwise, but in no case will I be responsible for damages beyond the first cost of plants. Millions of choice plants that will grow.

It is acknowledged that the strawberry is the king of small fruits, and it is at home everywhere. No gardener should fail to have some. It has become one of the most profitable branches of farming. The demand for fruit continues to grow and there is not any danger of the business being overdone.

My plants are grown from plants that are not allowed to fruit. I have the blossoms removed as they appear, hence the vigor is retained which produces strong, healthy plants that live and produce large crops of big, red berries.

My plants are all fresh dug at time of shipping, as I do not dig until ordered. In digging I take up the entire row, discarding the mother plant, and such as are not well rooted, and nothing but fine, healthy, live plants, true to name, are sent out.