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**Strawberry and
Raspberry Plants**

Grown by **C. E. CHAPMAN**

North Stonington,

Connecticut

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INTRODUCTORY

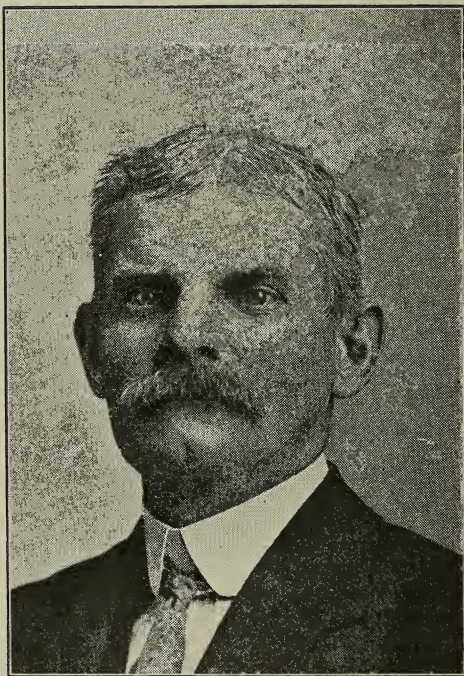
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I TAKE this opportunity of thanking my many customers of the past for their liberal patronage and the many kind words of encouragement received from them. It will be my constant study in the future as it has been in the past to try and give perfect satisfaction to my old as well as new customers, who intrust their orders to me, as my success, I feel confident, depends wholly on the satisfaction I may be able to give my patrons.

My customers may rest assured that all orders sent me will be as carefully filled as if they were here in person.

While I do not claim that I grow better plants than anyone else, I do claim that they are better than some and as good as any, and will give all patrons the same treatment that I would ask for myself.



C. E. CHAPMAN
Who Grows these Fine Plants

GENERAL INFORMATION

SHIPPING SEASON begins in April and extends to about May 20.

Packing for shipment is done with great care.

Strawberry plants are trimmed of dead leaves and runners, roots straightened and tied in bunches of twenty-five, and labelled so there can be no mistake. Those sent by parcel post are first wrapped in oiled paper with an outer covering of strong wrapping paper, sufficient live, damp moss being used in all cases to prevent drying out.

Plants by parcel post a specialty, but large orders must be sent by express.

Orders booked any time if part of purchase price is sent with order and balance before shipment. Remittances may be made in any way that is most convenient.

No plants sent C. O. D.

Give explicit shipping directions with every order.

Telephone connection.

STRAWBERRIES

It is not necessary to take up much space in telling what a desirable fruit the strawberry is. Everyone knows that it is the queen of all the small fruits and of more importance than any of the others, both for the home garden and for market-growing. I have no room in this catalog to give directions on the culture of berries, but would recommend those who wish information on the subject to get Farmer's Bulletin, No. 198, entitled "Strawberries" and No. 213, entitled "Raspberries", published by U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., both of which are interesting and practical whether you wish to grow for the home garden or market. Apply to your Congressman or Senator or direct to the Dept. of Agriculture. They are sent free. Varieties with imperfect flowers must have a perfect flowered variety every fourth or fifth row to pollenize their blossoms. The Abington is the best one for this as its blossoms are rich in pollen and it blooms over a long season. Golden Gate is another good pollenizer. My advice to all is to stick pretty closely to the old standards, those that have made a reputation, such as Abington, Glen Mary, Haverland, Bubach, Golden Gate, Sample, Dickey, trying the others of the newer varieties in a small way at first, remembering the old adage, "An old servant is the best servant," and though **they** may fail sometimes, they are safer to depend on than those whose reputation is not fully established.

Another point I wish to make and that is that northern grown plants are worth much more for northern planting than southern grown. I think every grower with experience will say the same.

Prices—The prices of all varieties of strawberry plants except where noted will be as follows:—25 for 35c; 50 for 60c; 100 for 90c; post paid. Not paid: 25 for 30c; 50 for 40c; 100 for 75c; 500 for \$2.00; 1,000 for \$4.00.

Not less than 25 strawberry plants of one variety sold.

ABINGTON—Perfect flowers. From Massachusetts with a record that was hard to believe and harder to sustain, but it convinced the unbelieving by field tests everywhere. Sent out to displace Bubach and to pollinize Sample. Hasn't done the former yet but is the best pollinizer for Sample and as good for Haverland as I know anything about. Begins to ripen about the same time and the berries may be crated with either of those well known kinds without disparagement to either. A good, strong grower in plant, making plenty of runners for a good bed. Berries firm and fine looking; a good seller and a heavy bearer. You may plant Abington with confidence. Begins to ripen second early and makes a long season. I do not think there is a longer season berry in cultivation. The past season we picked berries for market for four weeks from Abington. Bears well on any soil but favors a sandy or gravelly loam.

BUBACH—Imperfect flowers. One of the oldest varieties on the list and has been very popular. It is among the large varieties. It demands a heavy soil and high fertilizing to do its best. It is not a heavy plant maker on any soil and is a failure on thin, dry soil. It is one of the heaviest bearers of large, fine colored, attractive, moderately firm berries when the conditions are just right.

Prices:—500 for \$2.50; 1,000 for \$5.00. Other prices same as given.

HVERLAND—Imperfect flowers. The Haverland strawberry has been before the public for thirty years. Originated in Ohio by the man whose name it bears. Everyone who knows anything about strawberries, knows the Haverland. The plant is a model in growth, never rusts and the fruit is large, firm and fine flavored, and one of the most productive in cultivation. Always a safe variety to plant and adapted to any soil except a wet, soggy one. Since its introduction there have been many varieties introduced with high sounding praises, but the most of them have filled an early grave while Haverland is still "on the

job" and delivering the goods. It is a great favorite with the commission men as it is a good shipper.

SAMPLE—Imperfect flowers. This well-known standard, originated in Massachusetts, is popular over a wide extent of country. One of the heaviest bearers on the list. A fine grower. Berries large and fine colored. Season of ripening about the same as Bubach or Haverland. Firm enough for a good shipper. It is so well known that an extended description is not necessary. Adapts itself to nearly all soils.

DICKEY—Perfect flowers. Originated by J. D. Gowing of Massachusetts, who also originated the Sample. It is one of the most thrifty growers in plant and the fruit is large deep red and fine quality, and productive. It has been claimed by some to be better than the Sample, but I hardly think it possible, nevertheless it is a **good** one. Best adapted to a sandy or gravelly loam.

GLEN MARY—Perfect flowers. This is too well known to need an extended description as it is very popular all over the northern and western states, but not in the south. It is one of the best sellers I have and I was sold out of this last Spring before the season was nearly over. The fruit is of the largest size and remains large to the end of the season, and the season is long. A heavy fruiter, and fine quality. This variety has the longest roots of any variety I have ever seen, which makes it better able to stand a drought than some others. Does best on well drained, sandy or gravelly loam.

GOLDEN GATE—Perfect flowers. This variety I fruited for the first time the past season, procuring my plants from the late Dr. F. E. Johnson of Mansfield Depot, Conn., in the Spring of 1914.

He considered it one of the best varieties and after fruiting it I agree with him. It is productive of very large, fancy berries of the best quality and very firm. The plants are model growers with a beautiful glossy foliage without any sign of rust. It demands good culture and

plenty of fertilizer and is best grown on a moist, heavy loam. No use to plant this class of berries on poor, light soil as they will not succeed there.

BARRYMORE—This is the only variety I am offering that I have not fruited. It originated in Massachusetts in 1908. It was exhibited at the Horticultural show in Boston in three different classes and won the first prize in each class and a silver medal for the best berry, in the strongest competition ever seen in Boston. I procured my plants of this from a friend in Massachusetts—a man who grows large quantities of strawberries. He says it is the best fancy, perfect flowered variety he has, bringing 2 to 3 cents more per quart than common berries in a market that does not pay much more for extra fruit. The fruit is large and handsome and it is a good producer. I have not seen the fruit myself but I haven't a handsomer plant or better grower in my whole collection. It is best adapted to heavy soil. I have great confidence in this and shall set it largely myself for fruit and I advise my friends to try it.

REWASTICO—Perfect flowers. New. Introduced by W F. Allen of Maryland who introduced the Chesapeake. He gives it much praise, comparing it with Chesapeake. It is doubtless all right in Maryland, but I advise New England growers to go slow with it. It is a good plant maker, but the fruit as grown here the past season, was small and very sour. It needs further trial. I think a moist soil is best adapted to it. Mid-season in ripening.

PEARL—Perfect flowers. New; late. The Rural New Yorker of Sept. 5, 1914, gave a good description of this variety which is so near as I have found it that I will quote in part from it. It says: "This variety is one of the later or newer introductions. The plant seems entirely healthy, is a strong grower, a good cropper and a good plant maker. It is supposed to be a seedling of Gandy, but is of more robust growth, much more prolific and somewhat

later. The berries average quite large, irregular in form. Not firm enough for long shipment but the high quality makes it a desirable variety for the home garden or nearby market." I will add to the above that I have fruited it two seasons in a small way with great satisfaction. No rates above hundreds.

KELLOGG'S PRIZE. New. Imperfect flowers. Introduced by the Kellogg Company of Michigan as one of the best. I fruited it last season for the first time and was quite pleased with it. It is said to be large in size but here it was only medium in size, but the color and quality are fine; good producer, vines healthy. Begins to ripen in late mid-season and holds on till very late.

HANSBACH BEAUTY—New; late. Perfect flowers. Of the Gandy type, but is a better grower here and the berries are better colored and more productive, and equally as large. A very thrifty grower of large plants.

CHESAPEAKE—Perfect flowers. Late. This aristocrat of the strawberry family has them all beaten for beauty, equals any in quality and is among the largest in size, cone shaped smooth, bright red, glossy color, moderately productive. Makes few plants but they are large and strong. This variety is not profitable for the plant grower but all right for the fruit grower who caters to a fancy market and will delight the amateur who wants the best to be had. Genuine plants will always be high in price compared with ordinary sorts. Will do best on rich loam soil and needs high culture. I have as yet been unable to supply all who wanted it, but hope to this year. Prices:— 25 for 45c; 50 for 75c; 100 for \$1.00. post paid. Not paid: 25 for 40c; 50 for 60c; 100 for 85c; 500 for \$3.00.

WARREN—New. Mid-season. Perfect flowers. Originated by the late S. H. Warren of Massachusetts who for sixty years was a strawberry grower, and originated and introduced a number of varieties. He considered this the best one of them all. I fruited it in a

small way the past summer and was pleased with it. The fruit is large and colors all over and the quality is of the very best. The plants are large, but it is not a heavy plant maker, about like the Bubach. Indeed, it reminds me of Bubach in some ways. The foliage is very dark green; fruit stems short. The plants are larger than Bubach. This is a fancy variety and I think would be profitable for fancy market and please the amateur grower. Needs high culture and strong, heavy soil. No prices above hundreds.

EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES

The only difference between these and the standards is, these fruit in the summer and fall the first season they are set, and the standards do not. The only difference in the culture, cut off the blossoms until about four weeks before you want them to fruit. They will then fruit until the ground freezes in the fall. They are unique as a garden proposition and will please all who try them. If you want strawberry shortcake or strawberries and cream in the fall you can have them if you set these.

There are two varieties that are considered most at the present time. These are Progressive and Superb. The Progressive is by far the more productive as a fall bearer, but the Superb is some larger and the quality of both is fine. Of course these fruit the second season the same as the standards but the standards are best for the main crop. If setting only one variety of the fall bearers to fruit the first season, Progressive will give the most satisfaction. The Superb will be more satisfactory the second season to fruit at the regular time. The Progressive will pay to grow for the full crop alone.

Editor Collingwood, the Hope Farm man of the Rural New Yorker, says in the Hope Farm Notes of the Rural New Yorker of Sept. 25, 1915: "Every garden should have some of these everbearers." I agree with him and so will everyone who trys them.

Prices—Superb: 25 for 50c; 50c for 75c; 100 for \$1.25, post paid. Not paid: 25 for 40c; 50 for 70c; 100 for \$1.10; 500 for \$4.00; 1,000 for \$8.00.

Progressives: 25 for 75c; 50 for \$1.00; 100 for \$1.75, post paid. Not paid: 25 for 65c; 50c for 85c; 100 for \$1.50; 500 for \$5.00; 1,000 for \$10.00.



RASPBERRIES

RED

ST. REGIS—St. Regis Everbearing (so-called)—much advertised, but not much merit that I have been able to discern. I have only a few plants and shall set no more. Price: dozen for 25c. paid. Not paid, dozen 15c.

KING RED—The standard early red raspberry. Fine grower in cane, productive, good quality, bright in color, firm, good seller, equally as fine for home use. As compared with Cuthbert, is ready for market a week or ten days earlier, when prices are high—lasts nearly as long and sells equally as well, and in hardiness of cane, equals any in cultivation. Prices: dozen 35c; 25 for 60c; 50 for \$1.00, paid. Not paid: dozen 25c; 25 for 50c; 50 for 75c; 100 for \$1.50; 500 for \$5.00; 1,000 for \$10.00.

PLUM FARMER BLACK—This is the best of the black raspberries. It easily leads all the others. Strong grower, healthy canes, makes many laterals, insuring plenty of fruiting wood. Enormous bearer of big, firm, meaty berries, that are good for home use and market. Prices: dozen 40c; paid. Not paid, dozen 30c; 25 for 50c; 50 for 80c; 100 for \$1.50; 500 for \$6.00; 1 000 for \$12.00.

ROYAL PURPLE—I have fruited this once. It is the heaviest bearer of any raspberry I ever saw and fruited for six weeks. Purple raspberries are not good sellers in the market, because people do not like their color, and do not know the quality, but for the home garden they are nice, good for the table, and for canning they excel all others. This, I believe, to be the best purple raspberry in cultivation. I have only a small stock of it. It propagates from the tips, the same as black caps. I would like to have my customers try it for the home garden and in order to encourage them to do this I make the following offer: All who try it and are not satisfied can have their money back. Not over twenty-five to a customer. Prices: dozen, paid 50c; 25 for 75c. Not paid, dozen for 40c; 25 for 60c.

TESTIMONIALS

Houlton, Aristook County, Me., May 3, 1915.

The plants arrived today in the midst of an old-fashioned Down East snow storm, with prospects of a blizzard to follow, but all will soon be over and the ground will be warm and dry again in a few days, when the plants can be set out, and I have no doubt will all grow, as they look as fresh and green as though just dug out of the ground.

G. F. Merritt

I was anxious to know how the plants succeeded after arriving in such bad weather, and I wrote Mr. Merritt the first of October a letter of inquiry and received the following reply:

Houlton, Me., Oct. 12, 1915

Yours received. All the plants I got of you did fine. They were received in a very cold, stormy time, but I took good care of them, and every one lived.

The above ought to be sufficient evidence that Connecticut plants are hardy.

White Rock, R. I., May 3, 1915

Dear Sir—Received plants o. k. Please find inclosed, check for same.

Yours truly,
David Nason

Hartford, Conn., May 8, 1915

Dear Sir—Plants received o. k. Much pleased with strawberry plants.

Yours very truly,
A. P. Pitner

Westerly, R. I., April 30, 1915

Find inclosed order for raspberries and cash for the same. My strawberries are looking fine.

Respectfully yours
Mrs. John S. Chapell

This was Mrs. Chapell's second order.

Hampton Falls, N. H., April 19, 1915
Received plants in good condition.

Yours truly,
D. F. Batchelder

Pittsfield, Mass., Sept. 27, 1915

Dear Sir—Please send me, if not too late, the following order—. The plants that I received from you this spring have done fine.

Thanking you, I am respectfully,

Fred D. Butler.

Norwich Town, Conn., May 4, 1915

C. E. Chapman:

Dear Sir—Strawberry plants received Saturday in fine condition.

They are certainly fine plants and am very much pleased with them.

Yours truly,
A. M. Burgess

Maple Grove Poultry Plant
64 South St., Milford, N. H.
C. A. Baker, Proprietor

Milford, N. H., April 6, 1915

C. E. Chapman, North Stonington, Conn.,

Dear Sir—Your catalogue received and I am well pleased with your descriptions of the varieties you have. It looks to me as though you were giving them just what they deserved and not, for instance, trying to make St. Regis raspberries "one of the most wonderful products of modern science in propagating new varieties."

As near as I am able to judge, by what friends say who have tried it, you have it all right. Therefore, find inclosed check for 200 King Raspberry plants and hope it will prove all you claim for it.

Yours truly,
C. A. Baker
(See next letter)

He was pleased

Maple Grove Poultry Plant

Milford, N. H., Oct. 28, 1915

C. E. Chapman:

Dear Sir—The 200 King Raspberries I got from you in the spring are doing so well, I want to give your Everbearing Strawberries a try. Enclosed find check for same.

Yours truly,

C. A. Baker

Westerly, R. I., May 15, 1915

C. E. Chapman:

Dear Sir—Received the plants o. k.

Yours truly,

James W. Murphy

Jewett City, Conn., May 22, 1915

Dear Sir—The Strawberry plants I ordered arrived o. k.

Yours truly,

C. D. Babcock

Sunny Brook Farm

C. H. Caldwell, Prop.

R. F. D. 2, Bryantville, Mass.

C. E. Chapman:

Dear Sir—Enclosed find order. The last plants were fine.

Yours truly,

C. H. Caldwell

This was Mr. Caldwell's third order for plants.

Is This the Kind You Want?

Winsted, Conn., May 5, 1915

Dear Sir—I am sending you another order for 500 more Strawberry plants. As far as I could see your plants arrived as fresh as if they had just been taken from the ground. Don't believe I shall lose a single plant.

Yours truly,

G. W. Durst

W. T. Weir's Oak Grove Fruit Farm
One Hundred Acres in Orchards and Berries
Gladstone, Illinois

February 10, 1915

Mr. C. E. Chapman, North Stonington, Conn.

Dear Sir—Have received your catalogue, and admire your way of telling the truth about varieties. I was thinking some of trying the St. Regis Raspberry, but from what you say, do not believe I will try it. You and I agree exactly on the best raspberries—Plum Farmer and King.

Yours very truly,

W. T. Weir

Samuel E. Holdridge, Judge of Probate
Town of Ledyard

P. O. Norwich, Conn., R. F. D. No. 6

Dear Sir—The 800 Abington Strawberry plants, which I have received, are as fine plants as I ever bought. They have excellent roots and we did not find one crown broken. I am also inclosing check for 1500 more of different varieties.

Very truly yours,

Samuel E. Holdridge

South Windham, Conn., April 26, 1915

Mr. C. E. Chapman:

Dear Sir—Received the plants Friday in first-class condition. And to say we were pleased with them, is putting it rather mild, for they were certainly extra fine plants. Thanking you for your promptness and fair treatment, I remain,

Yours very truly,

E. W. Spencer

FINALLY

You will notice in the testimonials, I have given in all cases, the full P. O. address of each one, so you can write them if you care to. Most nurserymen, in giving testimonials, fail to give the P. O. address, so you could not write them if you wanted to. These testimonials are unsolicited with only one exception. I inquired of Mr. Merritt how the plants had done, which were received under such adverse conditions

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

No. 655

Date, Sept. 10, 1915

Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Certificate of Nursery Inspection

This is to certify that the nursery stock of C. E. Chapman, of North Stonington, Conn., has been duly examined in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 122, of the Acts of the General Assembly, January Session of 1901, and that it is apparently free from dangerously injurious insects and plant diseases. This certificate expires Sept. 1, 1916.

W. E. Britton, State Entomologist



The Utter Co., Printers, Westerly, R. I.