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ALLEN'S
CATALOGUE
OF
CHOICE STRAWBERRY PLANTS
AND OTHER SMALL FRUITS,
VEGETABLE SEEDS ETC.

W. F. ALLEN,
SALISBURY, MARYLAND.
**Nineteen Hundred and Eight**

A NOther milestone in life's journey has been passed and for the twenty-third time I am handing around my catalogue. First of all I want to thank everyone who so kindly entrusted their orders to me last year (1907). So generous was the patronage received that it was by far the most prosperous year I have ever experienced. My stock of strawberry plants was so large that I hardly expected to run short on more than one or two varieties, but before the season was over about twenty of the leading sorts were entirely sold out. **This year my plants are very fine, and my stock is larger than ever**. Everything in the standard varieties worth growing, and all of the promising new ones, are listed, making about 108 varieties of strawberries, all of my own growing—not "pedigree stock," but plants that are **true to name, vigorous and healthy**, which to careful, intelligent growers means far more than "pedigree" as applied to strawberry plants.

My facilities for handling your orders are better than ever before and second to none. I have recently completed a large and conveniently equipped packing house where we can handle in the best possible manner over 200,000 plants daily. In a wing to this building is our moss pit (a very important factor). We use the best selected Jersey moss, which is the cleanest and best to be had. We buy it by the car load, place in pit and moisten just right—not too wet nor too dry. This insures your plants to arrive in good condition, makes lighter packing and less express charges than when soggy wet moss is used.

I trust that my plants have given such universally good results the past season that the coming season of 1908 will eclipse the past one. I have the goods and the facilities for handling them. **May I have your orders?**

Again thanking you most cordially for past favors and trusting I may soon have the pleasure of serving you again, I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

W. F. ALLEN, Salisbury, Md.

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**Please Read This Twice**

I want your order for Strawberry Plants, but I want it at the right time, when I know that I can serve you equally as well as anyone, and better than a great majority in the business. **When is the right time?** Any time after November 1st until May 1st. March and April, the great planting season, almost our entire attention and that of over a hundred helpers is given up to filling plant orders, and we want to fill yours.

From May 1st to May 10th we will fill a limited number of orders on any stock that is unsold and put in the very best possible order, but at purchasers risk as to results.

After May 10th, during June, July, August, September and October before the 15th, **We most positively will not fill any orders for small fruit plants.** (This does not apply to vegetable plants).

We are willing to answer any questions during the summer months as promptly as possible, if written in a short letter and to the point. Long letters are subject to long delays. This notice was made necessary from the fact that we receive hundreds of orders for strawberry plants during the summer months when we have no plants in fit condition to transplant and when not one in ten could make even good plants grow if we could send them unless it were potted plants, which I do not grow at all. **Thanking you for your attention, I remain,**

Yours faithfully,

W. F. ALLEN, Salisbury, Md.
THIS IS IMPORTANT

ORDERS should be sent in just as early as possible—it is better for you as well as the nurseryman.

TIME OF SHIPMENT.—From the time you receive this catalog to May 1st. Our heaviest shipments are made in March and first half of April.

GUARANTEE.—I guarantee plants ordered by mail or express to reach customers in good condition when promptly taken from the express office and opened at once.

CLAIMS. if any, must be made on receipt of goods, as I can not become responsible for neglect of purchaser to attend to stock after received, or for misfortune perpetrated by drouths, floods or insects.

AT PURCHASER'S RISK.—Plants ordered to be shipped by freight after March 20th will be at purchaser's risk. Plants ordered to be shipped after May 1st are shipped in best possible condition, but always at purchaser's risk.

TRUE TO NAME.—While I use every precaution to have all stock true to name, and am sure that I am as successful in doing this, as anyone in the business, I will not be responsible for any sum greater than the cost of the stock, should any prove otherwise than represented.

PACKING.—I make no charge for boxing or packing at rates quoted in this catalogue. Everything is delivered f. o. b. trains at rates named. We do not charge one price for the plants and then extortion on our customers by charging them a big price on old boxes and barrels. In buying plants I have had very satisfactory prices quoted, and when the bill came there was quite a nice little profit charged up for packing, boxes, etc. When we go to our grocer and buy a barrel of flour for $5.00 we do not expect to pay an additional 25 cents for the barrel, and if we buy two pounds of sugar for 10 cents, we do not expect to pay 2 cents more for wrapping it up, and if such charges were made we would not go back to that grocer. Not so much that we would care for the amount of 2 cents for wrapping the sugar, or the 2 cents for the barrel, but we would not stand for the principal of paying the price quoted for an article and then having a lot of additional charges tacked on and why should we? The principle is the same when we are charged for the package in which our plants are packed. Our price includes the packing and the package.

TWENTY-FIVE'S—All plants are tied twenty-five in a bundle.

PAYMENT.—Invariably cash in advance.

REMIT by Money Order, Registered Letter or Draft. Postage stamps for the fractional part of a dollar accepted; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 15 cents preferred. Foreign customers will please send Money Order on Salisbury, Md.

DO YOU KNOW of two or three persons who buy plants and seeds and want the best of everything? If so, they are the people that I should like very much to get acquainted with. Their names and address on a postal, or enclosed with your order, addressed to W. F. Allen, Salisbury, Md., would serve as an introduction. Will you attend to it? Now please don't forget it.

The Most Liberal Prizes Ever Offered For

NEW VARIETIES

$200.00 For the Best Dozen Strawberry Plants
$100.00 For Second Best Dozen Strawberry Plants

These prizes are offered for the best dozen plants all points considered. It does not matter whether the varieties are early, medium or late, the most valuable ones will receive the prizes. The only conditions are that the varieties winning the prizes must be new varieties that have never been introduced. (That is no plants having been sold, or otherwise disposed of, at time prizes are awarded.) Anyone can compete with one or more varieties, not to exceed five kinds from one person. When sending plants be sure to write your name and address plainly on the outside of each package so that I may be sure who it is from. Make all correspondence short, and write plainly. When plants are received each lot will be numbered and that number written opposite the name and address of the sender and when the selection is made it will be made by the numbers, without any knowledge as to who sent the plants until after the awards are made, then I will go to my records and see who sent the lucky numbers and pay the prizes accordingly. Everything shall be absolutely fair. The prizes will be awarded immediately after the fruiting season of June, 1919, and all plants not capturing a prize will be destroyed, absolutely, unless I have written instructions from the sender not to do so. All plants should be sent as soon after March 1st, by mail or express prepaid, and packed in moss. No plants should be sent after May 1st, but as much sooner as possible. SEND 12 GOOD PLANTS OF EACH VARIETY AND NO MORE. I hope that my offer may be attractive enough for many to compete for it, and I shall be glad to hear from those who intend doing so. As to my reputation for living up to my contracts and my financial ability to do so, I refer you to any commercial agency or any business man in this city. Address plainly,

W. F. ALLEN, Salisbury, Md.
W. F. Allen’s Plant and Seed Catalogue, Salisbury, Md.

**CHESAPEAKE.**—This new berry was first offered by me in very small quantities in 1903. It was originated almost in sight of the Chesapeake Bay, from which it takes its name. It is one of the results of the $100,000 prize offer which I have been making several years for the best dozen plants. This variety easily took the premium, although there were over a hundred in competition with it. Many of which were really good. This variety is as late as the Gandy and more productive. Furthermore, it will thrive and bear an elegant crop on soil entirely too light to produce good Gandy berries. It is equal to the Gandy in size, superior to it in firmness and shipping qualities, and in eating qualities the Gandy is no comparison. In flavor it ranks with William Belt, Brunette and others of that class. Therefore, in the Chesapeake we have attained to a greater degree than in any other variety three of the strongest points that go to make up a valuable commercial berry—these are firmness, quality and lateness. When these good points are added to the fact that it is of uniformly large size, very attractive in appearance and being one of the most healthy and vigorous growers, puts it nearer perfection than has yet been reached by any other berry, and I can conscientiously say that if it succeeds in other sections as it does here it is the best strawberry in the world today. I fruited over two acres the past season and the berries were mostly all shipped to Boston, with the exception of a few samples crates to New York. In every instance they brought the top market price, selling one week straight at seventeen cents, which was from two to three cents more than the best Gandy berries were bringing at the same time. Every one who saw it, both growers and dealers in the fruit, were very enthusiastic. The plant is a strong, upright grower with thick, leathery and very dark green foliage; leaves are almost round and entirely free from rust. The stems or fruit stalks are upright and unusually strong, holding almost the entire crop from the ground. This variety, in addition to its other good qualities, is unusually easy to pick, and therefore very attractive to pickers, making it easier to get them handled than any other variety. Two of my boys the past season, one 15 years old, picked 201 quarts in one day, and the other 11 years old, picked 128 quarts, and this in a patch that had no special care above the ordinary field culture, that were grown in soil of only moderate fertility and no fertilizer whatever. One large operator at this place, who has several hundred acres grown for him on contract every year, who has been planting large quantities of Gandy herebefore, has been watching the Chesapeake very closely and says he will use it in the future altogether instead of the Gandy. The plants are still very scarce and the price somewhat higher than most varieties in third year, and yet I doubt very much that it will be possible to fill all the orders, as I shall need $5,000 for my own individual use. I advise all my customers to endeavor to get a few plants; if only a hundred, as I know you will be pleased with them. Those who procured it last season are very fortunate indeed. It is one of the few new varieties that has come to stay, and in a very short time will be a standard all over the country.

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**TRY ME AGAIN.**

Hocking Co., Ohio, May 8, 1907.

W. F. Allen—Dear Sir—I received the Strawberry Plants Saturday afternoon, May 4. in good condition, for which please accept thanks.

Yours truly,

George Eliz.
CARDINAL.—The demand for this plant last spring was so great that before I knew it every plant was dug up and shipped away, although I intended to leave some for fruiting, and therefore I cannot give you my personal description of the variety, except that it is a fine growing, healthy plant. I clip the following from my 1906 catalogue:

In the spring of 1905 I bought 100 plants of the Cardinal; 25 of them were delayed in transit and practically of no value, leaving me only about 75 good plants with which to make a start. These were given somewhat better attention than the average, and they produced about 12,000 plants that were very large and showed great vigor. Anyone cannot fail to see that a large, stalky plant that will make 12,000 plants from 75 in one season, or almost 200 to the plant, is exceptionally vigorous. These plants, being propagated for plants only, were not set near any perfect flowering variety, and consequently not much in the way of fruit could be expected on the few plants that were left. There were, however, quite a number of clusters which showed quality, firmness and beauty. My opinion is that this variety is all that has been claimed for it, and I will give below the description written by those who are more familiar with the berry. George J. Streator, the originator, says:

"In 1906, while working in one of my gardens, which was used alternately for strawberries and vegetables, and in which self-sown seedlings were common, one of them showed remarkable proportions. The seed and second leaves were of unusual size. It was a little giant among the seedlings; it seemed a little prize then; it has proved a great prize since. Fruiting with a lot of promising seedlings the next season, it surpassed them all. It was the largest and most vigorous plant. The leaves were large and healthy, making a superb lung system for a plant. A great truss of beautiful bright red berries pushed through the foliage on a stem of remarkable size: the firm, solid berries were of ideal shape, large and firm, with quality of pronounced flavor. The plant matured all. After fruiting, the mother plant showed uncommon vitality in the large number of strong pink runners that made a great cluster of plants. Autumn set plants of these, in comparison with a score of the old kinds and best new ones, showed great superiority. The superior size of the plants, the power to produce runners, the size of the fruit and its great productiveness, makes it a giant among strawberries, and for a time was called Gigantic, but from its color it was afterwards called Cardinal."

A. W. Clark, a noted grower of Providence, R. I., speaks of it as follows:

"The Cardinal produces the most beautiful clusters of berries I have ever seen, during 35 years that I have grown strawberries. They were shown in the window of one of my customers on a principal street in the city, where crowds of people halted to admire them. At our Rhode Island exhibition I was awarded for the Cardinal first prize for best new variety, first prize for best quart, and the officers of the society were so much pleased with the Cardinal that they awarded me a Certificate of Merit for its large size, good flavor, productiveness, good color, and long bearing, it being the first time such a certificate had ever been given any strawberry by the society. My plants produced berries for three weeks, and the foliage now stands up 12 to 15 inches high, fresh and green."

The following I borrow from M. Crawford's catalogue:

Cardinal (Imp.)—Probably this has been more prominently before the public for the last two years than any other berry. It was originated, or rather discovered in 1896, by Mr. George J. Streator, a well-known Ohio horticulturist, now in California, and introduced two years ago by the Temple Company, of Culla, Ohio. We have been familiar with this splendid berry for four years, and our faith in it lives and grows. The plant is perfect, large and luxuriant, and yields a large number of runners, which take root readily and make strong plants. The leaves are smooth and handsome, and very large and thick, furnishing abundant shelter for the blooms and berries. The fruit is large, though not the largest, nearly round, obtusely pointed, and beautifully smooth and uniform. The color is a rich, brilliant red—no white or green tips—
OUR TESTIMONIALS.

Every one of them are gaudine and unsolicited. That’s why I appreciate them so much. I hope my readers will enjoy them too. I feel that the testimonials of others have added a new dimension to my work. I will be happy to share them with you.

The Cardinal is not a berry that is surpassingly fine in some respects and defines itself on a superior all-around variety, adapted to all purposes, all sorts, all climates, and ripens with the medium sorts, and makes a long season.

I might add that I have a very fine stock of plants, consisting of over 200,000, all of which will no doubt disappear before the season is over. My plants are strong and healthy, and I could not wish to have everyone who wishes to plant this variety.

CHIPMAN.—This variety has never fruited with me, and I never planted it until last spring. It has made a very good growth and looks quite promising. It has been attracted by a good deal of attention in the strawberry sections of Delaware and is described by a reliable Delaware grower as follows: “It is one of the best I have in Delaware, by a grower of over 35 years’ experience, and is considered by him the best he has ever fruited.” It was first planted for field culture, and has about done its work, and every other variety planted with it in all kinds of seasons. The plants are strong, upright in growth, large and healthy, with tall, broad, brilliant, glossy, green foliage that has never shown any sign of rust or disease. It has strong, perfect blossoms, and is a good kind to plant with plant varieties. This fruit is very large with large green caps of even size and shape. It begins to ripen four or five days earlier than the Blueberry and of a dark, rich red color. It is very firm, a good shipper, good qualities, and retains its bright color a long time after being picked. In color, shape, and size it is equal to the best variety and produces good fruit.— succeeds equally well on light and heavy soil, and it is predicted that it will soon become one of the leading commercial varieties.

DICKY.—This is a new berry from Yankee Land. It was originated by Mr. J. D. Gowing, who originated the Niagara. The introduction of the introduction, says: “It is a better berry than the Sample; it is as large and productive and firm; colors all over; no green tips; very firm, fed last season by Hall & Cole, 126 Faneuil Hall, Boston, for 12 to 14 cents per quart, and Sample out of the same field sold for 10 and 11 cents. I have been growing strawberries for 40 years, and I thought I had seen strawberries before, but I have never seen one as fine as this. It is the best I have seen.” The Dicky is a long-season berry, and they are the ones that grow the big crops. Last year it committed to me, the writer, one of the finest strawberries I have ever seen. July 18 Mr. Gowing picked five crates of fine fruit.” The introduction as quoted above is very enthusiastic over this new berry. It remains to be seen whether it will not give the satisfaction the Sample has generally done. I have not seen the Dicky fruited except some grown by the writer last spring, but we had some very nice berries that run from medium to very large, the very large ones being some of the best, and the quality was excellent. The plants are very large, stately and healthy. The entire stock of plants is very small, but I would advise all my friends to try them especially those who want something fine for their home garden or local market.

FREMONT WILLIAMS.—I fruited this variety the past season in a small way and was very much pleased with it. The fruit is exceptionally beautiful in appearance, of large size, proper shape and good qualities. The plant is a very strong grower, with an abundance of dark green healthy foliage. My attention was first called to it by a_catalogue advertisement as follows: “Why is it that you Eastern growers do not try the Fremont Williams strawberry? I shipped 50 crates of plants from the town of Fremont, and was pronounced the largest and finest seen in that market. They are fully as late as the Candy, and superior to it in size, color and productiveness. The originator speaks very highly of this variety, and indeed, from what I have seen of it, I see no reason why he should not have got better from his stock. I would be happy to have worthy of trial. I am so favorably impressed that I am planting a large block of it in my plant beds, an I believe there is going to be a demand for it.

GOVERNOR ROLLINS.—This variety was originated by Benjamina Smith, of Beverly, Mass., and named in honor of Governor Rollins, of New Hampshire, who was Mr. Smith’s home county. The fruit is very healthy and robust, with thick leaves, but has not fruited here. Mr. Smith, the originator, who is very modest in his description, has this to say: “I exhibited GOVERNOR ROLLINS last June at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Strawberry Show. It took first price. The fruit is firm and large, perfect in shape, dark color and fine qualities. The last picking holds out well in size, as all the fruit matures, and it is a healthy bear.”

BRADLEY.—Not having fruited this variety, I borrow a description from a New York grower: “A strong, vigorous and productive variety, season late, berry large, good quality and dark color; fruits large and of the new varieties, and one that is attracting more attention from visitors than any other.” The variety with me has made a splendid growth of strong, healthy plants.

GILL.—This berry is from Southeastern Ohio. It has made an excellent grow, but here, but it has not fruited with me. I will, therefore, give you the following description, from Mr. Crawford: “The plant is large, healthy and vigorous, with thick, smooth, dark, glossy green leaves. It makes many runners, which promptly; this year, the fruit ripens very early. The reports of the Ohio Experiment Station on this berry for 1904 and 1905 and our own observation of it on the Station ground, convinced us that it would prove a great acquisition to those whose markets demand early berries.” The Ohio Experiment Station, which is conservative and reliable, speaks of the berry as follows: “Medium size, shape conical, occasionally broad, conical, and slightly flattened; usually smooth and uniform; color light red or scarlet; seeds yellow and prominent; flesh pink, moderately firm; mild and pleasant quality; plants making low, compact clusters of fine, compact, and produces in great profusion. In 1905 the GILL was the earliest to ripen at the Station, and the size above the average or early varieties.

GOLDSBOROUGH.—Originated by A. T. Goldsborough, Washington, D. C., who began some ten or twelve years ago, in series of systematic efforts to produce from seed a variety which should be ideal in both plant and fruit. After seven years of endeavor he was rewarded by the berry which bears his name. My stock of plants was purchased from Mr. Crawford last spring, and I borrow the following description from him: “The shape of the fruit is perfect, also the color, being a waxy light scarlet, with a very distinct red pulp. The leaves are large, red juice in a sauce, like its wild parent in the fields. It is rich, juicy, sweet and fragrant, requires no protection of any kind, a fruit that can stand and bear it, which can be eaten out of the hand. Some of the flowers are perfect, others imperfect. Its dark foliage is good and healthy, and its glossy, sweet, that it is a pleasure to work among the plants. It ripens a little later than the first early berries.”
GOOD LUCK.—This is without exception the strongest growing plant and most persistent plant-maker on my place. In saying this I do not make a single exception, although we have considerable over a hundred varieties growing. Last spring I planted 5,000, thinking it would make me a stock for this season of 100,000, and probably 125,000, but it is such a persistent grower that I have not the slightest doubt that at this time I have 300,000 strong, vigorous, healthy, well-rooted plants of this variety. Owing to this fact I have put up the price down to $4.00 per thousand, not because I have lost faith in the variety, but because it multiplies so much faster than most other varieties that I can afford to offer it this, the second year, at the price of standard varieties. The plants are always strong and healthy, with long roots which are very drought-resistant. This variety comes to me as a result of one of my prize offers which was awarded in 1904 to Elwood Pedrick, of New Jersey. The fruit of this berry as compared with the Gandy is equally as large, more productive, and even two or three days earlier. In shape it is conical to broad conical or wedge-shaped, with uniformly smooth, even surface, never seamed or ridged; color dark, glossy cardinal, making it very showy both on the vines and in the package after being gathered. It ripens all over at once without any green tips. The above illustration was made from a photograph and is an excellent likeness of the berry.

GOLDEN GATE.—This was produced by Mr. S. H. Warren, of Massachusetts, who is one of the most experienced growers in New England. He is a good judge of strawberries, and was largely instrumental in bringing the Marshall before the public. He describes the Golden Gate as "A strong grower, with numerous plants and luxuriant foliage. It has a strong staminate blossom with lots of pollen, which produces strictly fancy, firm fruit, clear to the end of the season, of a rich crimson color with no green tips. It blossoms early and late, making it a good polliener for any pistillate variety."

Mr. Warren speaks of the Golden Gate as follows: "This new seedling of mine was awarded first premium by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in 1904, and was highly praised by those who saw it. The judges pronounced the quality much like Marshall. In June, 1905, I won $25.00 on seven quarts, before the same society, and in less than five minutes after the premium cards had been placed on the baskets I had booked $175.00 worth of orders for the plants. Seven berries filled a quart. Lots of them had only ten in a quart. Early, and makes long season."

GREAT SCOTT. This is a new variety, not yet fruiting here. It was introduced by Mr. S. H. Warren, of Massachusetts, who originated Golden Gate. As I have not fruit this variety, I will give Mr. Warren's description: "This is one of the largest of the large; a plant among strawberries. This seedling was given to me by the originator, John Scott. I gave it the name of Great because of its size, and Scott in honor of the originator, also because the phrase Great Scott is a common expression for anything surprising. It is not a chance seedling, but was produced on scientific principles. It is a cross between Bolbach and Belmont. All growers know the Bolbach, and the Belmont is known in Massachusetts as an excellent variety. The GREAT SCOTT plant is perfection itself. The foliage and fruit shine as though varnished, has no blemish or rust. The fruit is very large, even the last picking, of a bright scarlet color, turning crimson when nearer ripe. Its qualities are good: the originator calls it extra. It is the most productive of any large variety I ever raised, and I have grown strawberries for 52 years. I was pleased the first time we picked the GREAT SCOTT to hear one of the pickers call to the boys who were gathering in another part of the bed: 'Boys, we are picking berries as big as your foot.'" The GREAT SCOTT received first premium at our Massachusetts Horticultural Society in 1902, and attracted much attention. Season medium to late.

FINER HE EVER SAW. — Warren Co., N. J., April 28, 1907.

W. F. Allen

Dear Mr. Allen,—Plants came O. K. They were the finest plants I ever saw. I am well pleased with them. I thank you very much for the extra plants. THEODORE CASTNER

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AUGUST LUTHER.—This is no favorite with me. It is valued by some on account of its extra early bearing, being among the very earliest grown. The plants are fairly healthy and productive. The variety is medium size, but soon runs down. Quality fair.

ARNOUTS.—This variety originated with J. R. Arnout of Pennsylvania, and is not Arnout’s Improved Parker Earl, as many suppose. This being an entirely distinct berry. Has a perfect blossom, large, large, thick, dark, glossy foliage, somewhat resembling the Glen Berry. It is true to name plants, which are always large. The berries are bright red, solid, and good flavor. It is very productive and a good shipper.

Mr. Arnout is very enthusiastic over this berry, and says he has picked many specimens which measured 64 inches in circumference. He claims it to be very hardy, and has offered $100.00 for one dozen plants of any variety that will excel the Arnout in size, productivity, flavor, color, quality of fruit, uniform size, healthfulness and vigor of plant. The plants I bought of him were all around good plants and have made an excellent showing. I have now fruited the variety, and while it answers very well to his description, it has not proven with me to be anything extraordinary. I think, however, we are too light for its best development, and we doubt that on a deep, heavy loam it will prove exceptionally far.

KICKS.

Do get any? Yes! Show me a man who is doing any business, and gets no kicks, no complaints, and I will show you a man whose angel wings are already sprouting, and he will soon sour away and vanish. When I fail to get any kicks from some one of the thousands of people to whom I ship plants, I shall see that my wish is prepared right off. I am pleased that my percentage of kicks is so very small. I always think considerably less than one to the hundred people with whom I do business, and these are made satisfactory, if people have any real cause for the complaint. On the whole, I find the great majority of people inclined to be fair and reasonable, and it is a pleasure to do business with them.

W. F. ALLEN.
POCAHONTAS.—This new berry comes from Virginia, and it is only fruited here on spring-set plants. It is a very close variety. The plants are large and sturdy, somewhat resembling the Marshall, but more vigorous and healthy and very productive. It was introduced by the originator of this new berry, who has been kind enough to show it to all of the berry growers in this section and they all said it was the biggest berry that had ever been grown in the county. I have seen them in the mountains, where a strawbery had been planted, and it is the heaviest I ever saw. From the small patch I had of some 32 canes, I shipped 375 pounds to Mr. —, in Charlottesville, and he sold every quart of them for 25 and 30 cents, when he could not have sold them for less than 40 cents. I think it is a favorite of mine. I had a lot of calls for this new berry, but I have not let any of the slips go. I have only a few of them this spring, and I hope to raise them next year. It is as fine, large and heavy bearing as I ever saw, and I would like for you to name them. The plant is a big, stout fellow, larger than the Glen Mary. I showed the plant and berry to a number of the prominent gentlemen here, and they all tell you that just what I say is so.

This is one of the berries you should plant.

THREE W.'S.—I have seen no fruit of this variety except on some spring-set plants I had some very nice berries that were good size, firm and good quality. The foliage is beautiful, clean and healthy, dark green in color and very attractive. I consider it a promising variety. The following description, by Mr. , is introduced:

"Plant very large and vigorous, with a wonderful root system. Fruit uniformly large, glossy red and red through, very attractive and very productive, covering a long season, from medium early to late. It is remarkably firm and has wonderful keeping qualities. It was picked Monday and shipped Tuesday. At the St. Louis Exposition were placed on plates Wednesday evening. Late Friday evening out of eleven plants only three berries could be found that were not in good condition. A part of these berries were on exhibition until the following Thursday. It has also strong frost-resisting qualities."

RED BIRD.—This is a valuable new early berry, adapted to all parts of the state. It was first grown in Mississippi. It was highly recommended to me, and I was induced to set a few plants, and was satisfied from the first that they made a very rank growth of a healthy and vigorous plants as I ever saw. I paid no special attention to it until it came in fruit in the past season. It ripened with the Excelsior. By this I do not mean a day or two later, but I mean equally as early. It is twice as productive, and when I say this I mean it will bear two quarts where the Excelsior will bear one. It is highly colored, not quite so dark as the Excelsior, and makes a better showing. The berries are large and hold up better. I have never seen a plant that was ahead of that good old standard market sort. I was so well pleased with it when we made the first picking that I took a sample of 100 pounds and shipped them 500 miles away by rail, to come at once and see it. He did so, and he told me within five minutes after he had seen it, that it was the best he had seen in 50 years.

The berry is very tart, and would not be considered very good eating without plenty of sugar, but as a first early shipping berry, so I know it, it has no equal. This is not a long description, but it gives you the facts as I have seen it, and as the berries have done for me. All who have spoken of it say the same thing. It has absolutely 75,000 plants for sale, which I do not expect will be enough to last me through the season. However, those who first will get them in rotation as long as my stock lasts.

ST. LOUIS.—Hails from Arkansas. It is described by Mr. Baker as follows: "Seedling of Lady Thompson, a popular Southern strawberry. It was discovered by the Lady Thompson, but much larger in size; we have grown specimens that 12 would fill a quart box. They are much better than the Glen Mary, and we have watched them closely and think we have a better large berry than was ever sent out before. Plants grow very thrtly, and have no rust. We have rooted and made their plants about five to six inches apart, which accounts for their large size and large plants. The berries are good, not as large as the Glen Mary, but luscious. Firm and fine flavored. We cannot say too much for this grand new berry."

I have a lot of these fine plants of this variety, but it has not fruited here.

SHIPPING KING.—This variety was sent me by C. W. Scantling, Albermarle County, Virginia. The plants are making a very good growth, and look as though they might bear a good crop. It was highly recommended by Mr. Scantling, and he says it was the best on his soil. He recommended it very highly, but I have misplaced his description, and as I have not fruited it myself, I shall have to forego saying much about it. I have put the price low, and those who wish to try it at their own risk may do so.

SARATOGA.—A new one from the Empire State, originated by William Palmer, of Saratoga County. It makes a very strong growth of healthy, vigorous plants, with very dark green foliage. It has not fruited with me, but looks very promising. I quote the originator as follows: "I exhibited the Saratoga at the New York State Fair, September 1906, one plant set in May, 1906, with ordinary field culture, that had 25 good plants and several small ones. Production of the first year was of very good quality, equal to the same as the balance of the field; at one picking at the height of the season yielded at the rate of 5,000 berries at a picking. The plants have been planted the last of the crop, with the Candy. I have been testing it on different soils for three years, with equally as good results. It has a perfect flavor, with the Cane, and the Glen Mary and Sample, two of the leading all-around berries. It has a deep red color, is a good shipper. Season medium."

If this berry has the good qualities of its parents, the Glen Mary and Sample both combined, it should certainly make a good one.

RECEIVED ALL RIGHT.

W. F. ALLEN—Ross Co., Ohio, May 7, 1907.

Dear Sir:—Plants received all right, and am well pleased with same. Yours truly,

R. F. BLESSING.

ON TIME AND FINE.

Summit Co., Ohio, April 25, 1907.

W. F. ALLEN—Dear Sir—I have the pleasure of sending you the following:

GOOD EVERY WAY.

Mesa Co., Colo., April 19, 1907.

W. F. ALLEN—Dear Sir—Plants came O. K. Good every way. Now they are growing while we are sleeping. Thanking you, I remain,

Yours,

D. S. WILSON.

O. K. AND ON TIME.


W. F. ALLEN—Dear Sir—I received the strawberries plants which you sent me on the 8th. They are O. K. and in good condition. Thanking you for your promptness,

Yours truly,

J. O. FITCH.

WERE PACKED BEAUTIFULLY.


W. F. ALLEN—Dear Sir—The strawberry plants arrived here yesterday in fine condition. They were packed beautifully, and I never before saw plants so neatly and safely arranged.

Very truly yours,

W. M. LUNT.
HELEN GOULD.—This is a Western berry, being originated in Missouri by Mr. J. R. Peck. In 1831 he sent it on trial to M. Crawford, of Balt., who was the only grower of it after he saw the fruit that he bought his entire stock. I received a few plants from Mr. Crawford last year and have grown from them a few hundred plants. My stock, however, is not large, and I understand the variety has not been offered to the public until this season. I give Mr. Crawford's description: "Plant large and healthy, never failing to produce a good crop. Makes a moderate number of strong runners. Imperfect blossoms. The fruit is large and holds up well to the end of the season. In shape it is roundish conical, and quite uniform, though the first berry on the stem is sometimes triangular or slightly flattened, never cockscobbled. In color it is a beautiful glossy red and the berry is firm with a rich, delicious flavor that is seldom equaled. We know of no variety that combines size, productivity, beauty and good qualities in a higher degree." Season medium to late.

MAMMOTH BEAUTY.—Claimed to be one of the most profitable varieties grown in Western Massachusetts. It is a pistillate variety, and the foliage very much resembles the old Haviland, but is claimed to be very much better. The party who so strongly recommended it does not grow plants for sale, and there was no inducement for that source for misrepresentation. I have several thousand plants that are very strong, vigorous and healthy, and I consider it very promising. It made some showing of fruit on the young plants set last spring, which gave a great impression. Aside from this, I have never fruitedit this variety. I strongly recommend it for trial.

OSWEGO.—This originated in an old family berry bed, and is supposed to be a cross of the Burbach and Sharpless. Plants are large and vigorous, producing a sufficient number of young plants. The berries are very large, with a bright crimson color, and ripen about the same time as the Sample. Blossom perfect. One berry grower in New York State, near where the variety originated, claims to have sold the crop from one-half acre for $400.00. As above stated, plants are very large and strong, somewhat resembling the Hamner in this respect. At the low price at which I am offering it, everybody should try a few.

PENN. DUTCHMAN.—A very promising new one from the Keystone State. The plants are as large as any I have ever seen; the foliage is clean and healthy; a medium number of plants make perfect beds. The fruit from the young plants was large and sound, and it came from whom I bought the plants in York county, Pa., writes me as follows, under date of January 28, 1907: "W. F. Allen, Dear Sir—I have a new kind of berry that I have never seen, and I am offering a quart box that fetch 25 cents a box when the rest were only 8 cents in the Harrisburg market. They are perfect blossoms and firm. No one has them except one party and myself, and he is still waiting; I will stand to sell 500 if you wish to try them, and I will sell them to you and nobody else. Please let me know at once." Do not fail to try a few; you will not be sorry.
BRANDYWINE.—A variety that thrives on almost any soil. In season it is medium late. The berries are large, broad and heart-shaped, of medium red color, with bright yellow seeds and firm flesh, which is red through and through. These points, combined with large size, productivity and firmness of texture, make the Brandywine a very valuable strawberry, especially as it has a peculiarly rich, spicy flavor that charms all who taste it. This variety gives general satisfaction throughout the country. It originated in Pennsylvania, does well all through the North and Middle States, as well as being a standard and safe berry to plant in California, Florida, the Bermudas and other tropical and semitropical countries.

ARIZONA EVERBEARING.—The great favorite on the Pacific Coast, where it seems to give unusual and satisfactory results. We do not grow this variety for, or specially recommend it to, our Eastern customers, but to our California friends, who wish to plant the Arizona Everbearing, I wish to say that I have an exceptionally fine stock and will be pleased to have their orders. My plants are strictly true in every respect.

AROMA.—A late variety, which seems to have its greatest popularity in the Middle West. It is very firm and solid, making it an excellent shipper. As compared with the Gandy, it is about the same season, about the same size, and about the same in productivity. Quality is good.

BEADER WOOD.—I have a nice stock of this old Western favorite. I say Western favorite, because we sell a good many plants in the West and very few in the East. The foliage is very dark green in color, rather tall, and has long, narrow leaves; has very long roots, which extend deep in the soil and enable it to endure dry weather better than most kinds. The plants of this variety are not large, but they bear large crops, and that is what most growers are looking for.

BISMARCK.—A strong grower and very productive variety, and very much resembles the Bubach in habit of growth. It has perfect blossom, especially recommended to plant with the Bubach. As this variety is well known, it is hardly necessary to give an extended description.

BOSTON PRIZE.—Very strong, healthy plants, with wonderful root growth that prepares it to bear the heaviest crop of fruit. The berries are well formed and well colored.

BRUNETTE.—This variety is noted for its exceptional fine quality. It is doubtful if there is any better eating berry grown than the Brunette. Fruit is of medium size, dark, rich red to the center, and quite productive. It was originated in Indiana by Granville Cowing.

BUBACH.—Notwithstanding that many nurseries have dropped this variety, I find there is still a great demand for it; were it not so, I should drop it myself, as the plants are hard to grow and there is but little profit in it, and I would not be able to furnish as many plants as I do for the fact that within a few miles of me there is a small section where this variety seems to thrive remarkably well, and in this section I arrange to have the most of my plants grown. I have this season about 200,000, which will probably not be near enough to fill my orders. I will furnish them, however, as long as the stock lasts. The plants I am offering are very nice, strong and well rooted, and I believe equal to the best that can be grown. It has proved a money-making variety with many growers, who continue to demand plants from year to year. Where the soil is rich and adapted to the variety it will bed up enough for best results in good frailing and bear large crops of handsome, large, well-flavored berries.

ELMA.—Described by Joseph H. Black, Sou & Co., the introducers, as follows: "Plant is a strong grower and has healthy foliage. It is entirely free from rust. The berries are large and of a beautiful bright red color; not quite as large as the Nettle, but one of the nicest berries we have fruited."

ENHANCE.—Berries somewhat irregular in shape, medium to large, and firm; season late. It is an excellent variety for pollinating late pistillate sorts. Foliage is very rich light green, and we do not remember of ever seeing a rust spot on it. Quite a favorite of some growers on the Pacific Coast.

Satisfactory.

Bristol County, Mass., May 20, 1907.

W. F. Allen, Salisbury, Md.

Dear Sir: Plants came by hand May 6, all O. K., and arc coming along. Thanking you for attending to the order so satisfactorily. I am, Cordially yours, ALEX. MURPHY.

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Bigger Order Next Time.

Westmoreland Co., Pa., April 3, 1907.

W. F. Allen

Dear Sir: Your strawberry plants came all O. K. I never saw such nice plants. I am going to send a bigger order next time.

Yours resp., FELIX M. EBEBART.
CHELLIE—This berry has been on the market now for several years, but for some reason I see little of it in the catalogues, possibly owing to the fact that it makes very large plants and but few of them. This variety cannot be grown profitably at the price usually charged for plants, but with me it is an excellent variety, and produces very fine berries of good quantity, that are extra fancy, large, rather pointed, and very firm. This is just the kind to suit your customers who want something a little better than anybody else and are willing to pay for them. I think our customers who grow a few and want them very nice would do well to give this berry a trial.

The above is what I said of this berry in my last year's catalogue. I have since fruited the variety again and I am even more pleased with it than when the above was written. We had an excellent crop the past season, that brought the top of the market all of the time. It commenced to ripen early and held on until late. We picked it for three weeks. Don't fail to plant some Chellie.

COLOSSUS.—Another one that I have not fruited. It has made a very good growth the past season, and the plants very much resemble Bu-bach, except that it makes a better growth and more plants; the foliage is entirely healthy. It it said to be a seedling of the Bu-bach, and very similar in plant and fruit. Berries large to very large, and very productive.

COMMANDER.—I find this a variety that makes a splendid growth and an excellent showing in health and vigor of the plants. It also bears an excellent crop of fruit, and from the past season, I was very favorably impressed with it. I quote from the introducer as follows:

"Commander has but one fault, and that is it cannot hold up the immense load of berries that it produces. Hay or straw should be put around the plants so that the berries can rest upon it, thus making them clean for market. I call this berry the Commander, for the following reasons: 1st, it is extra large size; 2nd, the most productive among 50 varieties; 3rd, commands the largest price; 4th, no rust, hardy plants and plenty of them; 5th, fine, solid, scarlet berry, good shipper; 6th, perfect blossom."

CROZIER.—Originated in West Virginia, by Randolph Crozier, of Crimson Springs. This seems to be an improved Sharpless, making a luxuriant growth of light green foliage similar to that variety. It is free to make plants and is very productive of berries that would pass readily for the old, well-known Sharpless. It seems to have more vigor, however, than that popular old variety. I would advise all those who admire the Sharpless to give this variety a trial.

DIXIE BELLE.—Vigorous plant; free from rust. Berry ripens early, bright red in color, large, firm, smooth, uniform in size, and very attractive in appearance. It is a native of North Carolina, and growers in that section say it is one of the best berries grown. I have a nice little stock of plants, and would be pleased to have orders from all who wish to try this variety.

NETTIE.—Originated by Joseph H. Black, and is a seedling of the Bu-bach and Yale, crossed by the Sharpless; the best of these seedlings were again crossed with Candy, and among them were found the Nettie. It is large in size and as productive as Bu-bach. The plants are very vigorous. Season very late.

ALLEN'S PLANTS POPULAR EVERYWHERE.

Newfoundland, June 13, 1907.

Dear Sir: The plants you sent me arrived to splendid condition. I take this opportunity to thank you for the excellent manner in which they were packed, and also for the excellent condition of the plants.

Yours very truly,

C. R. STEER.

ALLEN'S PLANTS O. K.

W. F. Allen, Dear Sir: Your plants are O. K. People generally getting out of the habit of planting inferior plants. Yours truly,

D. D. FISHER.
CLIMAX.—This is undoubtedly one of the very best berries on the market. Its season is early, or more properly, second early, coming on three or four days after such varieties as Excelsior, Mitchell's, etc. After having fruited it several years, I am more favorably impressed with it than ever. It is very productive, a rich, hard some berry, and holds on for a long season. This berry is supposed to be a cross of the Bbach and Hoffman. The foliage is a beautiful light green color that can be distinguished from other varieties as far as it can be seen. The plants are strong and vigorous, with no showing of rust. In productiveness it is simply immense. I doubt if there is any variety ever put on the market that has made a greater record for immense productiveness than the Climax. The accompanying illustration is a splendid likeness of it, showing its immense productiveness of large, beautifully shaped berries. In this immediate vicinity the Climax has without doubt paid better than any other variety for the last two or three years. I sold about 600,000 of this variety last season, and it is my impression that the demand will be even greater this year. While I have an immense supply of plants, it seems hard to grow enough to satisfy all customers on this kind. It is now so well tested and is proving successful over so wide a range of territory, that no one need hesitate to plant it. If you have not decided what to plant for second early, don't hesitate to put down Climax.

COBDEN QUEEN.—A medium large berry, and shows up better than many of the larger kinds. It is a berry that will hold up well and look attractive in the market long after shipment. The plant is vigorous and healthy. It is very productive, firm, medium size, and crimson color inside and out.

ECHO.—Introduced by Allen L. Wood, Rochester, N. Y., who claims it to be a great table berry, with the biggest and richest of flavors—the natural wild strawberry flavor, quite unknown to many varieties. It is very productive, medium size, and is very healthy growing, and makes a tremendous growth of strong, healthy, vigorous roots. With me it commenced to ripe mid-season and bears a big crop, continuing almost as long as any of the late varieties.

FLORELLA.—A seedling of the Bubach, crossed with the Lady Thompson. Has dark green foliage free from rust. Its root system is very large, sending out large fibrous roots to a great distance. The berries are large to very large, crimson color, and fine flavor. Fruit stems are long, which holds the berries up from the dirt. Season of ripening as early as Lady Thompson, and its firmness commends it to the commercial grower.

FAIRFIELD.—Season of ripening almost as early as Mitchell Early, Hoffman, Excelsior, etc. It is larger than either in size and has far better qualities than either Excelsior or Hoffman. This variety is becoming more popular every season. There is getting to be a great demand for the plants, which is positive evidence that it is giving satisfaction. One will not get far out of the way in planting this for early crop. At the Ohio Experiment Station, where it was put in competition with over 160 other varieties, it was the most productive of all the early kinds. The quality of this berry is good and the plants are strong and healthy, very much resembling the Haverland. No one need hesitate to plant this who wants a good early berry for either the home garden or for market.
EXCELSIOR.—There is not a strawberry earlier than the Excelsior, under good culture. The berries are medium to medium large in size and very productive, and one of the best shipping berries. I have grown fields of this that would average 5,000 quarts to the acre. Taking the whole country over, this has been a very popular standard sort for quite a number of years, and is probably as largely grown now for market as any of the extra early varieties. After giving it half a chance it will take care of itself and bring splendid returns. It is too soon to suit the taste of the average person, and has, therefore, never become popular for the home garden.

EARLY HATHAWAY.—This variety was sent out five years ago with many strong claims for its superiority as an early market berry. I must confess that after first seeing it in fruit I did not like it, and did not advise my customers to buy it. After seeing it two more seasons, I am thoroughly convinced that it is one of the best varieties. In a trial plot of over one hundred varieties it proved to be of good size, firm and of a beautiful, attractive color.

JOHNSON'S EARLY.—Time of ripening second early; berries are above medium in size, very prettily colored, and extra fine quality. I really doubt if there is an early berry that will equal it when quality alone is considered. The foliage is clean and healthy and one of the most persistent plant makers. It is particularly adapted to stiff clay and low land, where it bears a satisfactory crop, but does not bear well if planted on light, sandy soil.

KANSAS.—Where given good culture under best conditions, it is very desirable. Should be planted on rich, moist land. Fruit rather above medium in size and immense productiveness. It is a persistent plant maker, and will often get too thick to give good results unless kept thinned. The fruit is a brilliant crimson, not only on the surface, but through and through, free from rust or disease of any kind. It is the most fragrant strawberry that I know of. I am just in receipt of a letter from George L. Cross, Los Angeles, Cal., who has this to say of the Kansas: "The Kansas has done exceptionally well, I have not missed picking them a single week since last Christmas, I want 5,000 plants of them this coming season. Send your catalogue as soon as it is ready." This letter is dated October 20. Judging from it, I would advise other of our California and Pacific Coast customers not to fail to give this berry a trial.
COMMONWEALTH.—Commonwealth fruited with me the past season and proved to be a very good sort. We picked a good quantity of fine large berries. I do not especially recommend this variety for the South, as I think it is more adapted to the Northern sections, and for best results should be given high culture. When these conditions are met it is a very fancy berry. I quote from Mr. Monroe, the originator, as follows:—

"The Commonwealth is the outcome of the desire and an effort to produce a berry that would perceptibly lengthen the strawberry season. In the Commonwealth we have a berry that is as large as the largest, as productive as any of the largest, as fine flavor, as sold and as dark color as any. It has a smooth surface, is very rich and juicy, and has strong staminate blossoms. On the 17th day of July, 1902, as good berries were picked as at any time during its season. Marshall, Glen Mary and McKinley, side by side with it, being gone. The last berries were picked July 22. The plant is a strong grower, not so rank as the Marshall, and a fair plant-maker. The Massachusetts Horticultural Society, always ready to recognize special merit, awarded the Commonwealth first prize in competition July 5, 1902, and July 11, 1902."

James J. H. Gregory, the well-known seedman, of Marblehead, Mass., has this to say:

"I saw the Commonwealth on the grounds of the originator, and a grand sight it was. The berry is tremendously large (14 of those I picked filled a quart basket), the berries are symmetrical in shape, and have a rich, glossy color; the flesh is red, nearly as dark as the Marshall. It is a great cropper and appears to be hard flesh enough to ship well. One of its most valuable characteristics is its lateness in maturing, for when I was there, July 2, the large bed, which had bushes of growing fruit, had to be covered over very carefully to find a quart of ripe berries."

C. S. Pratt says: "It is a week later than Sample and a better berry; it will be sold as the Marshall and nine-tenths of the people will not know the difference."

Benj. M. Smith, of Beverly, Mass., well known as a grower of fine strawberries, and the introducer of the Beverly strawberry, says that he has "watched the Commonwealth carefully on the originator's grounds by the side of all the leading varieties, and for vigor and plant productiveness and quality of fruit it excels them all." He says it is very late and one of the best he ever saw.

CLYDE.—This is a very popular berry in some sections, especially in the middle West. We have sold a great many thousand plants of Clyde in Kentucky, where it seems to be one of the leading ones for main crops. The Clyde is immensely productive, with fruit nearly as large as the Bubach, and would be one of the most popular varieties, but for the fact that its foliage sometimes gives way about fruiting time, and there is not sufficient to protect its immense crop of fruit. This defect can be overcome by an application of nitrate of soda just before they come in blossom, being careful to put it on when the plants are dry. When this method is followed it is a very desirable variety.
GANDY.—Too well known to need any extended description. This is the standard late variety all over the country, by which all other late varieties are compared. It should be planted in black swamp land if possible, otherwise in clay land or medium land of the springy nature, never on dry, sandy land. I have an excellent crop of very fine plants this season, which I think will please the most exacting. I shall be pleased to have your order.

GLEN MARY.—Introduced by myself and first sent out just eleven years ago at $10.00 per hundred. I have had so many good reports on the Glen Mary that I should be astonished to hear of even a partial failure, especially in New England and Western sections. I have never recommended this to the Southern growers, but have just received a letter from the Western Shore of Virginia, from a party who says he bought it from me nine years ago, and in all that time it has proved his best variety. They are big, dark red beas with prominent seeds of bright yellow; the meat is crimson, very rich and juicy. They are of such high flavor that, as the saying goes, they "always taste like more." A good, firm shipper it is very popular, for fancy local market there are few, if any, better; for this reason it is a great favorite among the large and small growers. It has no particular choice of soils, and does not require setting. The roots are long and well-developed, providing plenty of moisture for the plants during a drought. The foliage is large, upright in growth and dark green in color; the leaves are nearly round with a dark, glossy surface, making it of a beautiful appearance in the field. The fruit stems, although large and strong, are weighted to the ground by the large clusters of berries; for this reason they should be well watched to keep them clean. The Glen Mary, while listed as having a perfect blossom, is by no means recommended to plant with other plantates, as its blossoms are not strong in pollen, but usually have plenty to fertilize its own flowers. Most people grow it without planting any others with it, and for that reason it is listed as stamine, although it is about semi-stamine. The berries are just the right size to make a fine appearance in the crate, and you should not be timid about asking a big price for them, as everyone will pay extra to get such fine berries.

A prominent grower writes me that he has been testing seventy varieties, covering a period of several years, and he says Glen Mary and Sample are the best. I have another letter from a Connecticut grower that reads like this: "I write to thank you for your information regarding the two largest varieties of strawberries grown, and at the same time to say that the Glen Mary is the best and largest berry that I can find. Every year I try from four to eight new ones, and so far none of them will equal the old Glen Mary. Four-fifths of all I plant this season will be of this variety."

The stock of Glen Mary plants this season is somewhat short, and I do not know if I have more than about 250,000 to 300,000, and as all the other growers whom I have consulted are short on this variety, it has been necessary to slightly raise the price from last year. We will not have enough, however, to fill all our orders the coming season, but shall do the best we can and fill all orders in rotation as long as we have a plant.

GENERAL DE WET.—Originated by T. C. Kevitt, of New Jersey. Mr. Kevitt claims this variety to be frost-proof from the fact that it does not bloom out in time for the frost to catch it. I might say right here, however, that it did not escape the freeze we had on the 10th of May two years ago, when almost every variety on the place was ruined. No doubt Mr. Kevitt's estimate on the frost-proof qualities might be verified in a very light frost, as he says it does not bloom out until very late. The berry is a very deep red color, with a luscious flavor, with a dark green cap, making it very popular in the market. Mr. Kevitt predicts that it will become very popular.

GENERAL JOE WHEELER.—Season a little earlier than the Lady Thompson. This variety has a perfect blossom and is very strong, vigorous and healthy in growth. It is about the equal of Lady Thompson in size and very much resembles it in color and productivity. If any difference, it is rather more productive. This is a Southern variety and is supposed to be a seedling of the Lady Thompson.

EVERYTHING SATISFACTORY.
York Co., Maine, April 24, 1907.
W. F. ALLEN—
Dear Sir: I received the plants and everything was satisfactory. They were in very good condition.

Yours truly,
M. CREPEAU.
Haverland.

This variety is well known throughout the country, and the demand for it seems to grow larger all the while. It is said to be of very high value and as being the best mid-season variety. It was proven by a test of 20,000 berries several years ago, it receiving one-third more votes as being the best mid-season variety. (There were no objections to it, and no bribery at the election, either.) While small in size, it is a very productive berry. The plant is healthy, large, and vigorous, makes ample runners, and is truly productive. The bloom is medium size and extremely hardy. They should be well mulched, as the heat seems to stunt the growth, not being able to hold the immense load of berries from the ground up. The fruit and the straw will keep them clean and also make picking easier. This variety is so enormously productive that the bright, large, juicy berries pile up in great heaps around the plant. This berry has worked its way to the top; it has never been overcome by any introduction, so most varieties have been. Any one not thoroughly familiar with the varieties, and wishing to start in the strawberry business, will always be safe to plant this kind. It was a leader a generation ago, and unlike most other varieties, seems to be as good today as it ever was. It is not likely that anyone who ever saw Haverland will forget it. Under favorable conditions, I have seen it average as large as guinea eggs. It demands close to a million plants a year to supply all of this variety, which shows its immense popularity.

Heflin's Early.—This variety seems to be quite a little in demand, why, I cannot understand, as with me it is positively the poorest yielding and the most sickly looking plant on the farm. I planted it last year in quantities sufficient to have made at least 100,000 plants; I do not believe there are 10,000 plants right beside it other varieties have made an excellent growth and fully up to expectations. Owing to its failure to grow, I am only able to offer it in lots of 100 or less. I may plant another row next year, but not more than that, as it is rather expensive cultivating and trying to grow a crop that positively refuses to grow. Personally, I do not recommend it.

Zoffman.—For many years the most largely grown market berry in the South. It is very firm and is quite productive on heavy or sandy land; it does not do well on sandy land. At the station about 30 miles south of Salisbury it has been the most largely grown variety for many years, and is always sold at the depot at paying prices, owing to its excellent carrying qualities.

Howard.—A late variety, ripening with the first and excelling it in productivity, also in growth and quality of fruit. It is a seedling of Bartou’s Eclipse crossed with Gandy. It has made a very favorable impression with me, and is spoken of in the Rural New Yorker as follows: “Late, strong, productive, foliage tough and resistant, very large berries, firm and well colored, quality better than Gandy; a promising market sort.”

HUMMER.—Offered by me for the first time two years ago, and I sold a hundred thousand plants the first season. It is a very strong, healthy plant, somewhat resembling New York. These large, vigorous plants load up with big, beautiful, luscious berries. Anyone who buys plants of this variety cannot help but feel that they have something valuable when they see the large, stately plants it makes. My stock of plants this season is not quite as large as last year, and it is somewhat doubtful if I will have enough to go around. In a letter just received from Mr. A. G. Salisbury, Higley, Md., he has this to say of the Hummer: “If you remember, I bought a number of varieties of strawberries from you in the Spring of 1906. These plants fruited this season, and I want to say to you that the Hummer beats anything I ever saw or heard of. I think you will have a great many orders for them from this section this spring.”

The history of the berry is best given in a letter which I received from Mr. Kolvoord, from whom I obtained my plants. The letter is as follows:


W. F. Allen, Salisbury, Md., Dear Sir—On my grounds is a new strawberry that is a “Hummer.” Understand me, while I am not its originator, it has been grown for several years by a man who lived about ten miles from here. He always refused to sell plants, notwithstanding as high as $2.00 each were offered for them, but two or three years ago he sold by mistake for Sharpless. After he found it out he tried to induce the man to dig them up, but the buyer mistook what he had received and said he thought those would do. We growers have not been able to compete with said berry in Battle Creek market. One of the merchants had its exclusive sale and shipped it as a fancy berry to Kalamazoo, Jackson, Lansing, etc. The original owner has sold out and removed to the West. I know of but one besides myself that has this variety. He is an old man from whom I got my plants. I do not believe any introducer has it. It is my opinion that it is an English berry, because the man above alluded to is an Englishman. The originator being out of the field and out of the business, I feel at liberty to let you have some of the plants. Yours truly,

John Kolvoord.
KLONDYKE.—This is getting to be one of the most popular of the early market varieties. One prominent grower in Ohio says: "This is a good old variety. The plants are only medium size, but very productive. I like Gandy, it produces some pistillate blossoms early in the season. The fruit is large, obtusely conical, smooth red, firm and of good quality." Another grower in Minnesota says: "I have 50 acres of this variety alone. It leads all other varieties as a great market berry in this part of the country. There is more of it planted here than any other 20 varieties." Staton, Sweet & Co., who operate in this county, and who have large quantities of strawberries grown by contract, have been growing more or less Klondyke for several years. It has paid them very well and they have 400 acres now. They consider it one of the very best market varieties. Other large growers are also planting heavily of it. I find it very satisfactory. It makes a good crop of well-colored, firm, large berries such as ship well and bring the top of the market. It makes a fine growth, being no trouble to get a good stand, and, in fact, is one of the best early berries I know of. I have a large stock of very fine plants.

LIVINGSTON.—This is a seedling of the Warfield, and like that variety makes plenty of medium size plants, but they are wonderful for health and vigor. The berry is larger than the Warfield, but not as firm. It colors all over, has a slight neck and easily picked. The berries are.anvight red without and within, and have a rich, delicious flavor. It ripens early and makes a long season.

GREENVILLE.—Considered by many an improvement on Dubach, especially in point of firmness and vigor of plant. The fruit is finely colored. It has been reported by many experimenters in small fruits as a very fine berry. Originated several years ago from Ohio.

MAY KING.—Twenty-three years ago, when I first entered the plant business, on a very small scale, the May King was the first variety that I grew for plants. It pleased a great many growers at that time, and to my knowledge made money for quite a number of them. I grew this variety for a number of years and then let go altogether, as there seemed to be but little demand for it at a time. Some three years ago I tried to get a new stock of it, and I have great difficulty in doing so, but finally got hold of a few plants. I now have a stock of 50,000. The May King is very fine in quality—in fact, I know of nothing better for eating from the vines. Those who would like to try this old variety again can now do so.

JESSIE.—This is a fancy variety that makes a great showing where the soil suits it. There are more places, however, where it will not suit than where it will. For several years I ceased to grow this variety, but quite a number of our customers kept inquiring for it, and for that reason I have put it in stock again. I have a nice supply of plants and will be pleased to furnish those who want it. Where the soil conditions are favorable to the Jessie it is an exceptionally fancy berry for either home use or for market.
LADY THOMSON.—This is a great Southern berry, and is grown by the thousand acres in the great strawberry sections of North Carolina, and especially at Chadbourn, where there is probably more strawberries grown than in any other single place in the world, fully nine-tenths of the acreage at this place is Lady Thomson, and so far they have found nothing to equal it. It makes strong, healthy plants that produce large crops with medium large, firm berries. This variety is especially adapted to the South, but is grown to some extent in other sections. It is a good one for California and Bermuda Islands.

MARSHALL.—This is a great fancy berry for the New England market. The grocers are always delighted to get the Marshall on account of its dark red glossy color that is bound to attract and please customers. It is one of the richest flavored strawberries grown. The only fault we can find of the Marshall is that it does not last the whole year. This is one of the good old standards, and we have seldom been able to fill all the orders received for plants of this variety. I have an excellent stock this year, however, and hope to be able to supply all my customers who want it. We will at least be able to accommodate a great many. It is a winner at all exhibitions, and has taken more premiums at the Boston berry show than any other variety. It is strictly a fancy berry and will take care of itself on any market. It is not quite as productive as some other varieties, but the large size of the berry goes a long way towards making up for this in filling the quotas, and the extra prices received for them will more than compensate for their lack of productiveness than the cost of an extra care that you can give them. The best class of trade will pay more for berries like the Marshall after once using them. The foliage of the plant is very large and of a beautiful woolly growth. Don't fail to send me your orders for Marshall this year.

NEW GLOBE.—The New Globe is a late berry, making large, vigorous, stalky plants. The foliage seems to be free from rust and disease, and the fruit quite large, firm flavored, solid, and makes roots which are long, enabling it to mature its berries and hold a good size until the end of the season. It will stand more drought than some others.

NORTH SHORE.—Originated by Benjamin H. Smith, of Beverly, Mass., who speaks of it as follows: "Solid and firm, quality of the best, size large." My personal experience with this variety is that it makes a splendid growth, and bears a good crop of very firm, large berries of good quality. It is very late.

NEW YORK.—(See last page for illustration.) This is a native of New York State, and was originated by Miss Yates, of Tompkins County. I introduced the New York eight years ago at $5.00 per dozen. It was the first of the famous price berries for which I paid $100 for one dozen plants. The berries are very large, some rather pointed, while others are thick and broad. The color is blood red, with a shiny surface. The seeds are so nearly the same color of the berry and so deeply seated that they are scarcely noticeable. It is a strictly fancy berry and a prize winner, just the kind to make the grower famous in his local market and give him the best trade. Small, inferior berries have no show by the side of the New York, no matter how cheap they are. It is very prolific and bears through a long season, but it does not matter how fast they ripen, there are always more eager buyers than can be supplied. Its excellent qualities and wonderful productiveness make it very profitable to grow, either for shipping or home trade. The cap is large and stands up prominently; the foliage is light green and a luxuriant growth, with an extra large, glossy-surfaced leaf. The plant is one of the largest and healthiest on the place, equaling in this respect the Marshall. The New York has been grown on light soil and on stiff clay with splendid results in both cases. It is a seedling of the Bubach and Jesse. Since its introduction it has become very popular, and there is a hearty demand for the plants all over the country, and it sometimes puzzles me to grow enough plants to supply the trade. I have sold the New York seedlings the past year for 4 or 13 cents when other varieties were a drug at 6 and 8.

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MITCHELL’S EARLY.—Too well known to need any extended
description here. If grown on good soil, it must be
kept thinned. For eating from the vines there is
probably none better, and until the Excelsior came it
was the leading early berry for the market as well as
for home use.

MRS. MILLER.—I borrow the following descrip-
tion from M. Crawford: “It appears likely to win a position among the very best of
our late varieties. Its great healthy plants, grown and
clean, are a delight to the grower and its generous
yield of brilliant berries shining among the leaves
due to a thorough and entire care and pains. The fruit is
very large and dark red, oblong in form, slightly flattened
and of a delicious flavor; the flesh is red; medium to
very late.”

MORNING STAR.—Again did not have any
of this to fruit the past season. I am, therefore, still unable to speak of this
from experience as relates to the fruit, and will again
use the originator’s description, which is as follows:
“The Morning Star is the largest and finest strawberry
thus far known that ripens early. Berry very large,
broadly conical with blunt apex, bright scarlet crimson,
exceptionally uniform in size and shape. Plant a re-
liable heavy yielder. It is exceptionally firm for an
early berry, of the finest flavor, rich and sugary. Valo-
able for market or home use.”

Last year my beds died out badly from some cause
which I have not been able to determine. This season,
however, it has made an elegant growth again and
looks as though they will be in shape to bear a large
crop. Mr. W. J. Robinson, near White Haven, Md.,
who bought plants from me two years ago, says this is
one of the best varieties, and he is very much pleased
with it.

NICK OHMER.—This is a strong, perfect-blos-
son variety, productive of large, rich, dark glossy red globular berries, highly col-
ored all the way through, and of a superior flavor. It
is a great market berry and a superb variety for the
home table. While some large growers plant more of
this variety than any other, it does not seem to be a
general favorite with the great mass of strawberry
growers. It is a variety that responds readily to high
culture and extra attention. It thrives best on deep,
moot soil.

NICK OHMER.

YOUR PLANTS THREE TIMES AS GOOD
AS PEDIGREE STOCK.

Cortland Co., N. Y., April 12, 1907.

W. F. Allen, Dear Sir: I wish you knew with a
small order for strawberry plants. I gave the
some of the finest plants I have bought, and grew the best. I also bought some
digree plants—wish you could see them. One
row of yours is worth three of his, without any
doubt, both in same bed side by side.

Respectfully,
C. E. WILCOX.
NEW HOME.—This variety has again made an excellent record, having given me a large crop of beautiful, firm berries that sold considerably higher than the common run of the crop the past season. While there seems to be plenty of room yet, but has not do well, it has been more certain to give me a crop and bring good prices for the last ten years than anything that I have grown. Some of the new ones may be better, and in fact at this time I should prefer the Chesapeake of the two, but as above stated the New Home has made me more money than any variety of strawberries I have ever grown. It is described as follows: As late and as large as the Gandy, fruit bright red color that does not lose its luster and turn dark after being picked a long time; uniformly large size and the best shipping berry grown, Hoffman not excepted. Vigorous growth, and, unlike Gandy, will produce a large crop on either high or low land. The fruit is so firm and the keeping quality so good it does not require picking oftener than three times a week, when it will usually make 1,000 quarts or more per acre at a single picking during the height of the season. Pickers are always anxious to pick these berries, and I have had good pickers that would pick 40 quarts an hour; some say they could do even better.

One peculiarity about the plants of the New Home I want to mention, and that is, that all through the rows there are more or less very light colored or yellow leaves; this is the characteristic of the variety and seems to do it no harm. I want to mention this because a great many have written me about it. You could not have the variety true if you could not see this freak of nature sprinkled through your beds.

Since having this berry on the market I have had some very flattering reports, and quite a number that were not. I can only say that if it does for others as it has done for me, you will find it one of the best paying varieties you can grow.

PRESIDENT.—A most remarkable variety, ripening in mid-season. For large size, beauty, great productiveness and high quality it stands very high among strawberries. It is, however, of tender texture and is not suited for shipping to distant points. The plants are of immense size, one of the largest on our farm, and under ordinary culture the huge berries were literally heaped on the rows. The quality is of the very best; berries globular but somewhat irregular, occasionally ridged, deep rich crimson with a large bright green cap. Flesh deep red. They remain large until the end of the season, and the plants retain their rich green color until all berries have been gathered. Highly recommended at recent meeting of the New Jersey Horticultural Society, and by numerous prominent growers. I fruited a few of these the past season and found them very satisfactory. The neighbors who came over and saw the President were very enthusiastic over it, and in almost every instance wanted plants.

OOM PAUL.—This variety has made a wonderful growth of large, healthy plants. It makes enough runners to bed up nicely and the fruit is long, large and sometimes flattened; color dark red both inside and out; the flesh is quite firm and of good quality. I fruited the Oom Paul the past season for the first time, and I believe it is a variety that is going to give general satisfaction. The Ohio Experiment Station says: "A fine large berry that has many good qualities and worthy of careful trial for the home market."

Personally I consider it good enough not only for the home garden, but a variety that will give excellent results for shipping, as it is a berry that will show up well, and firm enough to carry well. It is my opinion that no one will make a mistake planting this variety.

PARSONS' BEAUTY.—Originated in this country, and has been largely grown around Pittsville and Parsonsburg. It is immensely productive, medium large, and good quality. To anyone who has a near market where the fruit can be hauled in, or picked one day and sold the next morning, I would recommend this variety, but for long shipment, it will not carry as well as many others. It makes a luxuriant growth of dark green foliage.

PENNELL. This variety was not very popular when first introduced, but seems to be growing ground. It bears well and is exempt from rust, and is an extra fine variety. It is the kind of the farmer that would please your best customers, if they are willing to pay for quality as well as appearance. You get both in this variety. The fruit is large, round, deep red in color, moderately firm, and as above stated, very fine quality.
OAK'S EARLY.—

Frutted with me the first time the past season, this is the Excelsior, equally as productive and firm enough for a good shippers. It makes lots of vigorous plants, not large, but very hardy, and a persistent grower. Tubs should prove a valuable variety where early berries are desirable.

The Oak's Early was found growing on a small farm in a county, growing wild by the side of an oak stump in a cornfield. Mr. Tull's farm. The strong, vigorous growth of the plant attracted Mr. Tull's attention. The plant was left standing and cultivated. Two plants were saved, always giving the highest market price at the station. Individual farmers have tried it for various years and it has proven a gold mine to him, having cleared nearly double the amount he paid for his farm three years ago. It is rumored that his farm was heavily mortgaged, but his prospects look very gloomy until he found this berry, which has paid him all his indebtedness.

Three crops have been marketed, none of which have been shipped on commission, because the buyers have greenhouses and always give the highest market price at the station. Individual farmers have tried this variety for several years and it has proven a gold mine to him. It is very productive and very firm, ships well, and brings the highest price in market.

PRIDE OF CUMBERLAND.—Brilliant red in color and holds its lustre and freshness for a long time after taking from the vines. It grows well on any soil, but gives better results on sandy, rich land. The worst that can be said about it is that its blossom blight is very easily, and for this reason it often fails to produce good crops. Where everything is favorable it is very productive and very firm quality, ships well, and brings the highest price in market.

PROF. FISHER.—This is another of Joseph H. Black's seedlings, and is described by the Rural New Yorker as follows: "Late and coming in with the Georgia plants vigorous, tall, broad foliage. The berry is large, sometimes cokcombed, smooth, round, of good qualities, but not very firm. It makes a very large crop in a very short time. With me it has hardly been satisfactory, and is not a variety that I would recommend planting, unless you have first tried it yourself.

RELIANCE.—Introduced by Peter Henderson & Co. This is their description: "A seedling of the Mary crossed with Marshall, very large in size and a perfect blossom. It resembles the Mary somewhat in size, but the color is almost perfect; very fine quality, juicy and luscious and solid to the center. The growth is fair, large, deep green, handsome foliage, and the fruits are large and long stalks in great profusion. My personal experience with this variety is that it makes a rather weak growth, but is a variety of excellent qualities of form, size, and ripens very early for a large berry. Its table qualities are excellent.

RIDGEWAY.—This is no favorite of mine. Claimed to be a very excellent late berry, and I presume gives satisfaction to some growers, it has never amounted to much here, and I only plant a few to supply some customers who call for it.

OAK'S EARLY.

TEXAS.—This berry is from Texas, for which State it is named. It is firm enough to ship, but not quite as dark in color as Excelsior, and in many respects a very desirable variety; no rust rather than disease seems to affect it. Under certain climatic conditions it has a tendency to bear considerable fruit in the fall, the same as Senator Dunlap. It was introduced by Jacob C. Bauer, of Judsonia, Ark., who sent out the Excelsior. Mr. Bauer died last year of a cancer.

THOMPSON'S NO. 2.—Originated by Mark T. Thompson, near Richmond, Va. This variety has made a vigorous, healthy growth here, and its firm, dark green foliage makes a beautiful showing. The originator describes it thus: "Large size, beautiful color, having the appearance of being varnished, large double cap like the Gandy; very productive, and bears through a long season; very rich and best quality, and one of the best shippers, having a tough skin not easily broken by handling. It retains its beautiful dark green foliage all through the season without a spot of rust, and has a perfect blossom."

UNCLE JIM.—Makes a strong, healthy growth of large foliage similar to New York. It is said to be a chance seedling found near an old fruiting patch by Mr. Jim Doznan in Michigan some six or seven years ago, where 15 to 25, if grown under favorable conditions, will usually fill a quart. This is an excellent berry for growers who want a fine large berry for home use or nearby market. I would hardly advise it for shipping purposes.

GOOD ENOUGH TO READ TWICE.

Chesbrough Co., N. H., May 24, 1907.

W. F. Allen, Dear Sir: The 5,000 strawberry plants shipped me April 22 arrived at my station the 24th. I thank you for the extra care you gave my order. The plants were nicely packed, and an extra nice lot of plants. Nearly every plant lived and they are growing finely. I have just finished cultivating and hoeing for the first time. Any one wanting good plants and a square deal will make no mistake in sending their order to W. F. Allen, Salisbury, Md. When I want more plants I shall send my order to you surely. Very truly yours, J. E. SHELTON.
BUSTER.—This is one of the good things that seems to have been overlooked by a great majority of growers. Buster is a cross of the Bubach and the Sharpless, it is of large size, bright red, in color, moderately firm, medium in quality and medium to late in ripening. The blossoms are oblanceolate, but extremely hardy. During the spring of 1906, when nearly every other variety was killed by a late May frost, the Buster gave us a full crop. It is also very vigorous and healthy, having a luxuriant dark green foliage that defies a reasonable amount of dry weather. The fruit holds up large throughout its long season. This is a good reliable variety that I advise you to plant. It will please you from the time it starts to grow after you set the plants until you have harvested your crop.

VICK'S UNCLE JOE.—This fruited with me the past season, and I think much like New York that I am somewhat in doubt as to whether it is identical or not. As far as my observation goes, the description of New York will fit this as well as any I could write. I quote the following description from James Vick's catalogue, who introduced the berry two years ago: "Vick's Uncle Joe is entirely a new and distinct seedling, and the confidence gained by 52 years of experience in superior strawberry culture warrants our saying that it combines all the Vick qualities necessary to make it the ideal which has so long been sought. Its fruit is perfect in form of a dark, rich, glossy color, firm, handsome, monstrous in size, combined with a most luscious flavor for every purpose, either for home use or for market, stands totally without a peer in the world's numerous strawberry family."

VICTOR.—Described by M. Crawford: "Plant of large size, beautiful and healthy, like Senator Dunlap, and productive under any method of culture. The foliage is thrifty, dark green and handsome. The fruit is round, very prolific, sometimes cor- rugated, dark glossy red, firm and of fine flavor. This is a great berry for market and home use and an excellent canner. Season medium to late."

VELVET.—The following description is borrowed from the introducer: "Wonderfully productive, and the fruit is large, bright red color, firm and of good quality. The plants are large with bright green foliage, clean and healthy, making good rows for fruiting. Season of ripening medium to late."

WARFIELD.—A well-known standard variety, very productive, mid-season, and especially popular in the West. Fruit good quality and highly colored. A persistent plant-maker, and if kept thinned out they will be so thick that it will be impossible for it to bear fruit of a desirable size, but if kept thinned it is very productive of medium size, highly-flavored fruit. My stock of plants this season is very nice.

WILD WONDER.—Makes an abundance of runners and large quantities of very small, though long-rooted plants. I notice that the plant is inclined to rust, though not enough to harm the crop. Fruited with me last under very unfavorable conditions, proved a good crop. The originator claims that this variety will grow wild and bear a good crop of berries—a regular lazy man's berry. Fruit small to medium, of the splendid Warfield type.

WONDER.—This is a new one, purchased from Mr. Crawford last spring, and as it has not fruited here, I will give his description: "This is truly a wonderful berry, and its merits are just coming to be appreciated. It makes immense plants with broad leaves and strong, stalky stems. It is perfectly healthy and very prolific, and the fruit is of great size and beauty, fine red color, good quality and moderate firmness. In form it is pointed, conical, and uniform, except that the first berry on the stem is sometimes misshaped. It has been classed as late because it makes a long season, but on our grounds it begins to ripen with William Belt, and we see no other way but to call it medium."

WOLVERTON.—Originated in Canada and introduced by the late John Little. I have fruited this variety quite a number of years. It will succeed on almost any soil, but will do better on a sandy loam. The plants make a good growth, have a perfect blossom, which is full of pollen, and make an excellent variety to plant with medium early to late pliantake varieties. It is an uncommon thing to see blossoms and ripe fruit at the same time.

MY MAN.

Burlington Co., N. J., April 17, 1907.

W. F. ALLEN, Salisbury, Md.

Dear Sir—I received the strawberry plants you sent me on Saturday evening, April 6, took cover off crate and placed in cellar; unpacked them on Wednesday and set them out. They were in fine condition and carefully packed. They are doing well. I am much pleased with them, and when I want more "you are my man."

Respectfully,

C. W. McCABE.
SAMPLE.—Several times I have been unable to supply the demands for this popular variety. Last year I had a very large stock and thought no doubt I would be able to fill every order and have some left, but a few of the very late orders could not be filled. We always have a sale for this popular variety. The Sample seems to be giving satisfaction all over the country; the best test is its popularity. We get more and more orders every year, and if it were not a good one this would not be the case. It is one of the best for the experienced growers and a safe one for the inexperienced. It has been termed by some as a mortgage-lifter; at any rate it is too good to be omitted by large or small growers. It has an extra large bloom for a pistillate, being so hardy that it is seldom damaged by frost. The berries are large, bright red, and have a smooth, glossy appearance. The Sample is not only one of the most beautiful late berries, but it is also one of the largest and most prolific; the berries lie in piles along the rows, and are so uniform that it is seldom necessary to sort them, even by those who practice doing so. It is very seldom that we see a berry ripen so evenly as does the Sample. It is an excellent shipper, a good canner, and delicious for all table purposes. This is why it is so popular with the commercial grower.

SAUNDERS.—Years ago I grew many acres of this for fruit and considered it one of my best. It is a strong staminate variety and one of the best to plant with pistillates. The fruit is large and a deep, glossy red. If planted on light soils it yields good crops and for several years it was my favorite market berry. We have a wood stock, and it is a safe variety to plant by the inexperienced.

SOUTHERN BEAUTY.—I have not fruited this much, but I note that it makes very healthy, strong plants, and not very many of them.

SPLENDID.—Is very productive, of uniform medium size. It should not be allowed to get too thick on the row, as it will surely do if not kept in a good state. It has a staminate blossom and is one of the best to pollinate such pistillate varieties as Warfield, Crescent and others of that type. The berry is well named, and under favorable conditions it is certainly SPLENDID.

WE SELL PLANTS, BUT YOURS ARE BETTER THAN OURS.

Sacramento Co., Cal., March 31, 1907.

W. F. Allen, Dear Sir: We received the 91 varieties of strawberries about a week ago, and they arrived in fine condition. One would think they were freshly dug, instead of coming nearly 3,000 miles. We must say they are superior to any plants that we have ever seen. They have the longest roots we have ever seen on strawberry plants, and more of them. We grow plants for sale, but we must say that your plants are superior to ours. The packing was perfect, as the plants were not wilted or damaged in the least. Experimenting with these many varieties will be of great interest to us. Thanking you for your kind treatment, we are

Yours very truly, TRIBBLE BROS.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Clermont Co., Ohio, April 22, 1907.

W. F. Allen, Dearest Sir: I received your order and I found you O. K., and I want to say I never set out better strawberry plants than they were. You shall have my orders and influence in the future. Thanking you very kindly, I remain

Yours respectfully, E. R. LEWIS.
SENATOR DUNLAP.—I have fruited this variety now for seven or eight years, and find it one of the best standard sorts. It was introduced by Mr. J. R. Reesman, who says: "I have shipped plants from the Pacific to the Atlantic, in Mexico and Germany, and it looks as though it has commenced its journey around the world. The Dunlap is one of those healthy plants which, if given half a chance, will look out for itself anywhere you plant it. It is one of those varieties that a beginner may depend on. The berry resembles the Warfield in shape and color, and ripens about the same time; in fact, it is taking the place of Warfield with the largest growers for various reasons. It has a perfect blossom and is a better berry, better able to resist drought and less liable to be injured by continued rainy weather during the picking season, and with me it averages a little larger than the Warfield in size. The foliage is tall, dark green, upright, with a long leaf, and has more than the ordinary power of developing a heavy system. It has an extra long flowering season, the bloom is handsome and exceedingly rich with polen, which makes it very valuable to plant with such platillate kinds as ripen in its season. Another redeeming feature is its long roots, which go down to the sub-soll for moisture. A severe drought seems to have less effect upon this berry than on many otherwise valuable varieties. It is really difficult to describe all of its good points. The fruit is dark red with a glossy finish, shading to a deep scarlet on the under side, with prominent yellow seed that look like gold emblazoned in highly-colored wax. The meat is bright red all through and is exceedingly juicy. The past season I fruited quite a lot that bore a wonderful crop of berries. I do not know how many quarts to the acre—I wish I did. It seems, however, that they were not satisfied with bearing an immense crop in the spring, but along in August and September this same patch would pick a quart of ripe berries at a time to every 40 or 60 feet of a row, and a second crop of over 400 quarts was gathered on little more than an acre. I had letters from parties wanting to buy plants, thinking it was an ever-bearing or semi-everbearing. While it has a decided inclination this way, we do not claim that it would do this every year, and, in fact, I am quite sure it would not, as the season has a great deal to do with this.

WELL PLEASED.

Multnomah Co., Ore., April 23, 1907.
W. F. Allen, Dear Sir: The 1,500 strawberry plants sent by you were received in excellent shape, and I am very well pleased with them. Yours sincerely,
SAML. M. BOICE.

GOOD PLANTS, GOOD PACKING, GOOD COUNT.

Roanoke Co., Va., May 1, 1907.
W. F. Allen, Dear Sir: I received plants all right, and I want to thank you for good count, good plants and good packing. I have them all set out and am well pleased. You may expect my future orders for plants. I remain,
Yours respectfully,
NOAH KEITH.

COULDN'T HAVE BEEN BETTER.

W. F. Allen, Dear Sir: I will let you know that I received the plants that you sent me in good condition. They could not be better. Thanking you for your prompt shipment.
Yours respectfully,
HENRY J. HESS.

ALLEN'S PLANTS, O. K.

W. F. Allen, Dear Sir: Your plants are O. K. People generally getting out of the habit of planting inferior plants.
Yours truly,
D. D. FISHER.
WM. BELT.—Wm. Belt is a standard for quality the country over. There are few lovers of strawberries that would not cross a plot of many varieties and pick out the Wm. Belt as the best. This variety is somewhat subject to rust, and for this reason for a time was not popular, but its superior quality and large size has made many friends for it, especially the amateur growers, who have an appreciative fancy market, or for the home table. The demand for this variety was so great two years ago that I sold every plant and bought out seven other growers to get plants enough to fill all my orders. I have been on the lookout ever since, and now have a large stock of nice plants. I know of nothing that will approach it in quality, of its season, except the Chesapeake.

SHARPLESS.—A great favorite with many people for the family garden. It is also a favorite in many local markets. It is too well known to need any lengthy description, but I wish to say for the benefit of those who have been disappointed in getting these for the last two or three years, that I now have an excellent stock, and shall be pleased to serve you.

TENNESSEE PROLIFIC.—Too well known to need any general description. It is a reliable standard variety; has perfect blossom; plant growth similar to Everland, and a very heavy cropper. One of the best to plant with medium to late pistillate varieties.

STEVENS' LATE CHAMPION.—A very promising late variety of Gandy type, but is claimed to be more productive. I have not fruited this variety yet for various reasons. I expected to have done so in 1906, but a late frost killed this and almost everything else. A few berries that escaped were very satisfactory. The past season the demand for plants left me without any whatever to fruit, and I have not yet been able to fruit the Stevens' Late Champion. I heard so many great things about this berry at the New Jersey State Horticultural Society that I planted much more of it than I would otherwise have done. It is said to yield large crops of large, beautiful berries that ship well late in the season after most of the other varieties have ripened and gone. It is evidently a descendant of the grand old Gandy, but is a much better grower and will thrive better on a greater variety of soils. Last year we only had a moderate supply of plants, but this year I have an exceptionally fine stock, and will be in a position to handle all orders, large or small. I have just returned from a trip in Connecticut, and I find a great many of this variety growing, and it seems to be giving general satisfaction. It is one of the finest growers we have, and I find that it is a safe berry to plant for local market; do not advise it where it has to be shipped long distances.
A Few Final Words That We May Understand Each Other Better.

In describing so many varieties of strawberries, it is a very hard proposition to do so without there being a great deal of sameness about it. I know on this account that the descriptions in catalogue are very often misunderstood, and often, no doubt, justly so. But as a rule I believe that catalogue descriptions are intended to be truthful and honest, and I have often thought I would like to see a catalogue describing a hundred or more varieties of strawberries, for instance, written by any one of a great majority of those who are so free to criticize others. I doubt if any one can give the accurate description of a hundred varieties of strawberries all from his personal observation. Of the few persons who have the opportunity to see a large number of varieties in fruit, it would be difficult to find one who has the ability and the confidence of the public that could take the time just at that season of the year to take notes on a large list of varieties, as it takes considerable time, and to catch all the varieties at the same stage of maturity they would have to be gone over several times. I know with myself it would be almost impossible. To illustrate: The past season, after serving several thousand customers with strawberry plants, orders ranging from a few dozen to several hundred thousand, all of which has my personal superintendence, I shipped to Northern markets 75,000 quarts of strawberries, 25,000 quarts of dewberries, 4,100 half-barrels cucumbers, 1,700 six-gallon crates of peaches, 35 car-loads of cantaloupes, 34 car-loads of watermelons. The work of superintending the growing, pick- ing, packing and marketing of virtually a hundred car-loads of perishable produce is no small task. Yet it has been done satisfactorily and profitably the past season, and more will be undertaken next year. I have just completed housing over 2,000 bushels sweet potatoes, and I am now, at this writing (November 18) busily engaged in planting strawberry plants. Every day this winter when the ground is not frozen we will be setting strawberry plants, until 100 acres are planted, the product of a greater part of which will be required to fill my plant orders in the spring of 1909. Why do I plant in the fall and winter? So that I can get it done and out of the way, in order that I may give my undivided attention to filling orders for strawberry plants during March and April.

Now, to go back to the question of descriptions, I write from observation of the different varieties as I have found them during the busy season, from daily contact in handling and marketing. On those varieties which I have not fruitcd, or have not seen enough of to justify an opinion, I quote the descriptions of the best authority I can get. I do not want you to think for a moment that I guarantee these descriptions either those I give myself or those I quote, to always fit the varieties as you will find them. Why? Because a change of location or change of soil makes so much difference in strawberries that to do so would be impossible. The descriptions are given to help you all we can to select what would be best for you. The information given is the best I can get from my own observation and that of others with experience, and is the same that determines my own operations. The kind that is best with me may not be of much value to you, and your favorite may be worthless to me. Thus you find some champion of almost every variety. Consequently, in reading descriptions, Mr. A. will say that Climax is the best, the Mr. B. will say that Klondyke is the best, and Mr. C. will be very emphatic in his opinion that some other kind is best. Each one is honest in his belief, but while almost every variety is best with some one, no variety is best with every one. This is why we carry such a long list. I want to especially urge all progressive growers to test for themselves a number of varieties every year. Set apart a row or two in your patch every year for this purpose and plant 12 or 25 each of several kinds that you have not already fruited. You will find it very interesting, and you may find something that just suits you for larger planting.

Several collections have been arranged for those who wish to do some experimenting on their own account, and I venture to say that no one who does so will ever regret it.

Now, friends, I have tried to be candid and honest with you, and if you approve of my course I should appreciate very much to do business with you. Those who have been dealing with me know what kind of plants I send out, and I am vain enough to believe they will continue to patronize me. To those who have not dealt with me I want to ask. Won't you try me once? If my plants are not as satisfactory in every way as any you ever got elsewhere, I shall not expect you to continue to buy from me, but I believe if you will let me fill one order for you, in nine cases out of ten I will get the second, the third, and so on. Try it and see if we are not mutually benefited.

With many thanks to those who have given me such liberal patronage in the past, and assuring them that I shall ever strive to merit a continuance of their patronage and good will, I remain, Yours very truly, W. F. ALLEN.

November 17, 1907.

CERTIFICATE OF NURSERY INSPECTION

No. 26.

To Whom It May Concern:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that on the 19th day of November, 1907, we examined the Nursery Stock of Mr. W. F. Allen, at Salisbury, Md., and this Certificate is issued as a certificate of inspection.

The stock was examined in the presence of Mr. W. F. Allen, and the following varieties of plants were found:

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M. L. Allen's Plant and Seed Catalogue, Salisbury, Md. 25

This certificate is necessary to the obtaining of a certificate or license under the laws of Maryland, Chapter 655 of the Laws of 1897, as amended, and must be attached to all stock shipped from your nursery.

W. F. Allen.

[Signature]

November 17, 1907.
## Price List of Strawberry Plants

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Collection "B"—All midseason varieties, and a dandy lot, 12 Hummer, 12 Glen Mary, 12 Cardinal, 12 Haverland, 12 Meade, 12 Oom Paul, 12 President, 12 Good Luck, all for $1.50.

Collection "C"—All late kinds, 12 Chesapeake (the best in the world), 12 Wm. Belt, 12 Gandy, 12 Stevens' Late Champion, 12 North Shore, $1.00.

Collection "D"—Early to late varieties; 12 Virginia, 12 Climax, 12 Saunders, 12 Wm. Belt, 12 Chesapeake, 12 New York, 12 President, 12 Good Luck, all for $1.50.

Collection "E"—Best quality for home table, early to late; 12 Mitchell's Early, 12 May King, 12 Brunette, 12 Marshall, 12 President, 12 Chesapeake, 12 Wm. Belt, all for $1.50.

Collection "F"—New varieties, recommended for trial; 12 Chesapeake, 12 Good Luck, 12 Three Wise, 12 Dick, 12 Fremont Williams, 12 Golden Gate, 12 Champion, 12 Pena, 12 Dutchman, 12 Oswego, 12 Saratoga, 12 St. Louis ($7.40 value), all for $6.00, by mail, prepaid.

Collection "G"—A good collection; 12 Senator Dunlap, 12 Klondyke, 12 Saunders, 12 New York, 12 President, 12 Wm. Belt, all for $1.00.

Collection "H"—Another dandy collection; 12 Climax, 50 Cobden Queen, 50 Buster, 50 Good Luck, 50 Stevens' Late Champion, all for $1.00.

Collection "I"—All early varieties; 50 Klondyke, 50 Virginia, 50 Senator Dunlap, 50 Climax, 50 Fairfield, for $1.00.

Collection "J"—All late varieties; 50 Chesapeake, 50 Stevens' Late Champion, 50 North Shore, 50 Commonwealth, 50 Gandy, 50 Wm. Belt, for $1.50.

Collection "K"—Early, medium and late varieties (a choice collection for the home garden); 50 Virginia, 50 Climax, 50 New York, 50 President, 50 Stevens' Late Champion, 50 Chesapeake, 50 Marshall, all for $2.00.

Collection "L"—Enough for one-half acre, planted 10 inches apart in rows 3½ feet apart, selected for home use or near market; 1,000 Fairfield, 1,000 Senator Dunlap, 1,000 Howard, 1,000 Stevens' Late Champion, for $10.00.

Collection "M"—Enough for one-half acre, planted 18 inches apart in rows 3½ feet apart (good shipping varieties); 1,000 Klondyke, 1,000 Climax, 1,000 Chellie, 1,000 Gandy, for $10.00.

Collection "N"—Enough for one acre, planted 18 inches apart in rows 3½ feet apart; early to late; selected for home use or near market; 1,000 Mitchell's Early, 1,000 Fairfield, 1,000 Senator Dunlap, 1,000 President, 1,000 Parsons' Beauty, 1,000 Stevens' Late Champion, 1,000 Wm. Belt, 1,000 Good Luck, all for $20.00.

Collection "O"—Enough for one acre, planted 18 inches apart in rows 3½ feet apart; early to late, good shipping varieties; 1,000 Excelsior,
The Dewberry is constantly growing in favor and is today, next to the strawberry, the most popular of all the small fruits. The vines trail on the ground like a sweet potato vine. In size and quality it is the equal of any blackberry, and greatly exceeds them in productivity. The plant is perfectly hardy and commences ripening its fruit immediately after late strawberries. Indeed, by planting the latest varieties of strawberries and earliest dewberries, there need not be a single day's gap between the two. The dewberry is sweet and luscious, with few seeds and no hard core. The fruit has become very popular in all markets where known, and more and more are being grown every year and yearly always marketed at paying prices. If let trail on the ground they should be well mulched to keep the immense load of fruit from being spoiled by falling on the ground. The best way, however, is to stake them as shown in our Illustration. Our plan of cultivation is to plant in rows each way, two and one-half feet one way by five feet the other, making about 3,500 plants per acre. Cultivate both ways till plants get long and troublesome, and then cultivate only the wide way and turn vines to keep the cultivator from tearing them off; or, better yet, use sweeps on your cultivator. These will run under the vines and weed up the grass without disturbing them, Leave vines lay on the ground till all danger of winter killing is over, and then early in the spring, before buds put out, stakes should be driven between each alternate hill the two-and-one-half-foot way. The stakes should be two and one-half or three feet above the ground and one hill from each way tied to the top of the stake. Or where timber for stakes is scarce they can be used at longer intervals by using wire to lay the vines over, same as grapes. I use binder twine for tying to stakes. When grown as above directed the plot or field in bloom is prettier than you can imagine, and when fruit comes it is the wonder, admiration and delight of all who see it.

**LUCRETIA.** — The standard dewberry, earlier than the earliest blackberry and as large as the largest of them. The canes are of great hardiness and exceedingly prolific, thrive in any place and are very resistant to diseases and insect attacks. The fruit is superb, large and handsome, jet black, rich and melting, and ships and keeps well. I grow the Lucretia largely for market, having as many as 50 acres in fruit at one time.
AUSTIN'S IMPROVED.

AUSTIN'S IMPROVED.—(Mays.)—An early dewberry of excellent quality and large yield, but the berries lack firmness for long shipment, hence valuable chiefly for home use and local markets. Berries large, short and thick, canes vigorous, hardy and productive; ripens fully a week earlier than Lucretia, and for this reason is valuable to grow in connection with this variety. I have shipped many thousands of quarts of this variety to Philadelphia, 125 miles, and New York, over 200 miles, and received good prices, having marketed over one half of the crop before other varieties are in the way. I always plant about one-third of my field in this variety. It is very hardy and never fails to give a full crop.

PREMO.—This remarkable dewberry is a sport from the grand old Lucretia. The great profitableness of the Lucretia with many growers has been because it was the earliest of the blackberry family to ripen. Now we have Premo, still earlier and larger; that means extra money in the market and an earlier taste of delicious dewberries for the family. Premo has imperfect flowers, and so in planting every third or fourth row should be of Lucretia; or, better yet, where one is equally fond of both varieties, they can be planted in alternate rows. Remember that Premo is a delicious, great blackberry, that begins to ripen when the raspberry season is half over.

BLACKBERRIES.

ANCIENT BRITAIN.—A vigorous, healthy and productive variety; berries good size and fine quality.

ELDORADO.—Especially valuable for its fine quality and hardness; berries good size, jet black, sweet and melting; its canes are strong, hardy and productive.

ICEBERG.—The best white blackberry yet introduced. The berries are very attractive when fully ripe, pure white, and so transparent that you can plainly see the seeds. A great curiosity. These white berries mingled with black ones present a very beautiful appearance on the dish.

KENOYER.—Said to be the earliest of blackberries, and remarkable in its ability to resist drought, heat and cold. It originated in Kansas, a section where the conditions are so destructive to blackberries that but few varieties survive. It is believed to be a cross between the Early Harvest and Kittatiny. Its valuable properties may be summarized as follows: "Earliest of all blackberries, ripens several days in advance of Early Harvest, of excellent quality and good size, much larger than the Early Harvest; in color a rich, glossy black, and has small seeds; clings well to the stem, and is very productive, hardy and free from disease." It is claimed to be so drought-resisting that it will mature its crop perfect when others become shriveled and dried on the canes; canes stalky with but few short thorns. I have a few hundred extra nice plants of these.

MERCEREA5.—Large size, luscious flavor and very hardy. The berries are sparkling black, and, what adds greatly to their market value, they remain black after being gathered. The canes are exceedingly strong and upright in habit of growth; foliage large, abundant and entirely free from rust. Season early to midseason.

LAWTON.—An old favorite, esteemed for its productivity and large size. It is of stalky and erect growth and free from rust. The berries are large and delicious when full ripe but turn black before full ripe, and are then hard and sour. It succeeds over a wide range of country and is one of the best standard sorts. Midseason to late.
WARD.—This is doubtless a seedling of Kittatinny, which it closely resembles; it is vigorous, hardy and free from rust. It was found growing wild in Monmouth county, N. J. Its fine fruit, strong canes, clean, healthy foliage, loaded with enormous crops of large berries, soon attracted attention. It has now been fruited for several years, bearing large crops annually of handsome berries. Very highly recommended at a recent meeting of the New Jersey State Horticultural Society. It is doubtless a variety of great merit.

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CURRANTS.

Choose a moist, rich soil for currants. Plant four by five feet apart. Keep free from weeds and grass by cultivation and mulching. Use plenty of manure and trim out superfluous wood by cutting back the new growth two-thirds each year. Sprinkle ashes around the roots occasionally to keep out borers. If currant worm appears, dust with hellebore. I am offering three varieties only, which I consider as good as can be had. They are three good, reliable varieties that will thrive and produce well anywhere that any variety will grow.

RED CROSS.—The Rural New Yorker says: Red Cross is the best of all, old or new, currants for midseason. It is large and productive. The masses of fruit almost completely cover the bearing canes. It is undoubtedly one of the best currants, if not the very best, on the market.

CHERRY.—Strong grower, fruit very large, sometimes measuring one-half inch in diameter. This is a most excellent red variety.

WHITE GRAPES.—This is the largest and most productive white currant. Flavor sweet, and very fine for the table.

I will send any of the three above named varieties by express, receiver to pay charges, at $1.00 per dozen; $3.50 per 50; $6.00 per 100.

GOOSEBERRIES.

RED JACKET GOOSEBERRY.

Plant same as currants, in good, rich soil, give liberal dressing of manure every season; regular pruning every year is essential for fine fruit. To prevent mildew, spray as soon as leaves appear, and occasionally through the summer, with potassium sulphur, one ounce to four gallons of water. All gooseberries quoted by express or freight, receiver to pay charges.

HOUGHTON.—A very productive berry of medium size, and for general purposes one of the best. I never saw this variety fail to produce at least a partial crop. $1.00 per dozen, $3.50 per 50; $6.00 per 100.

RED JACKET.—An American seedling of large size, smooth, prolific and hardy, quality among the best. This variety is well tested over wide range of territory, and has proven very satisfactory. It is a heavy cropper, has bright, clean, healthy foliage. Good, well-rooted plants, $1.00 per doz.: $3.75 per 50; $7.00 per 100.
GRAPES.

BRIGHTON.—A large bunch and berry, red, resembles Catawba; very fine free grower and productive.

DELAWARE.—A small red berry, compact bunches, very delicious; always brings the highest price in market, and always considered the best for home use. It has no superior in quality.

LINDLEY.—This is a fine red variety, very productive, especially recommended for home garden.

VERGENNES.—This is a very popular dark red variety and one that should be in every garden.

NIAGARA.—Large, compact, greenish white, thin skin, very vigorous and hardy, fruit sweet and good.

DIAMOND.—Bunch and berry large, compact, greenish white, very juicy and fine quality.

POCKlington.—This is a white variety, with large shouldered, compact bunches; ripens a week later than Niagara.

ELVIRA.—This is a white variety, very productive, and fine quality.

CONCORD.—An early black variety that does well wherever planted. Good size, good quality, and very productive.

MOORE S. EARLY.—This is a large, black variety, ripening a week earlier than Concord; berries large, good quality, and very productive. This is especially valuable as an early variety.

WORDEN.—This is a valuable black variety, ripening before the Concord; berries large, of good quality, and thin skin. It is perhaps one of the most popular black grapes grown.

WILDER.—Bunch and berry large, black, tender, rich; one of the finest; as vigorous and productive as Concord.

PRICE.—The above is an especially good selection of old standard, reliable varieties that are sure to give an abundance of fruit, covering the entire season of grapes. I will send ONE GOOD, WELL-ROOTED PLANT OF EACH OF THE ABOVE TWELVE VARIETIES, BY EXPRESS, FOR ONE DOLLAR. Or, I will send a dozen of any that you select from the above list, all of one variety, or divided in several, as you prefer, for One Dollar; less than one dozen, 10 cents each. For larger quantities of any one or more varieties that you may wish, write for prices.

NEWER VARIETIES OF GRAPES.

CAMPBELL'S EARLY.—This is claimed to be the finest grape that has been produced in a long time. It has a strong, hardy, vigorous growth, thin, leathery skin; healthful foliage; very early and abundant, ripening, making it especially valuable. The clusters are large and shouldered, moderately compact; color black. One strong, well-rooted plant, 15c.; $1.50 per dozen, by express.

EATON.—Bunch and berry large, showy, black, thin skin, good quality, robust and productive; season early. 20c. each; $1.75 per dozen, by express.

M. PIKE.—This is a new grape about which there has been a great deal written and said. It has been on exhibition in nearly every part of the country. Its great size, fine flavor and beauty always attract attention. It is a seedling of the Worden, and has many of the good qualities of both Worden and Concord; the berries are very large, sometimes as much as three inches in circumference; ripens early and keeps well; the vine is very strong and thrifty in growth, with large leathery leaves; color purplish black; ripens before Concord. Plants of this variety have been sold at fabulous prices. Only a few days ago an agent called at my office and wanted to sell me some plants at $2 each. I told him no; that while it was a good variety, I would sell him all he wanted at $2 per dozen. Our price, by express, is 25c. each; $2 per dozen.

ASPARAGUS.

I have no asparagus plants to offer this season except about 40,000 BARR’S MAMMOTH, 4-YEAR-OLD, BARE ROOTS. Barr’s Mammoth is early, large, and when placed on the market its appearance makes a demand for it at good prices. This is considered one of the best standard varieties. These roots are grown in very light loam. They are large, bright and solid; will run about 500 roots to the sugar barrel, and should go by freight only. Price per 100, $1.00; per 1,000, $6.00; 5,000 or over, at $5.00 per 1,000.

The above is all the asparagus I have this season, and when it is gone I cannot supply any more.

CALIFORNIA PRIVET.

I have an excellent stock of 1-year California Privet, running about 15 to 20 inches; branched, strong, healthy and heavily rooted. Just the right size to plant for best results. Makes beautiful ornamental hedge. Price, $1.50 per 100; $12.50 per 1,000 (no extra charge for packing.)
I do not claim to carry a full line of seeds, but there are many kinds that will tend to advantage, and in every case I shall offer these as low as is consistent with first quality.

NON-WARRANTY.—Most of the failures with seeds, plants and bulbs are due to causes entirely beyond our control, such as unfavorable weather or soil conditions, too deep or too shallow planting, etc., which renders it impossible for us to guarantee success, and although we take all possible pains to supply only such goods as will, under proper conditions, produce satisfactory results. Our aim is not to make great claims, or to misrepresent or misdescribe, quality or productiveness of any of the seeds, plants or bulbs we send out, and will not be in the way accused for the texts. And every order for articles named in this catalogue will be executed on these conditions only. It must, however, be plain to every one that the matter the slightest thought that it is to our best interests to send out only such stock as will not only grow, but prove true to name and description.

BEETS.

I have a very fine stock of beet seed of the varieties offered, and those who can use 10 lbs. or more are invited to send me a list of just what they want, and I will make them their attractive special prices. Write me.

ECLIPSE.—This is one of the best known table beets. It is indeed high praise to say that the Eclipse beet is almost, or quite, as early as the Egyptian; that the latter has been long accepted as the earliest of all. The Eclipse has always been recognized as superior to the Egyptian in table value. The Eclipse is very smooth, with small top, fine grain, and tender, bright red in color. Many market gardeners have deserted Egyptian entirely in favor of the Eclipse. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter pound, 20c.; pound, 50c.

EGYPTIAN (Crosby).—A distinct improvement on the older form of the Egyptian beet, with a larger and more globular root. It is extremely early, is smoother, and has better color and quality than the original sort. In favor with market gardeners for large stocks. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.

ALLEN'S IMPROVED LONG DARK RED.—This is the best long red turnip on the market, being one of the best for canning in the table value as well as to feed stock. It has yielded twelve tons to the acre. In color it is rich carmine, and in quality it is sweet and tender. In rich soil it may be sown with advantage in July or August as a second crop; it will no be injured by the October frosts, and will produce a great abundance of first-class beets for winter. No other beet can take its place. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.

BLOOD TURNIP.

BLOOD TURNIP, OR DETROIT DARK RED.—A splendid beet of deep red color, for home use or for market; one of the best for canning on account of its beautiful color; small upright tops and perfectly smooth roots; flesh colored lighter and harder hands. Tender and sweet. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.

Giant long red mangel wortzel.—The best mangel for deep soil; size very large, wonderfully productive, and superior quality. Single specimens have been grown to weigh fifty pounds. As a stock food for winter feeding it is excellent. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.

BEANS.

There are many varieties of this class on the market, and the choice of the best depends in a great measure on the locality of the market. In general, the most favored varieties are those that are early and productive. I will not enter into a full description of the various kinds, but will confine myself to a few remarks on some of the most popular varieties, which I have used with great success, and which are in constant demand by the growers.

BURPEE'S STRINGLESS GREEN PODS.—Ripens earlier than Valentine, and remains tender a long time after maturing. The pods are pale green, long, straight, perfectly round, meaty and positively stringless. This is an excellent variety that will give satisfaction every time. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 45c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., 75c.; pk., $1.40; bus., $5.00.

CURRIN'S RUST PROOF.—Pods long, flat and tender, and of the finest quality. It is very productive and one of the very best all-round beans. There has been very much attention given to the improvement of the old-fashioned bean, and this variety seems to be one of the best. It is absolutely rust-proof. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 45c.; postpaid By express, 4 qts., 75c.; pk., $1.40; bus., $5.00.

EARLY MOHAWK.—This variety produces large, strong vines, which bear profusely. It is the hardest of the early varieties and is a well-known green-podded sort of established merit. It is highly and can be planted earlier than most other varieties. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., 75c.; pk., $1.40; bus., $4.75.

EXTRA EARLY RED VALENTINE.—For snaps there is nothing superior to this variety among the green-podded sorts, and many prefer it to the wax varieties. Vine erect, with coarse, dark green leaves; pods medium length, curved, cylindrical, with crease in back; very fleshy, crisp and tender; seed long, of medium size and unsymmetrical in shape; pink, marbled with green; stock a big, dark symmetry in the seed of this variety is an indication of superior fleshiness and good quality in the pods. Many different strains of Valentine are offered. I have slightly varying names. Our stock is very fine, and I think equal to any that can be produced. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., 75c.; pk., $1.40; bus., $4.75.

EXTRA EARLY REFUGEE.—This is a fine variety and one of the most popular round green-podded snaps for both spring and summer planting. It has all the qualities of the well-known Refugee, but is ready for the market ten days earlier. Very productive and sure to produce a crop, even in an unfavorable season. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 40c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., 75c.; pk., $1.40; bus., $4.75.

WARDELL'S KIDNEY WAX BEANS.—A most prolific dwarf wax bean; one of the best and earliest and most hardy of the wax sorts; vines of medium size; pods long, flat and of a delicate wax yellow, very brittle and entirely stringless. It is largely and profitably grown in the South for early shipment to the Northern markets. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., 30c.; pk., $1.50; bus., $5.50.
IMPROVED GOLDEN WAX.—A light green yellow, quite brittle, with only slight strings when young; plants stilly erect, bearing large crop of fine pods held well above the soil. The pods are rather flat, about four inches in length, and one-half inch broad. A very popular market variety. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.; postpaid. By express, four qts., 75c.; pk., $1.40; bus., $5.50.

STRIPEC CRESSBACK.—This is a novelty of real merit, with long yellow, stringless pods, fleshy and tender. Especially recommended for trial. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., 90c.; pk., $1.50.

DAVIS' KIDNEY WAX.—This is a business man's bean; one of the very best for market gardeners and canners. It is a wax-podded variety, almost wholly rust-proof, with kidney-shaped white seeds. It is handsome, prolific and profitable, and not excelled by any of the wax sorts. It is of strong growth, and holds its long, straight pods well above the soil. The pods are clear, waxy white color, and are more conspicuous than the foliage itself when the bush is in full bearing. It is used as a snap sort, and also as a shelled bean. It is of extremely high table quality and is adapted to home use or market. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., 90c.; pk., $1.50; bus., $5.50.

BLACK VALENTINE.—This is a distinct form of the Valentine variety. It is very handsome in appearance and excellent in quality; one of the best green-podded sorts, and we especially recommend it for trial, believing that all who plant it once will want it again. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., 90c.; pk., $1.50; bus., $5.50.

LONGFELLOW.—This has long green pods, always solid, and is one of the most prolific green-podded sorts. The pods are of an attractive green color, perfectly straight and round, and it is a very desirable and profitable variety to grow, both for market gardeners and truckers. It yields more snapes to the acre than most other varieties, more uniform in ripening, and the pods fill the basket quicker. It is also a most desirable bean for private gardens, as it is tender and of excellent flavor when cooked. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., $1.60; pk., $1.60; bus., $5.25.

LIMA BEANS.

DREER'S BUSH LIMA BEAN, OR POTATO BEAN.—This is a great market bean. The gardeners around this section for several years have planted largely of this variety to ship green to the New York markets, and for the first crop they often receive as much as $4.00 per half-barrel basket. This is a bean of rather peculiar shape, being thick and plump rather than flat and oval; it is a very meaty bean, of excellent flavor and high table quality; the vine has the Lima habit of growth, and it is very productive of pods, always well filled; when grown they nearly equal the ordinary large Lima bean in size, but are thicker, sweeter and more tender; they remain green a long time after maturing; the beans are easily shelled, and are in wide favor. The pods are crammed so full that a basket of green pods will shell half the quantity of shelled beans. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., $1.75; half bus., $3.20; bus., $6.00.

KING OF THE GARDEN POLE LIMA.—This is no longer a new bean, but one of the best for main crop, standard for market or family use, which nothing can displace from public favor. It has a vigorous growth and is immensely productive. The vines begin to produce pods near the foot of the pole, and the bearing season continues without interruption until frost. The pods are large and well filled; the beans are of mammoth size and very delicious. I have grown this strain in my garden for many years, and know of no other that will equal it. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 50c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., 90c.; pk., $1.50; bus., $5.50.

SHOTWELL'S POLE LIMA.—This new Lima is an improvement on the old, well known Dreer's Pole Lima. Dreeer's Pole Lima, as is well known, has a general characteristic of Dreer's Bunch Lima, with the exception that it is a pole variety and the pods and beans are somewhat larger. It is one of the best for either family use or market. You should give this new improvement on the old Dreer's Pole Lima a trial. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 35c.; qt., 60c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., $1.00; pk., $1.75.

HENDERSOH'S BUSH LIMA BEAN.—This is a dwarf Lima that gives you the first beans of the season. The quality is very good, though not the best; in productiveness I doubt if it has an equal; it commences to bear ten days ahead of any other variety that I know, and remains full until killed by frost. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 25c.; qt., 45c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., 50c.; pk., $1.40; bus., $5.25.

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Huntinton Co., N. J., April 29, 1907.

W. P. Allen. Dear Sir: I received the strawberry plants all right, and they were fine. I dig-vled my order got half from you and half pedigrees, but yours were twice as good, larger and stronger plants. I set them right away, and they are growing finely. I will send my next order to you. I remain yours.

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AUTUMN KING, OR WORLD-BEAVER.

This is an extra large and solid-head variety, well suited for fall and winter use. It will produce heads of enormous size, with an abundance of dark bluish green leaves growing close about the large flattened heads. The plant is of extra strong growth and requires a longer season than do the earlier and small varieties. Seed should be sown in this latitude about the first of June, when it will produce fine heads for autumn and winter use. Pk., 5c.; oz., 15c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.50.

EARLY SUMMER.—This is one of the best of the large early cabbages, and is exceedingly valuable.

DEVER'S HALF LONG.—This variety is well adapted to all soils and sections, and leads the whole list in popularity. It is half long in shape, somewhat stump-rooted, and of rich, dark orange color. This variety will probably yield a greater bulk and weight, having greater length of root than any other carrot now grown; 40 tons per acre have been grown, and a yield of 20 or 25 tons is not uncommon. It is a very popular and successful carrot. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

LONG ORANGE.—Big cropper, long, smooth, fine-grained, excellent. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

NOTE.—When several pounds of carrot seed are wanted, ask for special rates.

CORN.

Crop short, consequently prices unavoidably much higher than last season, but think they will compare favorably with any reliable house.

CHANTENAY.—Stump-rooted; color rich orange; productive; fine quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

LARGE WHITE BELGIAN.—This variety is in great demand for feeding stock and is excellent for that purpose. It yields an enormous crop, growing about one-third out of the ground; roots are white, grown above the ground, with small top; flesh rather coarse. The roots are very large and yield enormously. Price, pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 60c., postpaid.

OXHEART.—For an early, handsome, ready-selling carrot, plant this. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.

PREMO.—This is claimed to be the earliest sweet corn grown even earlier than the Extra Early Adams. No corn introduced seems ever to have given such general satisfaction as this after a few years' growth. It is acknowledged by expert corn growers to be earlier than any pure sweet corn under cultivation. It not only combines all the merits of all leading early varieties, but is also really superior to them all in size and yield. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.; postpaid. By express or freight, 4 qts., 80c.; pk., $1.50; bus., $4.50.

GOLDEN BANTAM.—Very early, hardy, small, but compact, well-filled ears, and the richest, sweetest, best sweet corn you ever ate. Pkt., 10 qts.; pt., 32c.; qt., 60c.; postpaid. By express, 4 qts., $1.25; pk., $2.00.

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN.—An excellent midseason to late variety; very productive of large, well-filled ears with long, slender grains crowded together in every conceivable shape; quality very fine; my favorite for my own table. Try it. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.; postpaid. By express or freight, 4 qts., $1.00; pk., $1.75; half bus., $3.25; bus., $6.00.

STOWELL'S EVERGREEN.—Except for first early, there is perhaps nothing grown on the market today that will begin to equal Stowell's Evergreen. It is the best for second early, mid-season or late, and planted as of all others combined. Every market gardener and every private gardener in the land knows there is perhaps three times as much of this variety this grand old sweet corn. It is in high esteem for main crop or late use, being in special favor with truckers and canners. Pkt., 10c.; pt., 30c.; qt., 50c.; postpaid. By express or freight, 4 qts., 80c.; pk., $1.40; half bus., $2.50; bus., $4.50.

WINTER QUEEN.—Winter Queen is a close, compact dwarf or half dwarf celery, of about the same size as Golden Self-Blanching; it has, in fact, many traits of that variety, but a far better keeper. The stalks are thick and heavy, with more heart than any other variety. The leaves blanch to a beautiful creamy white, and are firm and solid. The flavor is sweet, nutty and delicious. This is probably the most desirable winter celery grown; will keep well until March. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 60c.; lb., $2.00.

CELERY.
PARIS GOLDEN SELF-BLANCHING.—This is one of the best for general use. The ribs are perfectly solid, crisp, brittle and of a delicious flavor. It has not been surpassed by no other variety, while it has the decided merit of being self-blanching to a remarkable degree; the heart is large, solid and of a beautiful rich, golden yellow color. Do not fail to give this valuable variety a trial. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.; quarter lb., $1.00; lb., $4.75.

DWARF GOLDEN HEART.—This is a good winter keeper, a strong grower and a great favorite. In growth it is half dwarf, similar to Crawford's, except that it only blanches the heart, and is a brighter golden yellow color. A very desirable variety; try it. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.50.

BOSTON MARKET.—This is a good and reliable winter keeper. It blanches quite early, and when ready for market or table makes a good appearance, and is tender, crisp, and fine flavor. It is a vigorous grower, with dark green leaves, attaining a medium height; in short, it is an old standard celery of widely known excellence. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.50.

GIANT PASCAL.—This is a tall-growing variety, attaining a height of about two feet. The stalks are thick, solid, stringless, and brittle. I do not think the color of any celery is better described by the word "ivory" than this one. It blanches early and keeps well; in flavor it very much resembles Golden Self-Blanching, of which it is an off-spring, and the flavor is very choice. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.50.

CUCUMBERS.

This is one of my specialties. I grow them by the carload for market, and no cucumbers on the market bring higher prices than Allen’s. Nothing but the best seed that can be produced will be used for my planting, and this is the kind I furnish my customers. Try them.

ALLEN’S PRIDE OF THE MARKET.—(See illustration.) The accompanying photograph was taken true to nature from mature cucumbers. The basket was a full-size five-eighths peach basket. While in a ten- to a twelvemonth season, the seeds have fully matured, and while in the best condition for market, I have picked loads that would average from 12 to 14 inches long. The color is very dark green, which color it retains for a long time after being picked. The vines are strong and vigorous, with large, healthy foliage. As a market variety, where a strictly fancy article is appreciated, or for home use, it cannot fail to become a great favorite. So sure am I that this variety will give satisfaction that all who buy it and are not satisfied, I will give them the amount they paid for seed of this variety in any other seed listed in my catalogue, if they are not satisfied after growing it one season. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.50; 5 lbs., $6.00.

THE NEW DAVIS PERFECTION CUCUMBER.—This is without doubt the latest and best cucumber improvement. It is one of the most perfect in shape, but somewhat longer than Arlington White Spine, and of an intense green color that does not fade after being packed, making it one of the most valuable pickling cucumbers ever grown. The introducer claims it will sell as high as hothouse cucumbers side by side in the same market. Its eating qualities are among the best; it is almost seedless for one-third of its length, and the seeds that are contained in it when in slicing condition are very small and tender. This is indeed very fine; your money back if you don’t find it so.

PENINSULA PRIZE.—The best early market cucumbers on earth. It will remain perfectly green for a month after being picked. Now, don’t say, “That’s a lie”—try it, and you will find that my statement is all wool and a yard wide. I grew over 1500 barrels of this variety the past season, and they sold every day for double the market quotations. They are vigorous, productive, fine quality, and every way O.K. Seed crop of this variety very short this season. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.50; 5 lbs., $7.50.

ARLINGTON WHITE SPINE (Allen’s Selected Strain).—This variety is too well known to require a prolonged description. It is one of the best known and most popular cucumbers with gardeners everywhere. My stock of seed of this variety...
is far superior to the average, being saved expressly for my own requirements. It is very select. If you can get any better anywhere, at any price, I will refund you every cent you pay me for this variety. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c; quarter lb. 40c; lb. $1.25; 5 lbs. $5.00.

SHAMROCK.—Originated in Michigan, and is of the White Spline type. I have grown a quantity of it and found it very satisfactory. It is an excellent market variety, being very green, medium size, and exceedingly productive. I do not believe any one would regret planting it. Pkt. 5c; oz. 10c; quarter lb. 25c; w. 50c; 5 lbs. $3.75.

EARLY CLUSTER.—This extra early variety, rather prickly, seems to be giving great satisfaction. The fruit is borne in clusters, and is highly favored for its great productiveness. Pkt. 5c; oz. 10c; quarter lb. 25c; lb. 75c.

EGG PLANTS.

EARLY BLACK BEAUTY.—(See cut).—This beautiful egg plant is a great improvement over the well-known and largely-grown New York Improved Large Purple. The plants are remarkably healthy in their growth, and produce an abundance of large fruit from July 10th to October 10th. Pkt. 10c; half oz. 25c; oz. 40c; quarter lb. $1.25; 1 lb. $4.00.

NEW YORK IMPROVED SPINELESS.—This is a spineless strain of the New York Imp. Purple, and is a desirable improvement on that popular old variety. I can cheerfully recommend my carefully selected strain of this egg plant to market gardeners and amateurs. Skin rich purple, flesh white and of fine flavor; fruit large, fine and free from thorns, and produces continually until frost. Plant a vigorous grower and a leading sort for home use and for market. Pkt. 10c; oz. 30c; quarter lb. 50c; lb. $3.00.

LETTUCE.

BIG BOSTON.—A very popular variety with gardeners who want a large-heading, forcing sort, and also for outdoor winter culture. The plants are large and very hardy and vigorous, with broad, smooth, thin and very solid, spiny, broad leaves which are bright light green in color, and when well grown are quite tender; indoors this forms a solid head, while outdoors it is less distinctively a heading sort. This is grown in the South as a winter lettuce. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c; quarter lb. 40c; lb. $1.50. Short seed crop.

ALLEN'S IMPROVED HANSON.—A beautiful heading sort, intermediate with loose-leaved and cabbage varieties. The heads are very large, of fine form, deliciously sweet, tender and crisp, even of the outer leaves; color green outside and white within. Free from any bitter or unpleasant taste. Pkt. 5c; oz. 10c; quarter lb. 30c; lb. $1.00; 5 lbs. $4.00.

CRISP-AS-ICE.—This is a beautiful lettuce of the cabbage type; the solid heads are of large size and the leaves are so tender and brittle as to have suggested the name bestowed upon it; the head has a rich yellow heart; the leaves are thick and glossy, some what curled, and of a good and attractive green color, variegated with bronze. Crisp-as-Ice cannot be overestimated or overpraised for home use in spring or summer. Pkt. 5c; oz. 10c; quarter lb. 30c; lb. $1.00; 5 lbs. $4.00.

BLACK SEEDED SIMPSON.—A standard cutting variety; very popular. Pkt. 5c; oz. 10c; quarter lb. 25c; lb. 50c.

GRAND RAPIDS.—This variety is beautiful in appearance, excellent for garnishing, and very tender and crisp; a strong-growing variety that retains its freshness a long time after being cut; as a forcing variety for winter and early spring I find it at the head of the list; it is beautiful in appearance. Pkt. 5c; oz. 10c; quarter lb. 25c; lb. 50c.

MELONS--MUSK OR CANTALOupe.

One of my specialties. I have grown 50 to 75 acres of cantaloupes for market every year for 10 years, shipping from two to three carloads daily during the season. I save my own seed and save it from the best selected melons, and I know that it is as good as that grown in Colorado or anywhere else. I have grown several crops from the much-oversoldestimated Colorado-grown seed, but all my best crops and those that have paid me best were grown from my own selected stock and for my own planting I would not use the poorest seed of my own selected cantaloupe seed for a pound of any Colorado-grown seed on the market. Being one of the largest growers of cantaloupes in the East, I have shifted the matter thoroughly for my own benefit, and know what I am talking about.

NEW NETTED ROCK.—This new early cantaloupe can truly be termed a "money-maker." In most respects it is very similar to the new Eden Gem, being densely netted entirely across the slightest, exceedingly sweet, firm and solid, making one of the very best for home use or market. I have selected my seed of this variety until it is the most uniform in size of any variety that I know of, packing almost perfectly 45 to the standard crate. I have grown several acres of this and find it a very profitable market variety. I shipped one full carload of this variety last August, which returned me over $1,100 after paying freight, refrigerating, carting and commission. I shall plant at least 30 acres of this variety alone this year. The seed I offer is extra selected, all of my own growing. Price, per pkt. 5c; oz. 10c; quarter lb. 40c; lb. $1.25; 10 lbs. by express for $10.00.

BURRELL'S GEM.—This might very appropriately be called a salmon-colored Rocky Ford. It has yellow meat, which is very thick, leaving only a small seed cavity; the quality is very fine indeed. The vine makes a vigorous growth and is very productive, averaging in size about one-fourth larger than Rocky Ford, or about two and one-half pounds each. I can grow of my own and growing and are strictly fancy. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c; quarter lb. 40c; lb. $1.25; 5 lbs. by express, $5.00.

TRUE ROCKY FORD (Burpee's Netted Gem).—I only have a few seed this season, but they are of a very select strain of this popular market variety; no better or truer stock than this. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c; quarter lb. 30c; lb. $1.00.
NEW EDEN GEM.—This new cantaloupe is one of the very best market varieties to be had. It was originally selected from a cross of the handsome, Selma variety, and has been improved until it is entirely distinct and far superior to that popular old variety. The size is good, the flesh is better than the Selma, and the rind is much firmer, thereby standing shipment and handling with less than half the losses sustained in handling and shipping Rocky Ford. It makes a larger yield of marketable melons. The "New Eden Gem" has very slight creases and is densely velvety all over, making a very beautiful and valuable cantaloupe either for market or home use. The fruit is in large cantaloupe boxes, the price being $3.00 a hundred. This is an offering of this variety are all of my own growing and were saved from selected melons from healthy vines in a field which was no blight. So sure am I that this seed will please you that I will refund every dollar paid for this seed and I give you cause to be dissatisfied or should you be able to buy seed elsewhere at any price that when planted and cultivated under the same conditions will give you better results. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 30c.; lb., $1.00. By express, 5 lbs., $4.50; 25 lbs., $20.00.

BREAKFAST LUXURY.—About the size of Early Hackensack, and is all that its name implies. It is indeed a luxury and one that any lover of cantaloupes in the market will be glad to have. It bears abundant crops of luscious green-fleshed melons that make your mouth water for the second piece. Can be had in drums or barrels, box lots, or car lots. Those who have an appreciative local market and are first to get the BREAKFAST LUXURY will have a bonanza. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.50.

MODEL.—This would remind you of a big, overgrown Rocky Ford, being about twice the size of the variety. It originated in South Jersey, and its sweet, melting green flesh makes the most discriminating customer. In delicacy and flavor it is unsurpassed. It sells freely at top prices when others beg for buyers. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.50.

EMERALD GEM.—This variety has vigorous and hearty vines; the flesh is salmon-colored, thick and firm, ripening almost to the rind, and of the richest and best flavor. The skin is smooth and of a deep emerald green color, and has a very popular quality, either for home use or for the market. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 25c.; lb., 50c.

WATERMELONS.

This is another of my specialties, which I grow in large quantities for market. I shall plant this year 60 acres for market, from which I expect to ship at least 50 carts. My seed are grown especially for me in Florida and are very fine. In comparing prices please do not overlook the fact that my seed are Florida-grown, as Western seed are much cheaper. If there are any of my customers who want Western seed, I can supply them of most varieties at one-thirtieth of prices which I quote for Florida seed.

SUCCESS.—Rightly named, as it carries "success" with it. This is a variety that attracted so much attention at the Jamestown Exposition last summer and was considered by many to be one of the best in the Exposition. Those who planted it wanted it again, and those who saw it over at Neighborhood Do-Well's all want it next year. The first 20 cars sold for $27 a hundred, and we have a very large stock left, with plenty of 60 to 65-lb. specimens. It is enormous, large and firm, and densely netted over any other melon equaling it in touch skin and rind. While it has rapidly become one of the leading melons for market, it is one of the best all-around melons in existence, and for the family garden it is also without a peer. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.00; 25 lbs. by express, $20.00.

SWEETHEART.—Magnificent new shipping melon of uniformly large size and fine qualities; vine vigorous and productive, ripening its fruit early; fruit large, oval, very heavy, uniformly mottled, light, and very light greens; rind thin but firm; flesh bright red, firm, solid, but very tender, melting and sweet. Fruit remains in condition for use longer than most other sorts. I grew quite a few of this variety the past season and know that it is very fine. I shipped a few to Boston which sold for $27 a hundred, and the parties that bought them were anxious for more. It is indeed of large size and very fine quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.; 25 lbs. by express, $10.00.

EXTRA EARLY HACKENSACK.—This is a round melon flattened at the ends and well ribbed; the skin is very fine, and the flesh, which is green, is rich and sugary. The vines make good, strong growth and bear abundantly. It is also considered a good shipping melon. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 25c.; lb., 80c.

PAUL ROSE, OR PETOSKEY.—This extra fine salmon-colored melon is a hybrid between Osage and Netted Gem. It is, however, larger than Osage, with thicker flesh. It is of the Netted Gem and Rocky Ford family, being smaller in size, slightly elongated in shape and of highest flavor. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 30c.; lb., $1.00.

JERSEY BELLE.—Somewhat like Jenny Lind, not so early, but larger. The melons are flat, heavy, ribbed, coarsely netted. It has a green flesh and very fine quality, and altogether is a very desirable melon. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 30c.; lb., $1.00.

HOODOO.—An ideal yellow-fleshed melon. Average size, 1½ lbs., packs uniform in crates and baskets; flesh very thick and firm; excellent keeper and shipper; seed cavity small with few seeds; flavor very sweet; heavily netted. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; ½ lb., $1.00; 1 lb., $3.00. Finest selected stock.

DARK RIND KOLB GEM, OR ICEBERG (sometimes called yellow-bellied Kolb Gem).—This may be described as being very superior to the old Kolb Gem variety. It somewhat resembles the old variety in size and appearance, but is darker in color both outside and inside. Where it rests upon the ground it is yellow, while the Kolb Gem is white. The skin is oblong to nearly round; the rind is thin but very tough, and melons bear shipping and handling better than most other varieties. In this section it is more largely grown than any other on account of its excellent shipping qualities. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.; 25 lbs. by express, $10.00.

THREE FOLD.—This is a new variety of superior quality. The melons are uniform and long; vines of strong, vigorous growth, and produce enormous crops of richly-flavored melons. The skin, while thin, is very tough, of a leathery make, which insures greatest shipping qualities. The flesh is richly colored, being of a deep blood red. This new variety should supersede many of the popular shipping varieties on account of its superior quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.; 25 lbs. by express, $10.00.
GREY MONARCH.—The flesh of this variety is a brilliant red and is remarkably sweet, delicious and crisp. It is well adapted to both North and South and claimed to be excellent both for market and the family gathering. It is a rich, rapid grower, and very productive of large, beautiful melons of rich and brilliant color. It is one of the best in quality and a general favorite everywhere. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.; 25 lbs. by express, $10.00.

HALBERT HONEY.—Planters who sell their melons in nearby markets say that Halbert Honey outsells any other variety they grow, and claim that it will sell even when the market is well supplied. It is essentially a home melon for your own use or nearby market, as the thin skin is too brittle to withstand rough handling in distant shipping. The vines are of strong, vigorous growth, and sets fruit freely; four or five large melons are frequently seen clustered closely together. The vines grow quickly, so that they will ripen choice fruit even in the Northern States, if planted in good location. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.; 25 lbs. by express, $10.00.

BLACK BOULDER.—This is enormously productive, reaching a mammoth size, with rich, dark green skin, with red inside. It sets close to any melon on the market, and its shipping qualities are phenomenal, no other melon equaling it in tough skin and rind. It is claimed to be even superior to Kolb Gem. Packet, 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.; 25 lbs. by express, $10.00.

KLECKLY SWEET.—This is claimed to be the sweetest watermelon yet produced, and is especially desirable to grow for home use and near market. This melon is too tender to admit of fruits being shipped any distance to market. Fruits are oblong, with dark green skin, solid, rich, and not stringy; flesh bright scarlet, with broad, solid heart, which is crisp, sugary and melting, and entirely free from stringiness. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.; 10 lbs. by express, $4.50.

CAROLINA BRADFORD.—A splendid melon for home use, maturing in about 85 days. It is a large, long melon, of dark green color, with darker stripes; the red dish is sweet and melting, and of excellent texture; the seed are white; it has a very strong vine and very productive. It is highly esteemed wherever known, and is better adapted to home use or near market than for distant shipment. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.; 10 lbs. by express, $4.50.

EDEN.—A cross of Kolb Gem and Rattlesnake, combining the good shipping qualities of the Kolb Gem with the splendid table qualities of the Rattlesnake. It is similar in shape and appearance to Kolb Gem, excepting that it has a brighter stripe, is a little larger, and has a more attractive appearance. It is becoming a popular market melon wherever grown. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.; 10 lbs. by express, $10.00.

KOLB GEM.—This is one of the most popular shipping melons grown in the South. The shape is oblong to nearly round; the melons weigh from 30 to 40 lbs. each; the rind is thin but very tough and melons bear handling and shipping better than most other varieties. It is largely grown on account of its superior shipping qualities. The flesh is bright red and the vines are very productive. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.; 25 lbs. by express, $10.00.

MAMMOTH IRONCLAD.—This extra large watermelon is one of the greatest commercial melons on the market. The flesh is of prime quality, always solid and never mealy; the heart is very large and the flesh next to the rind is fully equal to that in the center; it uniformly grows to greater size, with more marketable melons to the acre, than any other of the extra-large varieties. Ironclad will mostly resist a fall of three feet without fracturing or even bruising, and is one of the best shippers known. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 60c.; 25 lbs. by express, $10.00.

ONIONS.

My onion seed this season is exceptionally fine, and I shall be pleased to have your orders.

YELLOW GLOBE DANVERS.—A fine strain. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; quarter lb., 75c.; lb., $2.50.

LARGE RED WETHERSD.—Fine stock. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; quarter lb., 75c.; lb., $2.50.

PRIZE TAKER.—Very popular, and my stock will please you. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 60c.; lb., $2.00.

WHITE PORTUGAL.—Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; quarter lb., 65c.; lb., $2.25.

SOUTHPORT RED GLOBE.—Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; quarter lb., 60c.; lb., $2.75.

PARSLEY.

TRIPLE CURLED.—Plant robust and free from disease. Plants well developed and shaped by severe cutting: large leaves and beautifully curled; very dark green; stands heat, drought and cold; yield double that of most sorts: appearance of plant is very handsome. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.

CHAMPION MOSS CURLED.—The large leaves are heavily limped and curled, being quite moss-like in appearance, and of a peculiarly rich, extra dark green coloring; very productive and most attractive as a garnish, both on account of its deep green color and its fine mossy appearance. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 29c.; lb., 50c.

EMERALD.—A dwarf-growing and very satisfactory variety. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.
P E P P E R S.

RUBY KING.—The plants grow about two feet high and produce fine crops of handsome large, scarlet fruit which ripens somewhat earlier than any other variety. Flesh thick, sweet and mild; especially fine for salad, or stuffed for mangos. I place this variety at the head of the list because it is generally considered the best of all the varieties. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.75.

LONG RED CAYENNE.—The conical shaped fruit is from three to four inches long and of a bright red color, and borne in great profusion. This is a standard household variety. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $2.00.

BULL NOSE.—A standard sweet-flavored, scarlet sort. Plants two feet high, prolific, and quite early in ripening. The sweet, scarlet fruits are three inches in length and two inches in diameter. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.75.

CHINESE GIANT.—Flesh thick and solid; requires a long growing season, so plants should be set early. The peppers grow much larger than Ruby King, and of a bright scarlet color when ripe. The plant is strong, of vigorous growth, being about two feet high when fully grown, and very prolific. The extreme size of the peppers is a great surprise to all who grow them. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 35c.; quarter lb., 75c.; lb., $2.75.

P A R S N I P S.

LARGE SUGAR, OR HOLLOW CROWN.—This is a popular old variety that everybody grows; roots large size, always smooth; rich, sweet flavor, and enormously productive. A very desirable table variety. The top grows from a depression in the crown, hence the name. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.

P E A S.

Note all quotations on peas are by express or freight, receiver to pay charges.


ALASKA.—Crop very short. Qt., 25c.; 4 qts., 80c.; peck, $1.50; bus., $5.75.

GRADUS, OR PROSPERITY.—Earliest long-podded variety; very fine, and my stock is excellent. Qt., 35c.; 4 qts., $1.10; pk., $1.75; bus., $6.75.

TELEPHONE.—Large peas of rich, sugary flavor. Qt., 30c.; 4 qts., $1.00; pk., $1.75; bus., $6.50.

SURPRISE, OR ECLIPSE.—One of the good things you should plant. Large, early, wrinkled. Qt., 30c.; 4 qts., $1.00; pk., $1.75; bus., $6.50.

NOTT'S EXCELSIOR.—A very fine variety. Qt., 25c.; 4 qts., 80c.; pk., $1.50; bus., $5.50.

BLISS EVERBEARING.—Very popular and very prolific. Qt., 25c.; 4 qts., 80c.; pk., $1.50; bus., $5.50.

PREMIUM GEM.—The best distinctly dwarf variety; grows 12 to 15 inches high; very popular; Qt., 25c.; 4 qts., 80c.; pk., $1.50; bus., $8.50.

LARGE WHITE MARROWFAT.—Qt., 20c.; 4 qts., 50c.; pk., 50c.; bus., $5.50.

CANADA FIELD PEAS.—Excellent for early hay. $1.75 per bushel.

R A D I S H E S.

SCARLET GLOBE.—This new radish has especially a good reputation for forcing sort. Its peculiarity is that it will bear forcing without becoming pithy in character or suffering injury to its flavor. Its attractive shape is shown in the illustration; its color is rich scarlet, which has a small top, and is in all respects a high-bred radish. I have planted a number of varieties for bunching and for early market, but until I can find something better I shall not plant anything except the Scarlet Globe hereafter. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.; 10 lbs. by express, $3.50.

WHITE TIP SCARLET TURNIP.—Color is scarlet and white, as indicated by its name. It is extremely quick to mature, being ready for the table in seventeen to twenty days from time of sowing seed; is invaluable for planting under glass as well as for the open air; the skin is very smooth. Market gardeners find it a quick-selling sort at good prices; for the private home garden it is no less satisfactory. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.; 10 lbs. by express, $3.50.

EARLY DARK RED.—This radish is a great favorite with market gardeners on account of its size and attractive appearance. Market gardeners, as well as private gardeners, who have not tried this variety will find it to give entire satisfaction. Its beautiful color is implied in its name. It makes very rapid growth and is one of the sweetest and tenderest radishes in the whole list. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.; 10 lbs. by express, $3.50.
A long, smooth radish, red above and white below, the tip large, but both brittle and tender; widely popular. This radish makes the finest appearance on the market stall, and for this reason is grown extensively by market gardeners.

**GOLDEN SUMMER CROOKED NECK.**—This is one of the best of the summer squashes: it is of dwarf bushy habit and very productive; the skin is yellow, the shape is shown in the illustration; the flesh is a green yellowish color and is dry and of most agreeable flavor. It is, in fact, the most highly esteemed of all the summer varieties. I particularly recommend my select strain to the attention of the market gardeners. Those who used it last season speak in the highest praise of its good qualities. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quar, lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.; 10 lbs. by express, $3.50.

**TRUE HUBBARD.**—The most largely grown as a late sort. It is of large size, often weighing from 10 to 25 pounds; color bluish green, occasionally marked with brownish orange or yellow; flesh fine grain, dry and excellent flavor. It can be used from September until May. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.; 10 lbs. by express, $5.00.

**GOLDEN HUBBARD.**—A new and valuable squash, a sport of the old Hubbard. It has shape and virtues of its parent, but it is earlier and more productive than the original. The skin is very pleasing, being deep yellow or orange red; flesh richer in color than the Hubbard and of equal quality; fine grain and sweet; cooks dry and is a perfect table squash for making into pies. A splendid keeper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 25c.; lb., 50c.; 10 lbs. by express, $1.75; 25 lbs. by express, $4.00.

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**WHITE CHARTIERS, or WHITE STRASBURG.**—Similar in shape and possessing the same good qualities as the above, but the color is pure white. I predict a great demand for this class of radish. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.

**WHITE CRUMPLE, or SAVOY LEAF.**—An exceedingly popular variety; very hardy and stands shipment well; one of the best market varieties; productive, hard, tender and well flavored. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 15c.; lb., 35c.; 10 lbs. by express, $1.75; 25 lbs. by express, $4.00.

**TOP STRAP LEAF.**—This is one of the best table and stock turnips on the market, being of fine grain and fine flavor. It is white below with a bright purple top; it is a good cropper and excellent keeper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 15c.; lb., 40c.; 10 lbs. by express, $2.50.

**GOLDEN SUMMER CROOKED NECK.**—This is one of the best of the summer squashes: it is of dwarf bushy habit and very productive; the skin is yellow, the shape is shown in the illustration; the flesh is a green yellowish color and is dry and of most agreeable flavor. It is, in fact, the most highly esteemed of all the summer varieties. I particularly recommend my select strain to the attention of the market gardeners. Those who used it last season speak in the highest praise of its good qualities. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quar, lb., 20c.; lb., 50c.; 10 lbs. by express, $3.50.

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YELLOW ABERDEEN.—A turnip of high merit; the flesh is yellow, sugary and very solid; in color the turnip is purple above and deep yellow below. It is a good keeper; a valuable table variety and also excellent for feeding stock. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 15c.; pound, 45c.; 10 lbs. by express, $2.50.

LONG ISLAND WAXY RUTA BAGA.—This is a hardy and valuable variety and is useful both as a field and as a market vegetable. It is of fine and widely grown; it keeps perfectly all winter and even until the following summer; it is hardy, productive and sweet. It should be sown in June or July, as it requires a longer season to mature than other strains of the turnips. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 15c.; lb., 40c.; 10 lbs. by express, $2.50.

IMP. PURPLE TOP RUTA BAGA.—A superb variety; will make immense yield of large, smooth bulbs that will easily keep until spring. One of the very best. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 15c.; lb., 40c.; 10 lbs. by express, $2.50.

PUMPKINS.

MAMMOTH POT IRON.—This is a prize-winning growing to immense proportions. Fleshy, bright yellow, fine grained and good quality. Notwithstanding the large size of this variety, it is excellent for making pies. The fruit has been found to weigh over 240 pounds. This is also one of the cheapest of stock foods. I know of farmers who do not feed their cattle anything but coarse hay and pumpkins until long after mid-winter. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 30c.; lb., $1.00; 10 lbs. by express, $7.50.

Make repeated sowings in shallow drills a foot apart. Of easy cultivation.

NEW CHINESE.—Large crisp leaves, tender and delicious when cooked like spinach. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 25c.; lb., 75c.; 5 lbs. by express, $2.50.

I have a large stock of tomato seed, and especially of those varieties mostly used by canners, such as Allen’s Best. Stone, Paragon, Britton’s Best, Favorite, Atlantic Prize, Guernsey, etc., and I have the correspondence of the managers of canning establishments. I will put up your seed in pounds, half-pounds, quarter-pounds, or any weight, and give you lowest jobbing prices and give you best stock. I have furnished large quantities of seed to canners and have yet to hear from my first dissatisfied customer.

JUNE PINK.—June Pink is a deep pink or purplish-colored tomato, having the same character of growth and fruiting as Sparks’ Earliana, while it is fully as early and possesses greater sweetness and freedom from acidity. It originated as a chance sport in a field of Earliana on the farm of a market gardener near Frechold, N. J. The plants are quite hardy and withstand the prices of market gardeners who start their plants very early and have large plants well hardened ready to set out as early in the spring as the spring will allow. It is a plant and a fruit that are what are known as “crown sets”—that is, the young plant develops a large cluster of blossoms when about eight inches high, either in the plant bed or very soon after it is planted in the field. The plants are of quick, hardy growth, open and spreading in habit. The larger fruits, borne in clusters of three to five, measure three to four inches in diameter by two to two and one-half inches deep from stem to blossom end. Both skin and flesh are of deep pink or purplish tinge pleasing to the eye, while the crystalline flesh is of sweet, mild flavor. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.; quarter lb., $1.25; lb., $4.50.

ALLEN’S BEST.—This is undoubtedly the very best early tomato in cultivation. The season is medium early, the color is a beautiful red, reminding one of red velvet. The fruit is firmer than any other tomato I have ever grown, and it will bear shipping further than any other variety. I say this without hesitation, and to any person who buys seed to grow tomatoes for market and can successfully contradict this statement, I will return him the money paid me for the seed. I have shipped it to Boston by express (which is about the hardest test that could be given any tomato) and had it sell for $1.50 per crate, when other varieties would not pay transportation charges. As a market variety for shipping, general crop, canning, or any other purpose, I have never seen its equal, although I have grown hundreds of acres of tomatoes. It is very productive, and anyone who grows tomatoes for market should not fail to include Allen’s Best. It is large, always smooth and firm, a heavy cropper, and less liable to crack than any other variety. This season I have put the price within the reach of the home grower; 5c. per quart, 10c. per quart, $2.00; 5 lbs. by express, $7.50.

SPARK’S EARLIANA.—At this time probably the most largely grown of all the extra early varieties, Market gardeners, who find it advantageous to be first in market, have kept up the “prizes” of Earliana for several years, until it has become the standard for comparison of first early varieties. The plants are quite hardy, with rather slender, open branches and moderate growth, well set with fruits, nearly all of which will ripen extremely early in the season. The tomatoes are deep scarlet and grow closely together in clusters of four or five medium size, averaging about two to two and one-half inches in diameter. There is a good proportion of smooth tomatoes and a correspondingly small number of creased and imperfect ones. Mr. Burpee claims that “a specimen plant at Fordhook Farm will bear 100 large tomatoes at one time, and that at time of picking, and thirty-five green ones of good size, and the whole plant could have been hidden by a bushel basket.” As this variety is so well known, it is not necessary to give it further description. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 60c.; lb., $2.00. Special price on larger orders.

CHALK’S EARLY JEWEL.—I have been growing this variety for four years, and for early market I have not yet found anything to equal it. It is not quite so early as some of the other varieties, but this is a matter of no importance, for in size, quality, and yield of the beautiful thick, red tomatoes; they are never seamed or misshaped like many other early sorts, and always bring top prices. Fruits are uniformly large, thick through, more solid, and finer quality than the very early varieties. Average well-grown fruits are from two to two and a half inches thick, two and a-half to three inches in diameter, which is large enough for market varieties. The plant is enormously productive and one of the most profitable to grow for main crop as well as for early market. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 60c.; lb., $2.00. Write for special prices on large lots.

LIVINGSTON NEW GLOBE.—This is a new large tomato, the variety for market, it is thicker from stem to blossom end than any other variety grown. The plants are robust and hardy, making large growth, which is well loaded with handsome tomatoes. It is excellent for slicing; ripens early, although of
large size; very smooth; firm flesh; few seed; ripens evenly; color a beautiful glossy rose, tinted with purple; flavor very delicate and agreeable. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 60c.; lb., $2.00; 5 lbs., by express, $7.50.

MAULE'S EARLIEST.—For first early this is equal to any variety that I know of. About as early as Spark's Earliana. Mr. Maule, in describing his new tomato, speaks of it in these terms: "Remarkable for its large size; the most profitable early tomato in the world; better quality and earlier than any of its rivals; the plant is a good yielding for so early a variety; the fruit commands highest prices by being first in the market, and has proved very profitable to my customers. Every market gardener knows the value of the first home-grown tomatoes, and is anxious to share in the prices which characterize the opening of the season. I have met with no exceptions to the case, for it is the first to mature, and it is really large, handsome and good." The seed I am offering of this valuable new early variety are of my own growing and were saved only from select tomatoes. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.; quarter lb., $1.00; lb., $3.00.

STONE.—Here on the Maryland and Delaware Peninsula, where there are more tomatoes canned than in any other part of the world, the Stone is the great favorite. This has come to be recognized as best of all the standard sorts, though comparatively new. The color is a desirable, bright red. The fruit is of large size, perfectly smooth and of the best quality. It is a famous crop tomato in many sections, both North and South, and is much used for canning. The plants are productive and the fruit bears shipment well. I rate it with the best. Stone is used for forcing purposes under glass, with very best results. Its shape, color and quality adapt it to the fancy trade. I am especially desirous of corresponding with canners who wish seed of this variety. For the growers, and will say that I am in position to offer prices that must be satisfactory on large quantities. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 60c.; lb., $1.15; 10 lbs. by express, $12.50; 25 lbs., $25.00; 100 lbs., $90.00.

PARAGON (Britton's Best).—This is a favorite market variety in certain sections; a fine, medium early variety, and a heavy bearer; fruit large, dark red in color and perfectly smooth; much used for canning purposes. The variety is heavy. The Paragon is sometimes described as being smooth as an apple. I should like to correspond with canners who wish to buy seed for their growers. I am in position to offer this variety on large quantities. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 60c.; lb., $1.15; 10 lbs. by express, $12.50; 25 lbs., $27.50.

YELLOW PEAR.—This is a very pretty tomato, similar in shape to a pear. The fruit is rather small, only about the size of a large plum. Very desirable for pickling and preserving. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; quarter lb., 75c.; lb., $2.50.

LIVINGSTON'S FAVORITE.—I have grown this variety largely for market and find it very satisfactory; color very dark red and quite large; it is very thick and has but few seeds in proportion to size, it is one of the heaviest tomatoes grown; for main crop I doubt if there is anything better in the old standard varieties than this. I have grown it by the acre where I could pick five-eights of a bushel basket from three to five hills at a picking. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.50; 10 lbs. by express, $12.00.

LIVINGSTON'S BEAUTY.—Fruit large; borne in clusters of four or five; medium early; color rich glossy crimson; full grown green tomatoes can be picked and they will ripen up beautifully; an excellent shipping sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.50; 10 lbs. by express, $12.00.

ATLANTIC PRIZE.—A splendid early variety for general use; of large size, bright red color, uniform and smooth; higher in compensation and a favorite with many growers. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.50; 10 lbs. by express, $12.00.

FIVE MILLION DOLLAR.—Medium early, large, red and smooth. Its shipping qualities are superb. It can be picked red and shipped hundreds of miles by express. Several customers who bought this two years ago recommend it highly. One says, "You will disappoint no one with this variety." Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $2.00.

SALSIFY.

MAMMOTH SANDWICH ISLANDS.—This is an improved type of the largest and most profitable salsify now in cultivation; roots large, heavier than the old long white, which I have discarded, and of more agreeable flavor. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; quarter lb., 50c.; lb., $1.00.

WHIT EB POTATOES.

I do not handle potatoes in less than barrel lots, and I can usually supply the very best northern grown seed of IRISH COBBLER, HOLTON ROSE, EARLY OHIO, CROWN JEWEL, and several others at lowest market price. I do not give price quotations; market fluctuates considerable, and it is best to give direct quotations. Write me your wants, stating varieties and quantity of each, and I will write, giving prices by return mail. It is usually to the advantage of the purchaser to place orders early and the pota
toes can be held and shipped out when you are ready.

SWEET POTATOES.

There is probably no section where better sweet potatoes can be grown than here on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. My sweet potatoes took first prizes at the Maryland Horticultural Society in December, 1906, the only time I ever made an exhibit. I have a few slips for sale which will average about one inch in diameter, 4 to 6 inches long, one of which I will furnish f.o.b. B. R. R., at $3.00 per bbl. (I do not sell potatoes in less than one barrel lots.) I desire those in the district to distance to buy potato plants instead of the slips or seed potatoes. I offered sweet potato plants for the first time last spring and was surprised at the amount we sold, which was over 1,000,000. Plants can be sent anywhere in this country by express. I have the following varieties:

RED NASENEMOND.—This variety has a blood red skin, but inside it is yellow and dry. It cooks very fine, and many think it to be one of the very best on the market. This may be mistaken for a red yam, but I wish to state that this is a distinct sweet potato, and is not related to the red yam in any respect. Those who like a dry sweet potato cannot fail to be pleased with this variety.

YELLOW NASENEMOND.—This is a chunky, smooth, yellow sweet potato. It is peculiarly popular than any other variety grown. With me it is a heavy yilder, and for all purposes I consider it one of the best.

BIG STEM JERSEY.—This is a very popular variety with many growers, especially those who wish to get their crop in before others begin to dig. This variety is a very heavy yielder, and is very desirable, either for home use or market.
VEGETABLE PLANTS.

CABBAGE PLANTS (Early Varieties).—Early Jersey Wakefield, Large Charleston Wakefield, and Early Summer. Ready after April 1; $2.00 per 1,000; $15.00 per 10,000.

Late Varieties.—Danish Ball Head, Surehead, All Seasons, Autumn King, etc. $1.25 per 1,000; $10.00 per 10,000.

TOMATO PLANTS. Ealiana, Chalk’s Jewell, June Pink, and Allen’s Best. Small plants for spotting in cold frames. Ready about April 10. $1.25 per 1,000; $10.00 per 10,000. Large plants, about 6 inches tall, ready for open ground about May 1 to June 1, same varieties as above, $1.00 per 100; $6.00 per 1,000. Late varieties, ready for the field after June 1, Stone Paragon, etc., $1.50 per 1,000; $12.50 per 10,000; special prices on larger lots.

FARM SEEDS.

CRIMSON OR SCARLET CLOVER.—A well-known and favorite winter crop and soil enricher, affording excellent early foliage. Seed should be sown in August or September. Use seed at the rate of 15 to 25 pounds per acre, depending upon the soil—the thinner the soil the more seed should be used. It grows all winter when the ground is not frozen. It is very beautiful when in bloom and valuable for soil-erecting purposes, for pasture or hay, and the roots add materially to the fertility of the soil. My seed are the very finest that can be produced, and I shall be pleased to receive your orders. I handle large quantities of Crimson Clover Seed and can give you best prices. By express or freight: Pk., $1.50; bus. (60 lbs.) $5.50. For large quantities ask for special prices.

ALFALFA.—Strictly No 1 seed. Quarter bus., $2.75; bus., $10.00.

ALSYKE.—No. 1 seed. Quarter bus., $2.50; bus., $9.00.

WHITE CLOVER.—Fine for lawns or pasture. First-class seed. Quarter bus., $3.00; bus. (60 lbs.), $11.00.

MEDIUM RED CLOVER.—The standard everywhere. Quarter bus., $2.75; bus. (60 lbs.), $10.00.

TIMOTHY.—No. 1. Bus. (45 lbs.), $2.75.

ORCHARD GRASS.—Bus. (14 lbs.), $2.00.

KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS.—Bus. (14 lbs.), $2.75.

GERMAN MILLET.—Choice. Bus. (50 lbs.), $1.75.

COW PEAS (Whipwallow).—Bus. (60 lbs.), $3.00.

SHORT CROP CANADA FIELD PEAS.—Bus. (60 lbs.), $1.75.

GOLD SKIN.—This is a beautiful yellow potato, usually growing very chunky. It has a peculiarly of being almost a golden yellow inside. Many describe it as being all heart and it does so appear. The quality of this variety is very fine, one of the finest grown in this section, and is becoming to be very highly prized.

CEDARVILLE.—This variety is similar in many respects to the Yellow Nansemond. It is said to be an improvement on that variety. I grew it the past season for the first time, and can say that it made an excellent yield of fine potatoes. I should have no hesitancy in planting it.

RED NOSE.—This is one of the best market varieties. It yields heavily and is of good quality. A bright yellow with tinted red tips, which shows only when freshly dug.

SOUTHERN QUEEN.—This variety is white and of very fine quality. It belongs to the yam family. Many prefer it to any other variety for the home table. It does not sell in market as well as some others, but for my own eating I prefer it to any of the other varieties. Sprouts only.

SWEET POTATO PLANTS.—Gold Skin, Red Nansemond, Yellow Nansemond, Big Stem Jersey, Cedarville, Red Nose, Southern Queen. Ready after May 1; $1.50 per 1,000; $12.50 per 10,000; small lots by mail, 60c. per 100.

CAULIFLOWER.—Early Dwarf Erfurt, and Dwarf First Earl. Ready after April 15; $1.00 per 100; $6.00 per 1,000; $25.00 per 5,000.

EGG PLANTS.—Black Beauty, New York, Purple, Spineless. Ready about May 10; $1.50 per 100; $10.00 per 1,000.

PEPPER PLANTS.—Ruby King, Chinese Giant and Long Red Cayenne. Ready in May and June; $1.00 per 100; $5.00 per 1,000.
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of dianthus may be sown in the open ground, and thinned to stand six or eight inches apart in the row. The plants spread rapidly and make ornamental masses of growth. The colors of these pinks are exceedingly rich and varied.

37. PORTULACCA.—A favorite annual for beds, edgings, rock work, etc. Thrives best in rich, light soil or sand. Blooms only in summer until autumn. Only six inches high. Double mixed. Pkt., 10c.

38. PORTULACCA.—Single. Very pretty; some think even prettier than the double.

39. POPPY.—A showy and easily cultivated plant. blooms early and late. Flower colors of various sizes, shapes and colors, both single and double; always conspicuous and brilliant. Height two feet. Mix. Pkt., 10c.

40. PHLOX.—Drummondlis. This is a very pretty plant. It becomes a perfect mass of color. The plants are strong and hardy, with pretty foliage, and can be grown in any kind of garden. They are both annual and perennial.

41. SNAPDRAGON (Antirrhinum Major).—One of the most beautiful and charming of the old-fashioned flowers. Colors white, red, yellow; also scarlet, etc. The Antirrhinum is a perennial, and blooms well the second season, but succeeds also as an annual.

42. SALVIA.—Scarlet Sage).—A famous and fashionable annual bedding plant. Blooms in lavish profusion until frost. Succeeds everywhere and is in unexcelled favor. 10c., 25c., 50c., $1.00.

43. SWEET WILLIAM.—Well-known, free-blooming, hard perennial plants. Old-fashioned favorite ever true to form. The flowers produce masses of lovely, brilliant, sweet-scented flowers through a long period, making a splendid effect in beds. One foot high. Pkt., 10c.

44. SUNFLOWER.—Ornamental, double.

45. SWEET MIGNONETTE.—Valuable both for cutting and for masses of color in beds. Frequent sowing of seeds should be made. Sow where they are to remain. Much used for pot flowers. Ten weeks. Pkt., 10c.

46. SENSITIVE PLANT.—A great curiosity. Leaves fall as though dead if touched.

47. STOKESIA.—A ten week. German dwarf mixed varieties, all colors.

48. SWEET PEAS.—I have a large supply and a wide variety of sweet peas in great varieties of colors, including many of the best and standard varieties. Pkt., 5c.; oz. 10c.; lb. 20c.

49. SWEET PEAS.—"Ford Stram." Very fine, all colors mixed. Pkt., 25c.; oz. 50c.; lb. 1.00.

50. VERBENA.—A choice annual, 6 to 12 inches high, indispensable for bedding purposes. Flowers white, scarlet, red, crimson, purple, etc. To hasten bloom it is better to start the seed indoors. The plants should stand about one foot apart in the open ground, and the flowers should be cut frequently. Seedling verbenas are stronger than others.

51. ZENNIA.—Hardy annual plant, one to two feet high. Suits all situations and soils. The bloom is always gay and profuse, and the range of colors and sizes are endless. Sow in the open ground, and transplant or thin out to one foot apart.

All varieties of flower seed offered are 5 cts. per package, except those where prices are given, following the name of the seed. Customers ordering the same seed need not undertake to write the name of each variety, but write the number given preceding the name, and we will understand what is wanted.

BULBS

DAHLIAS.—My dahlias the the admiration of all who see them.

W. M. AGRN.—Brilliant red, free bloomer, large; 15c. each, $1.25 doz.

A. D. LIVONI.—Beautiful soft pink; fine for cut flowers; very hardy and free bloomers; 15c. each; $1.25 doz.

JEALOUSLY.—Lemon yellow; very fine, beautiful, free bloomer; 15c. each, $1.25 doz.

SIR CHAS. MILLS.—A beautiful free-blooming variety; 5c. each, $0.50 doz.

PINK DANDY.—Pure pink, perfectly formed; a gem; 25c. each, $1.75 doz.

KORENTHILE.—Cactus dahlia; beautiful, delicate shell pink; very desirable; 25c. each, $1.50 doz.

WINSOME WHITE CACTI.—Very pretty; 25c. each, $1.50 doz.

GEN. BULLER.—One of the best of the cactus varieties; blooms very free; deep cardinal red, shaded crimson; also—3 ft. petals tipped with white; 20c. each, $1.75 doz.

STRIPED BANNER.—Crimson scarlet, tipped white; 25c. each, $1.50 doz.

HENRY PATRICK.—Pure white, large flowers, long stem; doz. 25c.; 100 for $5.00 doz.

BEAUTIFUL MIXTURE.—My own selection; very pretty; no two alike; $1.00 per doz.

GLADIOLI BULBS.—Bulbs, we sell mixed, large build; 25c. per lb., by express. Small blooming 20c. per doz., $1.25 per 100.

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U. W. DICKERSON—Wholesale Lumber.
S. KING WHITE—Of White & White, Printers.
A. W. SISK—Canner and Broker.

Capital .................. $50,000
Surplus (earned) ......... 20,000
Deposits ............... 155,000

WE SOLICIT your Deposits and other business, and will do everything in our power to please you that is in keeping with a safe and conservative banking business.

DEPOSITS can be made in person or by mail (by sending money-order, registered letter or check), and receipt will be sent you by return mail.

SPECIAL ATTENTION is given to the handling of all kinds of collections that are made through any banking institution.

3 Per Ct. Interest on Savings Accounts

To accommodate the many people who have money lying around their house, where it is not either safe or paying anything, we have opened a Savings Department and will pay 3 per cent interest on deposits made in this department. Your account will be welcomed, and we will be pleased to have you do business with us. We value the confidence of our depositors—a confidence based on the strength and conservative policy of this institution. Our Officers and Directors include some of the most prominent business and professional men in our city. For further information, call or write to Isaac L. Price, Cashier, Masonic Temple Building, Salisbury, Md.
What to Plant with Pistillate Varieties

There are so many that write us what is best to plant with certain pistillate varieties, that I give below an outline of what to plant with all pistillate kinds that we offer. Golden Queen, Crescent, Virginia, Warfield can be fruited with either of the following: Climax, Klondyke, Senator Dunlap, Fairfield, Red Bird or Splendid. Boston Prize, Bubach, Buster, Cardinal, Colossus, Dixie Bell, Elma, Gen. DeWitt, Gov. Rolls, Greeneville, Haverland, Kansas, Mammoth Beauty, Nettie, President, Sample and Southern Beauty can be fruited with any of the following: Saunders, New York, Woolverton, Tennessee, Prolific, Clyde, Abington, Bismarck, Hummer or Climax. You may wonder why I recommend Climax to fruit both early and late varieties. The reason is because it has a larges amount of bloom and is very strong in pollen, and the bloom covers a very long season. I would therefore recommend Climax as a good one to plant with any pistillate varieties from early to medium late. There are other varieties that will do to plant with pistillates, besides these I have named, but I have given the ones that I think would give the best results.

If you believe the plants you plant can figure in the results; if you think the best is the cheapest in the end; and if you want to be sure of getting the variety you buy, in the condition to make the most for yourself- I ask you to investigate the plants I grow. I don’t claim to sell plants cheaper than anybody else. I am not competing with the man whose stock has nothing but man can recommend it, and it is not to your interest to buy that kind. My claim is that I am producing the best, strongest, most vigorous and most prolific plants that can be grown in a well-favored strawberry climate, and that I am selling them at a reasonable price. Is this the kind you are looking for? If so, may I have your order?

Number Plants Required to Set an Acre of Ground at a Given Distance

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A Useful Table

When rows are 18 inches apart there are 9,800 yards of row per acre.

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Number of Pounds of Fertilizer Required Per Acre When Rows Are Following Distances Apart
No aphids, strawberry weevils, grubs or other injurious insects found on my premises. A clean certificate of inspection goes with every shipment. My plants are well fed, strong, vigorous and healthy. Just the kind to build a solid foundation for a successful crop.