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DESCRIPTIVE AND PRICED CATALOGUE

—OF—

Sunnyside Small Fruit Nursery.

FRANK FORD & SON, Proprietors,
RAVENNA, O.

OUR PROMINENT SPECIALTIES:—Lee's Favorite Potato
—earliest and best. Ford's Early Sweet Corn.

OTHER SPECIALTIES—Small Fruit Plants, Early Colton
Apple, Grapes, Seed Potatoes, Alpha Tomato.

GREETING.

Kind friends and patrons, I return many thanks for the very liberal patronage bestowed in the past, and trust there are none that regret having placed confidence in me and given me their orders. It has ever been my constant endeavor to deal on the square with all, and have received but very few complaints from any cause, while on the other hand I have received *thousands* of commendations for excellent packing, fine plants liberal count and fair dealing, for which I am grateful.

Since my last catalogue was issued, I have associated with me in business my eldest son, J. H. Ford, who has made a choice of Horticulture as his life work, in which he has taken a great interest from a small boy, and is well acquainted with all the details of our business, in fact since graduating from our Union school, two years ago, he has been my right hand man. With his (more than ever) interest in our business, together with our greatly extended facilities for handling and packing stock, we will be better than ever enabled to serve all, who may favor us with their orders, promptly and correctly. With grateful remembrance for past favors, may we not look for a hearty response by way of orders, not only from former patrons but many new ones. Give us at least a trial order, so that we can show that it will be for your interest to place at least a portion of your orders with us in the future.

Very truly yours,

FRANK FORD.

Directions, Terms, Etc.,

That Should be Read Before Making Your Order.

YOUR NAME, POST OFFICE AND STATE, should be distinctly written, and be sure that neither is omitted. It sometimes occurs that letters are received that contain money, that it is impossible to tell from whom or whence they came.

TERMS—CASH WITH THE ORDER.—This is the only true way of doing business, but we will not decline to send goods C. O. D. if the order is accompanied with cash to the amount of one-fourth of the bill. Cost of making the collection will be charged in the bill.

PACKING, for which no charge is made, will be done by *ourselves* in as good a manner as can possibly be done by any one. We have an abundance of the best quality of moss, and by using boxes and packing as light as is consistent with safety and good condition of the plants, the charges for transportation are reduced to the lowest figure.

ERRORS.—The utmost care is taken to fill all orders to the letter, but if any mistakes occur in count or omission, please notify us at once and they will be cheerfully corrected.

ORDER EARLY, do not wait till you are ready to plant. Parties who do not have the money to spare for their whole bill at the time of making their order, can remit one-fourth of the amount and remit balance a few days before they wish their goods, or they can be sent C. O. D. by *express, not by freight*. Our prices are too low to incur any risk of loss by giving credit.

Orders are filled in rotation as received, as near as the nature of the stock will permit. Some seasons are so short for digging and shipping plants that we are obliged to work almost night and day to fill orders promptly. By having orders early so they can be booked and tags ready before the hurrying season begins, it will greatly facilitate our work, and lessen the chances for errors.

SUBSTITUTING is never done without permission, but sometimes, late in the season, the stock of some varieties get exhausted and then it would be of mutual benefit to substitute some variety of equal value and of the same season of ripening; please bear this in mind in making the order and give permission to substitute if so desired.

PLANTS BY MAIL to all parts of the United States, Canada, and to France and England, have invariably reached their destination in fine condition by *our manner of packing* bringing Sunnyside Nursery to every rural postoffice.

"The two Early Colton Apple Trees came by mail to-day, in first-rate condition. Thanks for extra pains in packing."

H. A. TROUT, Dutch Flat, Cal

"The plants by mail arrived in good shape." GEO. STERRETT, Walla Walla, W. Ter.

PRICES in this catalogue do not include postage. See headings to different depart-
ments for amount.

We have aimed to make our prices as low as *good plants* can be bought of any reliable party, but we wish it distinctly understood that we *will not be undersold* by any responsible firm, taking the difference in express charges into account.

Last season we were unfortunate in not learning of the reduction of the price of the Manchester Strawberry, from the price agreed upon when purchasing our first stock of Mr. Lovett, until after our catalogue was printed, and we know we lost many orders for plants of all kinds by having our price of Manchester so much higher than the favored few who were notified of the reduction.

This will not occur again as we will duplicate the price given by any reliable party for all the new varieties of plants now being introduced, by the single plant, dozen, hundred, and by the thousand, adding the difference in express charges.

EXPRESS CHARGES on small packages of from two to four pounds are sometimes less than postage. Therefore, if convenient to receive goods by express, give the name of office and leave it optional with us to prepay by express or mail.

REMIT by P. O. Order on Ravenna, Ohio, Draft or Registered Letter. If by personal check for less than \$50, add 25 cents for collecting. Sums of \$2 or less, send in new postal notes or new bills, securely sealed and *distinctly addressed*.

POSTAGE STAMPS may be sent for change, but do not send one dollar's worth when a bill can be obtained; one, two, five, six, or ten cent. stamps may be sent before April 1st, after that, please give us two cent. stamps.

DISCOUNTS.—As is customary—One-half dozen, fifty and five hundred will be put in at *dozen, hundred and thousand* rates, respectively. Orders for Strawberry, Raspberry and Blackberry plants, amounting to \$10 or more, we will put in dozens at hundred rates. And orders amounting to \$20 or more, dozens at hundred rates and hundreds at thousand rates, where thousand rates are given.

NEIGHBORS, club together and reduce the cost of stock to the lowest figure, and buy by the hundred, or thousand, or barrel, and divide among yourselves.

SHIPPING FACILITIES are not excelled by any point; we have three railroads and two express lines, U. S. and Adams. We can ship several times a day in any direction, and we always secure the lowest rates by freight or express.

THE STRAWBERRY.

A Brief Description of Some of the Newer Varieties.

ATLANTIC. (See cut on first page).—Offered first the past Autumn; has fruited only in the sandy soil at Hammonton, N. J., and it is spoken of in the most flattering terms by many of the leading horticulturists of that State. The Disseminator says: "The plant is vigorous and healthy with large foliage and very productive, blossoms perfect, the berries large *exceptionally firm*, deep crimson color, with a bright glossy surface; ripens late and all over at once and retain their brilliancy and freshness after shipping; fruit of best quality, and is confident that it will be the best market berry ever offered." Our stock will come direct from headquarters.

PRINCE OF BERRIES.—Now first offered. "Superior to any berry known in flavor and quality; brilliant and beautiful in color, productive, ripens late; firm, a good shipper, large size perfect in blossom." Is regarded by those that know to be a very promising variety.

MRS. GARFIELD.

as an *exceedingly* promising new variety, both for home use and market, blossom pistillate fruit very large, dark crimson, firm, juicy and excellent, plant large size, a strong vigorous grower and prolific.

MRS. GARFIELD.—A seedling of the Crescent, with perfect blossom, just being introduced, originated but a few miles from here; our senior partner was Fruit committee at the June Strawberry Exhibition of the Portage County Horticultural Society, in 1882, where the originator had the MRS. GARFIELD on exhibition. The quality, color, size, form and general appearance is all that could be desired. Mr. Crawford, the originator, assures us that it is a strong grower, healthy foliage, early and very productive. Mr. John Little, of Ontario, has had the Mrs. Garfield for *four years*; he says: "It is a healthy, vigorous plant, fruit stems stronger than most varieties, very prolific and bears a long-time, fruit large to the end of the season, bright red and excellent quality, a good shipper. Take your very largest specimens of the Manchester, only a little larger and slightly conical, and you will have a good representation of the Mrs. Garfield as grown here with me." This is certainly worthy of an extensive trial.

LEGAL TENDER. (Origin New Jersey).—Blossom Pistillate, plant vigorous, healthy and productive, berries medium to large size, firm, bright red color and of good quality.

DANIEL BOONE. (Origin Kentucky).—This new aspirant for public favor is spoken of by T. T. Lyon, of Mich., Charles Carpenter and M. Crawford, of Ohio, and others.

JAMES VICK. (Origin Missouri).—An exceedingly vigorous grower, foliage healthy and of a peculiar dark or blue green color very distinct perfect blossom; the fruit we had on spring set plants was of *very fine flavor* and very firm, color bright and of a handsome appearance. Those who have fruited it largely say it is very productive and a superior shipping berry, fruit medium size and very uniform.

MANCHESTER.—This is one of the *very few* new varieties that has been thoroughly tested, over a large breadth of country, that has sustained the claims of the disseminators. We hear the most flattering reports from all sources. With us it nearly equals the Crescent in productiveness, the fruit is larger, firmer and of much better quality, it is very uniform in size and shape, of a brilliant scarlet color, ripens from medium to late and all over at once. The plant is very vigorous and healthy, forming very large stools. The blossom is pistillate. Piper's Seedling and Emma are good varieties to plant with it; the Atlantic, Indiana and James Vick would also be good.

MANCHESTER.

of the best quality. It requires high culture to make it productive, but will pay well for it. Blossom Pistillate. Plant James Vick, Primo, Atlantic, or Emma, near for fertilizers.

Indiana.—A seedling of Chas. Downing, sent out last spring by E. Y. Teas, of Indiana. We regard it as a promising variety, a very strong, healthy grower, dark green foliage, the berries medium to large size, very regular in form, glossy crimson color, flesh firm, of good sprightly flavor, ripens early till quite late. Blossom perfect.

JERSEY QUEEN.—Foliage large, plant vigorous, ripens late to very late, color brilliant, fruit firm and one of the very largest and most beautiful berries,

INDIANA.

PHELPS SEEDLING, by some called "*Old Iron Clad*."

Origin, Southern Illinois.—This is the strongest grower we have ever had, producing enormous stools, foliage very large and healthy, of a light green color; the fruit is from large to very large, very firm, bright scarlet, of fine quality, and ripens early. The roots are very long, which enables it to stand the *winter's cold*, and *summer's draught*; where best known it is being planted extensively for market. It should be planted by everyone.

PIPER'S SEEDLING.—One of the strongest growers, with very long, strong roots, and will endure more freezing and thawing than most kinds, fruit quite large, dark crimson, good flavor, flesh very dark and firm, a good market berry, and a good one to plant with pistillate varieties.

GYPSY.—Foliage healthy, fruit of elegant elongated form, medium uniform size, bright beautiful color of the *very best flavor* and very productive.

PRIMO.—Season late, plant vigorous, healthy and productive, fruit medium to large, bright scarlet color, with the odor and delicious flavor of the wild strawberry; worthy of a place in every garden.

FAIRY.—A new white or light colored berry seedling of the Lennig's White, but more productive. If it proves to be of as good quality, it is a great acquisition.

EMMA.—Very late, conical and regular in form; larger and better in quality than Glendale or Kentucky; light color when grown in the shade; rather soft, and one of the best kinds for home use.

NIGHT'S SUPERB.—The plant resembles the Crescent in habit, fruit large, bright scarlet and of very excellent quality; the form of the berry is very peculiar, being a flat, oval shape and very uniform and attractive; season medium.

RUSSELL'S ADVANCE.—One of the earliest, large size, nearly round, bright red color, very productive, plants vigorous, quality among the best, the most profitable *very early* berry we have. It will not disappoint any one who plants it.

BIDWELL.—This is one of the very best early kinds, large size, regular oblong form, color bright glossy crimson, quality among the very best, fruit firm unless too ripe, foliage bright green and healthy, forms large stools even in matted rows.

SENECA QUEEN.—A very strong, vigorous grower, making large stools, is immensely productive and profitable. Berries large, nearly round, very dark crimson when fully ripe, and of excellent quality. Season early till late, and hold their good size till the last.

HART'S MINNESOTA.—A vigorous grower, very productive, fruit of large size, regular and uniform, color a rich dark red, with prominent seeds that make it handsome and attractive, flavor delicious. A good one.

CRESCENT SEEDLING.—Although an old variety it is the most productive, and taking the average of seasons, the most profitable variety yet found, especially for a near market. It is too soft to ship far, and only of medium size, and not of the best quality, but its bright color makes it sell well, and it will stand more hard usage, endure more frost, heat, drought, in fact everything the strawberry grower has to contend with. It seems as though everything combined cannot keep it from yielding a large crop of berries. Owing to late frost last spring nearly all varieties were killed, while every one who had a patch of Crescent had a fine crop and they brought a good price.

OLDER STANDARD VARIETIES that are too well known to give room for a full description, yet they cannot be passed by without special mention as they comprise the very best of the well tried varieties: Sharpless, Longfellow, Warren, Cumberland, Triumph, Windsor Chief, Black Defiance, Mt. Vernon, Oliver Goldsmith, Pioneer, Miner's Great Prolific, Endicott Seedling, Monarch of the West, Glendale, Kentucky, Charles Downing.

MIXED PLANTS.—We plant our different varieties of Strawberries in blocks. The plants running into the space between the blocks are more or less mixed, so that we never dig them to sell for pure plants, but have sold them heretofore to our home patrons to plant for family use, and they have given the very best satisfaction. Those that have tried them say they are more productive by being mixed, and there is good reason for it. These plants will be of the most popular well tried kinds, worth from \$3 to \$6 per 1,000. Each 100 will contain from six to ten, or more, kinds; each 1,000, twenty to thirty, or more, kinds. Price, 50 cents per 100, \$3.50 per 1,000.

DO YOU want our catalogue for 1885? We have for several years past, and shall this year, send our little catalogue (with a good deal in it, however,) to several thousand whose names we have, who have not been heard from by way of an order. We do not speak of this by way of complaint, as many whose names we have, have interests in other directions; others stick to their first love, an attachment formed before we made any advances, while other thousands have given us a liberal patronage, for which we are truly grateful. We are intending to issue a much larger catalogue next year, including a full line of seeds. We shall revise our mailing list, and all names not found on our order books we must drop. We will, however, be glad to mail a copy to any and every one who has interest enough in it to want it. Therefore, if you do not give us an order this year, or have not for three years, and want our catalogue for 1885, send your address on a postal card and your name will be entered on our mailing list.

10 PER CENT. DISCOUNT on all orders amounting to **TWENTY DOLLARS** and over, at regular list prices for all varieties of stock. Cash with order.

PRICE LIST OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

The prices here given are for plants to go by *express or freight*, charges to be paid by purchaser:

Add 5 cents per dozen; 15 cents for 50; 25 cents per 100, if ordered sent by mail or express, prepaid. This is less than the actual cost of *postage*.

Those varieties marked (P) are Pistillate, and require some Hermaphrodite (H) variety planted (not with, but) near them.

Strawberry roots nicely straightened out and tied in bundles of 50.

NO CHARGE for PACKING or DELIVERING to FORWARDER; yet boxes, bales, barrels and moss are worth money.

	Per doz.	Per 100.	Per 1,000		Per doz.	Per 100.	Per 1,000
ATLANTIC (H) new.....	\$2 00	\$10 00	\$75 00	Manchester (P) new.....	30	75	5 00
Bidwell (H).....	20	50	3 00	Memphis Late (H) new	40	1 00	.....
Big Bob (P).....	50	1 50	10 00	Miner's Prolific (H).....	20	50	3 00
Black Defiance (H).....	40	1 00	.....	Monarch of the West			
Black Giant (H).....	40	1 00	.....	(H).....	20	50	3 50
Baydens No. 30 (H).....	30	75	.....	Mt. Vernon (H).....	20	50	3 00
Capt. Jack (H).....	20	50	3 00	MRS. GARFIELD (H)			
Champion (P).....	20	50	3 00	new.....	2 00	10 00	80 00
Cetewayo (P) new.....	40	1 00	.....	NIGH'S SUPERB (P) new	75	3 00	20 00
Charles Downing (H)....	20	50	3 00	Oliver Goldsmith (H)			
Cinderella (H).....	20	50	3 00	new.....	50	1 50	.....
Crescent Seedling (P)....	20	50	3 00	Ocean Chief (H).....	25	1 00	.....
Crystal City (H).....	20	50	3 00	Orient (H).....	25	1 00	.....
Cumberland Triumph				OLD IRON CLAD (H) new	30	1 00	6 50
(H).....	20	50	3 00	PHELP'S SEEDLING (H)			
DANIEL BOONE (P) new..	1 00	5 00	40 00	new.....	30	1 00	6 50
Duchesse (H).....	30	75	5 00	Piper's Seedling (H)....	25	75	4 00
EMMA (H) new.....	50	1 50	.....	Primo (H).....	30	1 00	5 00
Early Canada, new.....	40	1 50	10 00	PRINCE OF BERRIES (H)			
Endicott Seedling (H)....	30	1 00	5 00	new.....	2 00	10 00	.....
FAIRY (H) new.....	50	2 00	.....	Ray's Prolific (H) new..	60	2 00	.....
Finch's Prolific (H)....	30	75	4 00	Red Jacket (H).....	25	75	4 00
Glendale (H).....	25	50	4 00	RUSSELL'S ADVANCE			
Golden Defiance (P)....	30	75	4 50	(H).....	50	1 50	.....
Gypsy (P) new.....	30	1 00	6 00	Sharpless (H).....	20	50	3 00
Hart's Minnesota (H)....	40	1 00	.....	Shirts (H).....	30	1 00	.....
Huddleston (P).....	50	1 00	.....	Triumph De Gand (H)...	30	1 00	.....
Indiana (H) new.....	75	3 00	20 00	Triple Crown (H) new..	50	1 50	.....
JAMES VICK (H) new.....	75	2 00	12 00	Turner's Beauty (H)....	30	1 00	.....
JERSEY QUEEN (P) new..	40	1 00	6 00	Vineland Seedling (H)			
Kentucky (H).....	20	50	3 00	new.....	30	1 00	.....
Lacon (H) new.....	50	1 50	.....	Warren (H).....	25	75	5 00
LEGAL TENDER (P) new	2 00	10 00	.....	Wilson (H).....	20	50	3 00
Lennig's White (H).....	30	1 00	.....	Windsor Chief (P).....	20	50	3 00
Longfellow (H).....	25	75	5 00	Woodward's No. 1 (H)...	25	50	.....

~~33~~—In this list where the price is \$1.00 or over per dozen, we will put in *three* plants at one-fourth the dozen price.

THE RASPBERRY.

This fruit is growing in favor. The introduction of hardy varieties of good quality has had much to do with the increased interest. The early varieties begin to ripen as the Strawberry is just going out, and the later varieties carry the time up to the ripening of the Blackberry. By planting several varieties there need be no day that the table cannot be supplied with delicious fruit. There is no other fruit so desirable for canning as the Raspberry, as it retains its flavor to a greater degree than any other.

Space will admit of a description of only a few of the

LEADING NEW AND OLD VARIETIES.

CUTHBERT.

CUTHBERT, or QUEEN OF THE MARKET.—A very hardy, strong grower and productive of very large bright red, firm fruit, of a very fine quality, season medium till very late, a good one for market or home use. It is doing well everywhere.

SUPERB.—This commences to ripen early and continues to bear a long time on the old canes and has a crop of fruit on the new canes in autumn. A strong grower, canes hardy and productive, fruit *very large*, rather dark bright red, and of excellent quality. One of the very best to plant for home use, or near market. It is not a good shipping berry, as it is liable to crumble in picking.

RELiance.—One of the very best red varieties, with large, strong canes and healthy foliage, perfectly hardy, fruit large, rich red color, firm, rather acid, but of a very delicious flavor, very productive, profitable for market, and good enough to eat at home; meets with favor everywhere. This makes the best canned raspberries we have ever tried.

THWACK.—Quality good, not best. fruit very firm, good size, bright red, handsome, will ship any distance, perfectly hardy and productive; for several years this has been our most profitable red variety for market, far better than Brandywine.

TURNER (Southern Thornless).—Probably the hardest of the red varieties; good for the far north; large size, moderately firm, bright red, early, quality good, productive.

WINANT.—This variety we have had several years, and it has proved a very profitable market berry. The fruit is of a bright red color, that makes it attractive; medium, large size, very firm and nearly of the best quality, begins to ripen quite early; canes rather short and stout and perfectly hardy.

EARLY WELSH.—New, very early, bright red variety; it was said to be "several days earlier than any other," until the coming of the Hansell; berries fair size and firm, canes vigorous, hardy and productive.

LOST RUBIES.—Chas. A. Green, editor *Green's Fruit Grower*, says: "This famous berry has proved the most profitable and delicious of its class, exceedingly vigorous and hardy, and endures the severe winters of Canada and many of the Western States; it begins to ripen early, and continues till quite late.

GREGG.—Canes very large and stout, needing no support; fruit very firm and large often measuring one inch across; color purplish black with a heavy bloom; season medium to late; can be shipped a long distance and look fresh, a very profitable market berry.

SOUHEGAN.—A new blackcap variety from New Hampshire, and the very earliest; ripening a week or ten days before the Doolittle, coming in with the late strawberries, it is perfectly hardy, having stood the coldest winters in New Hampshire without protection; growth vigorous, canes branching freely, and very productive. Color jet black without bloom; very best in quality. The berries remain a long time after ripening without dropping or becoming soft.

CENTENNIAL.—This we have not fruited. Our plants set last spring have made a strong growth and look promising. E. P. Roe says: "It ripens with the Souhegan and is equally productive with that variety and the Tyler; the fruit averages larger than either and approaches Gregg very closely in size; the berries are of a shining, jet black without any bloom, and of a delicious sweet flavor. It has fruited with me four seasons and I regard it as the most promising and largest early Blackcap yet introduced."

TYLER.—A very Early Blackcap from Western N. Y. "Surpassed by none in all that pertains to a valuable market berry. I have never seen a rusty plant, never saw one with the tips winter killed; never saw a plant fail to be loaded down with such a show of fruit as would enthrall the laziest boy alive to pitch in and fill his basket. The bushes thus laden are a beautiful sight."—Chas. A. Green. "I regard this as the earliest of all Blackcaps; it ripened the past summer ahead of even Centennial and Souhegan; the fruit is very abundant, sweet and juicy, but not so large as Centennial."—E. P. Roe.

HOPKINS.—A new blackcap from Missouri, endorsed by the Missouri Horticultural Society, as being "the best of all Blackcap Raspberries that have appeared in the State; superior to the famous Gregg, being harder, fruit more juicy, and of far better quality, and as early as the Doolittle."

SHAFFER'S COLOSSAL.—This certainly is rightly named, as the growth of cane and size of fruit exceeds that of any other raspberry; color dark purplish red; flavor sprightly sub acid; season medium until quite late; no variety more productive, and is especially valuable for canning; we have favorable reports from all sources. No one should plant New Rochelle, Ganarqua, Wetherbee or Purple Cane, as Shaffer's is so much better in every respect than any of the class.

BRINKLE'S ORANGE.—Is the standard of excellence in the raspberry family so far as quality goes, but needs protection in winter, as the canes are tender, but we now have a seedling from it.

CAROLINE.—That is hardy, the fruit of very nearly as good quality; a strong grower; very productive of beautiful berries; too good and soft to ship far; large size, light yellow or buff color, melting and luscious; no amateur's collection is complete without it.

BELLE DE FONTENAY (Amazon Henrietta).—This is desirable on account of its bearing an abundant crop of large conical red berries, with a purple bloom, of rich, sprightly flavor on the new canes in the fall, lasting till very cold weather the same canes bearing again next summer if they do not winter-kill, which they sometimes do.

DELAWARE.—A fine berry for home use. Too soft for market, large size, bright red color, and one of the best in flavor.

GOLDEN PROLIFIC—A new cap variety of exceedingly strong growth, from Mr. Beebe, of Chautauqua County, N. Y. He says: "It is perfectly hardy and of the most delicious flavor, excels in productiveness all other raspberries, and those who have bought and eaten of the fruit, buy it again in preference to any other variety."

PRICE LIST OF RASPBERRIES.

The prices given in this list are to go by express or freight, charges paid by purchaser. If ordered sent by mail or express, prepaid, add 15 cents per dozen, actual cost of postage.

	Per doz.	Per 100.	Per 1,000		Per doz.	Per 100.	Per 1,000
Belle De Fontenay,				Hopkins, black.....	\$ 50	\$ 2 00	\$15 00
Henrietta.....	\$ 40	\$ 1 50	\$	Lost Rubies, red.....	50	1 50	15 00
Brandywine, red.....	25	75	.....	Miller's Woodland, red	75	3 00	.....
Brinkle's Orange, yellow	1 00	.....	.....	Montclair, red.....	2 50	12 00	.....
Caroline, yellow.....	50	2 50	20 00	Ohio, blackcap.....	50	1 50	10 00
Centennial, black.....	75	5 00	.....	Reliance, red.....	40	1 00	8 00
Crimson Beauty.....	2 00	12 00	.....	Shaffer's Colossal, red...	50	2 00	.....
Cuthbert, red.....	40	1 00	8 00	Souhegan, black.....	50	3 00	.....
Delaware, red.....	40	1 00	8 00	Superb, red.....	1 50	7 00	.....
Doolittle, black.....	40	1 25	8 00	Sweet Home, black.....	75	4 00	.....
Early Welsh, red.....	40	1 50	.....	Thwack, red.....	40	1 00	8 00
Golden Prolific.....	2 00	12 00	.....	Turner, red.....	40	1 00	6 00
Gregg, black.....	40	1 25	10 00	Tyler, black.....	60	2 00	.....
Hansell, red.....	2 00	12 00	.....	Winant, red.....	40	1 00	8 00

"The last package of plants by mail came to day. Although late, I think all will grow as they are in splendid order, the moss being quite moist. The first lot I have set out and all are growing nicely."

ARTHUR WARNER, Oregon City, Oregon.

"Plants received in splendid order. Accept thanks for the light and excellent manner in which they were packed."

JOHN W. MILLETT, Bismarck, Dakota.

"The plants were the greenest and best I ever received from anyone, they looked as though they had just been taken out of the ground."

H. W. RAREY, Whipple, Iowa.

"Plants in splendid condition. Many thanks for the care you take in packing."

J. M. COFFIN, Leon, Iowa.

To the prices in this Catalogue do not forget to add enough for postage, if desired by mail. See headings to departments for amount.

THE BLACKBERRY.

This is another indispensable fruit, as it fills up the interim between the raspberry and grape, and should be found in every fruit garden. Those who depend upon the fruit dealers for their supply can hardly conceive of the luscious flavor of a well ripened blackberry picked and eaten direct from the bush.

EARLY CLUSTER

EARLY CLUSTER.—A new variety from New Jersey, now first offered. The disseminator, J. S. Collins, says: "The Early Cluster is a vigorous healthy grower, hardy and extremely productive; berries are medium to large size and of the best quality, sufficiently firm to ship, although sweet, and have no hard bitter core like some varieties, ripens the whole crop in a few days and very early; are gone when the Taylor and Snyder begin to ripen. *Thirteen* quarts have been taken from a single hill at one picking." Mr. Collins gives sworn testimony to this, also testimonials from prominent horticulturists, covering *four* pages, substantiating all he claims for it, quoted above.

WILSON JUNIOR.—A new one, originated and now first offered by Mr. Parry, of N. J. He says: "It was raised from the seed of selected fruit of the old Wilson Early. It is the *largest* and *best very early* blackberry, being sweet as soon as black, and not apt to turn red in the boxes, carries well and looks well in market, sells readily at the highest price.

EARLY HARVEST.—This is without doubt the earliest of the blackberries, of medium size, firm, shining black and of good quality, canes are hardy here, rather short dwarfish growth, and very productive can be planted much nearer together than most kinds.

STONE'S HARDY.—The very hardiest of all "iron clad," fruit medium to quite large, very black, juicy, melting, no hard core. I think the sweetest of any, good flavor, season medium till late, canes rather short but stout and dark red when matured, very productive. Compared with the Snyder as to hardness, quality and size, it is far superior and fully as productive. In Wisconsin, where it has been grown since 1874, it has stood the coldest winters without material injury to the canes, while the Snyder has been killed to the ground several times.

ANCIENT BRITTON.—This we regard as of the very best quality. It has the refreshing flavor of the best wild berries to a greater degree than any other unless it is Hoosac Thornless. It is quite sweet but sprightly and melting, color purplish black, ripens early, berries rather long, larger than Snyder, far superior in quality, fully as productive, and nearly, if not, quite as hardy. This should be found in every fruit grower's grounds.

WESTERN TRIUMPH.—This variety has elicited more praise from visitors to our grounds than any other blackberry. The productiveness is marvelous. The flavor of the fruit will suit more palates than any other in our collection. Although it is a little more acid than Stone's Hardy, it has a large percentage of sugar, making it very rich and delicious. Color very black and glossy. Commences to ripen quite early and continues till late. Average size at least one-fourth larger than the Snyder, and the canes are full as hardy, the winter of 1880-81 injured them but slightly. The stock of this is quite limited, and those who wish to secure some of it will do well to order early.

WESTERN TRIUMPH. has never failed to give us a crop of fruit that has no superior in quality.

TAYLOR'S PROLIFIC—Is another variety of very excellent quality, considered by some the best; fruit medium to large size, is quite productive, but not quite equal to Western Triumph; ripens late. It is nearly hardy, canes were injured in the winter of 1880-81, about the same as Snyder and Ancient Britton. It is being planted extensively for market in some localities.

HOOSAC THORNLESS.—Perfectly hardy, fruit medium size, of the very best quality, sweet and melting, rich, no sour core, very productive on strong, rich soil, does not do as well on sandy or poor soil. The bearing canes have no thorns. We think it is more productive when grown near some other variety like Western Triumph or Stone's Hardy, as the blossom does not seem to be perfect. This has been on our grounds nineteen years and

STONE'S HARDY. the severe cold of

TAYLOR'S PROLIFIC

SNIDER.—Hardy, fruit small to medium size, quality inferior, very sour. It sets more fruit than it can mature. The bearing canes are almost destitute of leaves, without doubt this is the cause of the fruit being so sour. When we have so many hardy kinds, so much superior in every respect, we cannot see why anyone would plant the Snyder.

WALLACE.—A new variety, fruit long and large, quality when fully ripe excellent, canes of strong growth and nearly hardy, similar to the Kittatiny in many respects, but is free from rust, and more hardy.

KNOX.—Nearly hardy, a strong upright grower, fruit large and similar to the Lawton.

MISSOURI MAMMOTH.—Very large and sweet, melting, no hard core, luscious, but only half hardy, one of the most productive kinds when not winter killed.

BARTELL'S DEWBERRY.—Very large, early, productive, especially valuable in cold climate as it can be easily protected, here it is entirely hardy. One year plants 10 cents each, 75 cents per dozen, \$3 per hundred; two years, transplanted, very strong plants 20 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$5 per 100.

PRICE LIST OF BLACKBERRY PLANTS.

PRICES given are to go by express or freight, charges paid by purchaser. If ordered sent by mail or express prepaid, add 15 cents per dozen, actual cost of postage.

	Each.	Per doz.	Per 100	Per 1,000		Each.	Per doz.	Per 100	Per 1,000
Ancient Britton.....	10	\$ 75	\$ 3 00	\$25 00	Staymen's Early	50	5 00	40 00	.....
Agawam	10	1 00	.....	.....	Stone's Hardy	15	1 25	4 50	40 00
Brunton's Early.....	15	1 00	4 00	.....	Taylor's Prolific.....	10	50	1 50	12 00
Early Cluster.....	75	7 00	50 00	.....	Texas Red Hybrid.....	15	1 00	7 00	.....
Early Harvest.....	15	1 00	5 00	.....	Wallace	10	50	1 50	.....
Freed	10	50	.....	.....	Western Triumph.....	15	1 00	4 50	.....
Hoosac Thornless.....	10	75	3 00	25 00	Wilson's Early.....	10	40	1 00	.....
Kittatinny.....	10	40	1 00	.....	Wilson Junior.....	30	3 00	20 00	.....
Knox	10	75	.....	.....	Bartell's Dewberry.....	10	75	3 00	.....
Lawton	10	50	.....	.....	1 year {	10	75	3 00	.....
Missouri Mammoth.....	10	50	2 00	.....	2 years {	20	1 50	6 00	.....
Snyder.....	10	50	1 50	.....					

THE GOOSEBERRY.

A fruit that should have a place in every garden; of easy culture, requires rich soil, and grows best in partial shade. Use *white Hellebore* to keep off the *currant worm*. The following American varieties are not subject to mildew.

If desired sent by mail, add 15 cents per dozen for *postage* for one year plants; two year plants are too large to go by mail.

	ONE YEAR.		TWO YEARS.	
	Per doz.	Per 100.	Per doz.	Per 100
DOWNING, large, excellent quality, first-class.....	\$1 00	\$6 00	\$1 25	\$8 00
second-class.....	80	4 50	1 00	6 00
SMITH'S IMPROVED, large, pale yellow, good, first-class.....	1 00	6 00	1 25	8 00
second-class.....	80	4 50	1 00	6 00
Houghton, medium, productive profitable, first-class.....	50	3 50	75	5 00
second-class.....	40	2 50	60	3 00

There is such a vast difference in the quality of *Gooseberry* and *Currant* plants of any given age, we think we can give better satisfaction by grading them; our second-class plants will be found as good or better than some dealers send out for first-class.

THE CURRANT.

A fruit that is profitable for market, and healthful for home use; give it a good rich soil, and a moist, cool place, and use *white Hellebore* freely to keep off the *currant worm*, and do not let weeds or grass grow among them, and they will amply reward you.

If to go by mail, add 15 cents per dozen for one year plants, for *postage*; two year plants too large for mailing.

	ONE YEAR.		TWO YEARS.	
	Per doz.	Per 100.	Per doz.	Per 100
CHERRY, very large, red, quite acid, first-class.....	50	\$3 50	\$ 75	\$5 00
second-class.....	40	3 00	60	4 00
VERSAILLES, red, long stems, productive, first-class.....	50	3 50	75	5 00
second-class.....	40	3 00	60	4 00
VICTORIA, very late, light red, productive, first-class.....	50	3 50	75	5 00
second-class.....	40	3 00	60	4 00
RED DUTCH, early, prolific, good, first-class.....	50	3 50	75	5 00
second-class.....	40	3 00	60	4 00
WHITE GRAPE, sweet, excellent, desirable, first-class.....	50	3 50	75	5 00
second-class.....	40	3 00	60	4 00
LEE'S PROLIFIC, new, early, black, first-class.....	75	4 00	1 00	5 00
second-class.....	60	3 50	75	4 00

FAY'S PROLIFIC, new, very large, early, red, long stems, very productive; one year, first class, each 50 cents; dozen \$5.00; two years, each 75 cents; dozen \$8.00. Second class, one year, each 35 cents; dozen \$4.00; two years, each 60 cents; dozen \$6.00.

THE GRAPE.

A fruit that no one should do without; it will give a larger return for the outlay and space they occupy than any other; can be grown by the side of buildings, fences, walks; many places can be found even in city lots where they can be grown without occupying but little room. Our space will not admit of more than a very brief description of a few of the new varieties.

JESSICA.—A new white grape now being introduced from St. Catharines, Canada, "where it has been in bearing several years, in open vineyards, is perfectly hardy and has never failed to yield a heavy crop, ripens *very early*, is very sweet, free from all foxiness with very little pulp, sprightly and aromatic." The above is taken from what several horticulturists of Canada say of it.

MARSHALL P. WILDER, President of the American Pomological Society, says: "Its pulp is remarkably free from hardness and to my taste *entirely* from the aroma of our native species. It resembles in its appearance the Chasselas type and affords another illustration of the progress which has been made in the improvement of the grape in our own day."

CENTENNIAL.—A new red grape, from Northern New York; ripens with the Concord, "the color and size of berry and clusters being nearer those of the Catawba, free from foxiness, sweet, tender, juicy, rich, refreshing—best quality for table use—skin thick and tough, and keeps well into the winter. Superior to all others in this respect."

CHARLES DOWNING, the veteran horticulturist, says: "I am pleased to say the Centennial is not only good but very handsome."

POCKLINGTON.—New, a seedling of Concord, from Northern New York; is thoroughly hardy in wood and foliage, a strong grower like its parent; color light golden yellow, covered with fine bloom; bunches very large, sometimes shouldered, frequently weigh over half a pound each; berries round and very large; quality as good or better than the Concord, and ripens at the same time.

PRENTISS.—New, bunch large and compact, berry medium to large, yellowish green, skin thin but firm; flesh tender, sweet, melting, juicy, free from foxiness, little if any pulp, seeds few and small, similar to Rebecca in quality, vine hardy, a good grower and very productive; foliage healthy. The fact that it is recommended by most of the noted fruit growers of the country speaks volumes for it.

JEFFERSON.—A new grape that Downing describes thus: "One of J. H. Rickett's seedlings; a cross between Concord and Iona; vine a vigorous grower, rather short jointed, leaves large, thick and downy; bunch large to very large shouldered, berry medium large, roundish-oval, skin thick, light bright red, with a thin whitish bloom; flesh mealy, crisp, tender, juicy, sweet, slightly vinous; quality very good or best. It ripens with the Concord, and is a promising grape, both for home use or market."

DUCHESSE.—New, color greenish white, skin thin, flesh tender, rich and delicious; bunch large, shouldered and compact; berries medium size; vine vigorous and healthy.

EARLY VICTOR.—A very early black grape; vine hardy, productive, and of very much better quality than Hartford, Champion, or Ives, and ripening as early as any, it certainly must supercede them.

VERGENNES.—"Very hardy, a vigorous grower, fruit ripens early, and keeps a long time; rich vinous flavor, free from pulp; light red color, covered with beautiful bloom."

LADY WASHINGTON.—New, "color deep yellow, covered with thin white bloom; bunch large double shouldered, flesh soft, tender, sweet and good, ripens with the Concord, vine vigorous, hardy and productive."

PRICE LIST OF GRAPE VINES.

Of the most popular old and new varieties, I can also supply any other variety desired, if ordered early, at regular prices. The prices given are to go by express; if desired sent by mail, add 5 cts. each, 25 cts. per half dozen, 40 cts. per dozen. Two year vines are usually too large to go by mail.

	ONE YEAR.		TWO YEARS.	
	Each.	Per doz.	Each.	Per doz.
ANN ARBOR, white.....	\$ 60	\$ 6 00	\$ 75	\$ 7 50
Agawam (<i>Rogers' No. 15</i>), red.....	15	1 00	20	1 50
Bacchus, black.....	40	4 00	60	6 00
BRIGHTON, red.....	20	2 00	30	3 00
Catawba, red.....	10	75	15	1 00
CENTENNIAL, red.....	1 00	10 00	1 25	12 00
Clinton, black.....	10	50	15	75
CONCORD, black.....	10	50	15	75
DELAWARE, red.....	20	2 00	25	2 50
DUCHESSE, white.....	35	3 50	50	5 00
Early Dawn, black.....	40	4 00	60	6 00
EARLY VICTOR, black, very early.....	75	8 00	1 00	10 00
EL DORADO, white.....	75	7 50	1 00	10 00
Hartford Prolific, black, early.....	10	75	15	1 00
HIGHLAND, black.....	60	6 00	1 00	8 00
Ives, black.....	10	50	15	75
JEFFERSON, red.....	50	5 00	75	7 50
JESSICA, white, very early.....	1 50	15 00	2 00	20 00
LADY, white.....	20	2 00	30	3 00
LADY WASHINGTON, white.....	50	5 00	75	7 50
Martha, white.....	10	1 00	20	1 50
NAOMI white.....	75	7 50	1 00	10 00
MOORE'S EARLY, black.....	30	3 00	40	4 00
Perkins, red.....	15	1 50	20	2 00
POCKLINGTON, white.....	40	4 00	60	6 00
PRENTISS, white.....	50	5 00	65	6 50
SALEM (<i>Rogers' No. 15</i>), red.....	15	1 00	20	1 50
TALMAN, (<i>Early Champion</i>), black.....	10	1 00	20	1 50
VERGENNES, red.....	50	5 00	1 00	10 00
Wildier (<i>Rogers' No 4</i>) black.....	15	1 00	20	1 50
WORDEN, black.....	15	1 50	25	2 00

THE EARLY TOMATO "ALPHA."

As we said last year, we again say: After another year's trial in all parts of the country with many of the early varieties, this still holds its position as the *earliest Tomato of good marketable size known*, and is smoother, better form and color, being brilliant dark red, larger size, more solid, and weighs more per bushel than any other that approaches it in earliness, and equal in quality to any of the late varieties. It ripens well around the stem, and is very productive, ripening a large proportion of its fruit early, when it brings a good price; does not crack after rains, nor rot, like many kinds, and is not excelled in shipping qualities, as it will keep a long time after ripe.

From what we have learned the past year it is evident that large quantities of seed of inferior varieties has been sold for Alpha. This is not only an injury to those purchasing the spurious seed, but a great injury to us. We have had hundreds of voluntary testimonials during the past year, speaking in the highest terms of the Alpha, a few of which we give below. We have some degree of pride, perhaps selfish, in sustaining the reputation of the Alpha, as we are the originators of it. You will be certain of genuine seed of the best quality by sending direct to headquarters for it.

This year we offer but two grades of seed of the Alpha, and all from fine select specimens.

No. 1. Earliest ripened, about 200 seeds, 15 cents per packet, eight packets for \$1.00.

No. 2 seed. Per packet, 10 cents; half ounce, 25 cents; ounce, 45 cents; quarter pound, \$1.50; pound, \$5.00.

"The Alpha Tomato ripened two weeks earlier than any other kind."

SILAS FISH, Sandwich, Mass.

"The Alpha Tomato, as the boys say, takes the cake. I grow no other kind now."

D. M. MOORE, Ogden, Utah.

"The 'Alpha' is the earliest I have ever seen."

JOHN HAYNES, Farmington, N. H.

"Your Alpha Tomato cannot be beat."

CLINT W. BOYD, Noblesville, Ind.

"The Alpha is what you say it is. We had the first ripe tomatoes in the neighborhood."

OLIVER SPANG, Cochran's Mills, Penn.

"I bought a packet of your Alpha Tomato when you first sent it out, and have grown plants, for sale, every year since. I have found nothing to compare with it for an early Tomato."

F. E. WILLIAMS, Seedsman, White River Junction, Vt.

"The Alpha Tomato takes the lead of all the kinds I ever raised. It possesses all the good qualities of all other kinds combined."

LOU W. POTTER, Douglass, Ill.

See our catalogues for 1881, 1882, and 1883, for further 'testimony, if you have them.

ROCHESTER.—A new Tomato originated by F. H. Horsford, of Vermont. The largest, smooth, perfect formed tomato we have ever seen, of a beautiful dark purplish red color; flesh very solid, but few seeds; very best quality; ripens as early as any of the large varieties; a vigorous strong grower and prolific; with us it did not rot or crack, last season, as most other kinds did. We believe it will not disappoint any one who tries it. Per packet 10 cents, about 100 seeds.

LIVINGSTON'S FAVORITE.—A very large perfect formed tomato, bright, rather dark red color, ripens evenly, productive, few seeds, flesh solid.

Per packet, 5 cents; $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce, 25 cents; ounce, 50 cents.

LIVINGSTON'S PERFECTION.—Large, smooth, bright red, handsome.

Per packet, 5 cents; $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce, 25 cents; ounce, 40 cents.

GARFIELD.—Why did any one give such a name to such a tomato? It is the largest, roughest, poorest, rottenest, most unsightly, seedy, juicy, good-for-nothing thing imaginable. Some specimens 7 inches across from *point to point*. Do you want to try it? Per packet, 5 cents.

A NEW TOMATO.—We have a new hybrid tomato that we shall offer next year, if it does as well another season as it did the past, that we predict will take the lead of all early varieties of every name and kind. It is only medium size, but as smooth as an apple, bright, beautiful red, of the best flavor; keeps a long time after it is ripe; will be a good shipper. We have no seed to sell this year.

FORD'S EARLY SWEET CORN.

Last year we said of this superior variety of sweet corn: "In comparison to other varieties, it is a week or more earlier than Red River or Minnesota, of much larger size, deeper and larger grain, more prolific, and superior in quality, being much sweeter. It is fit for market two to four days later than Marblehead, but the ears are much larger and it is of so much better quality that no one will think of planting Marblehead after once trying Ford's Early. The ears are six to eight inches long, eight-rowed, occasionally one ten or twelve rows, kernel large and deep for an early corn, grows about five feet high, with usually two ears on a stalk; can be planted much thicker than field corn. We again offer this to our friends with the fullest assurance that it will not disappoint them on account of earliness, quality for home use, and especially on account of size and productiveness for market, being the very earliest corn of good marketable size."

It is gratifying that our friends appreciate our efforts to produce such a desirable corn, and that they are ready to substantiate all and more than we have claimed for it, and we will let a few of them speak for us.

THEY SAY IT IS THE SWEETEST AND BEST EARLY CORN.

"My wife says we cannot keep house this summer without some of your *delicious* sweet corn, as it is certainly the only *early sweet corn* we have been able to get hold of."

T. H. COLEMAN, Ottawa, Ill.

"It is very nice and sweet, the best I have raised for a long time."

B. J. HILTON, Rayville, N. Y.

"The quality was excellent, the sweetest I ever tasted."

D. B. WELLS, Buffalo, N. Y.

"It is the sweetest I ever had."

S. A. SNYDER, Lewisburg, Ohio.

"The 'Ford's Early Sweet Corn' seed obtained of you last spring gave perfect satisfaction. It is earlier than any other variety I have planted. The ears are not quite as large or quality equal to some *later* varieties. It is, however, I am free to say, the *best early* corn I have raised, and as such ranks as the best of its grade in my opinion."

ROBT. W. FURNASS, Brownsville, Neb., Pres. Neb. State Hort. Society.

THEY SAY IT IS THE MOST PRODUCTIVE VERY EARLY SWEET CORN.

"It is very *productive*, good quality, and *extremely early*."

W. W. HUBBELL, Rutland, Ohio.

"It is extra early and *very productive*."

J. M. TALKINGTON, Searcy, Ark.

"The most *productive* of any sweet corn I have tried."

D. M. MOORE, Ogden, Utah.

"In *prolificness* and sweetness it is all that could be desired. Is certainly the earliest corn I ever planted."

G. H. NEIL, Columbus, Ga.

"It is the most *productive* sweet corn I ever raised, and excellent quality."

F. W. LANGDON, Janesville, Wis.

THEY SAY IT IS THE EARLIEST REAL SWEET CORN.

"It is *very early* and very prolific, all that could be desired for table use."

W. K. SHOEMAKER, Bluffton, Ind.

"Earlier by 10 days than any other I have cultivated before; *very productive* and superior quality."

L. MCINTIRE, Bennington, Vt.

"It is the *earliest* sweet corn I ever planted, and *sweetest* I ever ate."

S. C. HUMFIELD, Wakefield, Kansas

"Was surprised to find it fit for use at least three weeks sooner than any other variety."

G. O. PRÆTORIOUS, Minersville, Penn.

"Proved the *earliest* and best of several varieties."

PETER COOPER, Henderson, Iowa.

"It came into roasting ears in *shorter time* than any I ever planted, many stalks producing two and three ears."

A. S. REEDER, Carthage, Mo.

"Your early corn beats all I ever raised for *sweetness* and *earliness*; sells better than any corn that comes to market here."

J. M. NELSON, Richmond, Ind.

"It proved with me *two weeks earlier* than Minnesota, and quality and size better."

J. P. WHEADON, Market Gardener, Onondaga Valley, N. Y.

"The *earliest* I know of, sweet and good."

W. D. EDGERTON, Barnesville, Ohio.

"The earliest and best of any."

SILAS FISH, Sandwich, Mass.

"I planted Ford's Early Corn *fifteen* days later than Minnesota, and was fit to use five days earlier; good quality."

N. W. LIGHTNER, Springfield, Ohio

THEY SAY THE EARS ARE OF THE LARGEST SIZE FOR AN EARLY CORN.

"It is of good quality, very productive, the *ears being large*, and is *very early* at least *two weeks before* any we have planted."

WM. POTTERFIELD, Vinton, Iowa.

"The *earliest* I had, of *extra quality*, *large size grain* and *ear* for so early a variety; a great acquisition."

H. M. CLARK, Covington, Ind.

"It is a week earlier than Minnesota and *much larger ears*."

DAYTON MCCOLLOM, Market Gardener, Youngstown, Ohio.

THEY SAY IT HAS NO COMPETITOR IN QUALITY OR PRODUCTIVENESS, AND ONLY ONE, IF ANY, IN EARLINESS.

L. W. Goodell, of Amherst, Mass., gives the result of a careful test of the following varieties of sweet corn, in the N. E. Homestead, viz.: Marblehead, Early Boyanton, Ford's Early, Narragansett, Pratt's Early, Tom Thumb, Dolly Dutton, Red River, and Minnesota. In summing up, he says: "There is but little difference in some of these, FORD'S EARLY and Marblehead are the best. Marblehead is a *little* the earliest, but FORD'S is *much sweeter* than any other early sort, and is nearly as good as any of the late varieties. Its ears are very symmetrical, rows straight, and closely set on a small cob."

"Not as early by two or three days as Marblehead, but of *much better quality*, and as white as snow when cooked, *most productive of any sweet corn* I have tried."

D. M. MOORE, Ogden, Utah.

"I planted FORD'S EARLY CORN beside of Marblehead and I find it so much superior that I shall throw aside the latter."

WM. F. BASSETT, Hammonton, N. J.

"Your early corn was not quite as early as Marblehead, but was enough *larger* and *better* to more than make up."

J. H. TYLER, Buffalo, N. Y.

"An excellent garden sort, not quite as early as Marblehead but *much superior* in flavor to that or Minnesota. It is the *very best* for home use, it being *very sweet and tender*."

H. N. SMITH, South Sudbury, Mass.

RUSSELL'S PROLIFIC SWEET CORN.—This variety is the very best second early corn we have found. It is only three or four days later than Early Minnesota; will come right in after Ford's Early; earlier than Crosby's or Moor's Early; quality first rate, ears large, generally 12 rows, but sometimes 10 or 14, and from 8 to 10 inches long. James Vick says: "It is the *earliest first-class corn*." He has not tried Ford's Early yet.

FORD'S IMPROVED MAMMOTH SWEET CORN.—The improvement consists in a careful selection of seed of the Mammoth for a series of years, till now we have a corn quite early; will follow Russell's Prolific planted at the same time, with large ears 14 to 20 rows, and very deep kernel, and very sweet. The best corn for drying and canning; usually has two ears on a stalk.

EGYPTIAN SWEET CORN.—This is a very late variety, of fine quality, very productive, often having three or four ears on a stalk. This, with the other three varieties, will fill the whole season till frost comes in this latitude.

PRICES OF SWEET CORN.

	Packet, Mail.	Pints, Mail.	Quarts, Mail.	Pints, Exp.	Quarts, Exp.
FORD'S EARLY.....	15	40	80	30	60
Russell's Prolific.....	10	35	60	20	35
Ford's Improved Mammoth.....	10	35	60	20	35
Egyptian.....	10	35	60	20	35

IVORY PODDED WAX BEAN.

This bean has so many desirable qualities that all other varieties might be dispensed with, white seed and pod, the very best for string or snap of any of the wax varieties; well adapted to field culture, as it is *very early*; can be harvested before the fall rains begin; ripens evenly, unless the small pods when big enough for stringing are kept picked off, then they will continue to bear a long time; no variety of field or garden bean more productive; the quality is not surpassed to shell and cook while green, to eat alone or to make succotash, and when ripe they make the richest and best flavored baked beans that man ever ate. Every one should try them. Sent by mail prepaid, packet 15 cents, pint 40 cents, quart 75 cents; by express, pint 25 cents, quart 45 cents.

PROLIFIC TREE BEAN.—Also called Mexican Tree Bean. It matters little whether it came from there or Egypt. It is a very productive variety; a strong grower, bearing its load of pods well up from the ground; not liable to rust or mildew; beans small, uniform in size, white and of good quality. Sent by mail, prepaid, packet 15 cents, half pint 30 cents, pint 50 cents; by express, half pint 20 cents, pint 35 cents.

THE POTATO.

There is evidently too little regard paid to the selection of seed for this crop. The whole crop of the United States is estimated at about 200,000,000 bushels annually. There is no doubt if proper care was taken in the selection of varieties at least one-half more might be grown on the same land. Why grow the Snowflake and get from 75 to 100 bushels per acre, worth in market at 50 cents per bushel, \$38 to \$50 per acre, when if Lees' Favorite, State of Maine, Perfect Gem, and quite a number of other kinds were planted, the crop would be from 200 to 300 bushels, worth \$100 to \$150 per acre. This comparison might be carried to quite a number of varieties. We grew last season over 60 varieties and kept a record of the time of ripening of the early varieties which we will give in the description. We discarded last spring about 20 varieties that were superceded by better kinds, and procured from different sources more than as many more, some of which are comparatively unfit for cultivation, others have done well and are really good varieties. We have a fine stock of all the best leading kinds which cannot fail to give satisfaction to our patrons.

LEE'S FAVORITE, the new *Extreme Early* Potato.—This superior potato we sent out last spring in small quantities, saying: "We are proud to be able to offer to our friends a potato that combines more good qualities than any other early variety. Its extreme earliness, being a week or more earlier than Beauty of Hebron, and two weeks earlier than Early Rose, its parent, similar in form but distinct in color, unlike any other variety, being a light flesh color, shading to pink about the eyes, which are nearly even with the surface; tubers uniformly good marketable size. Its form, size and color, make it beautiful and attractive. No potato was ever better in quality; cooks as white as flour, either baked or boiled; exceeding in productiveness most varieties either early or late, having produced at the rate of over 400 bushels to the acre."

This, we are aware, was a broad claim and it is gratifying to know that we are (even more than) sustained by those who tried it last year, so we have nothing to take back. But after a careful comparison with all our varieties, we now claim that no early variety has been produced, since the Early Rose, that has been as much of an improvement over other varieties already in existence.

It is of the *very best* quality, the *purest flavored* potato of all.

It is the *most productive* early kind, will produce a larger crop on common farm soil with ordinary care.

It is *Extremely Early*.

It is uniformly large, smooth and handsome, scarcely a prongy or ill-shaped tuber, and never hollow.

We have a good stock of well-grown tubers and offer them at a price that will justify any one in buying them for seed, and feed other varieties to their stock.

Read the following testimonials and see if our friends who tried them last year, and those who have tested their quality, do not substantiate all we now claim.

"I planted one pound of Lee's Favorite Potato and raised from that pound 265 pounds, or four bushels and 25 pounds." This statement witnessed and sworn to by

W. B. GALWAY, Metcalf, Ill.

He also says: "Several persons tested them and pronounced them first quality."

"From one pound of Lee's Favorite I raised 205½ pounds, the finest looking potato I ever saw; all *very large*, some weighing two to three pounds each; cook as white as snow; the first potato I ever saw I thought too dry. They were planted with Early Rose and Snowflake and I find Lee's Favorite yield *twice as many* as the others, and the best in quality and earlier; no sign of rot; they are the best potato I ever raised."

C. C. GRISWOLD, Orwell, Vt.

[WITNESSED.]

"The pound of Lee's Favorite were cut to single eyes, planted one in a hill, in a rich sandy river bottom and given ordinary cultivation. They were planted beside Beauty of Hebron that had been planted three weeks, and were in bloom only three days later. I dug and weighed 189 pounds, nearly all large, a great many weighing three-quarters of a pound, and some over one pound each, *yielding better than any other variety I ever planted*. We tested their quality boiled without paring, they were mealy and very pleasant to the taste. To all we cheerfully recommend them."

T. A. DILLY, Duncan Falls, Ohio.

[WITNESSED.]

"From the pound of Lee's Favorite I raised 185 pounds, the *best yield I ever had* and I make it a point to test nearly all the new varieties; they are about ten days earlier than Early Rose and the quality is all that could be desired."

GEO. B. HOLMES, Cadiz, Ohio.

[WITNESSED.]

"I had 180 pounds from the one pound of Lee's Favorite planted. The quality is first-class, of fine appearance, and yield greater than Early Ohio."

HIRAM COPE, Short Creek, Ohio.

[WITNESSED.]

"From five pounds of seed of Lee's Favorite I raised 15 bushels of nice potatoes, planted June 12th, fit for table use August 5th."

W. A. DORLAND, Holmes, Ohio.

"From the one pound of Lee's Favorite I raised two bushels and 29 pounds. They yielded at the rate of 530 bushels to the acre, are very early, first-class quality, good keepers, very smooth, of fine color, would recommend them not only for an extra early potato, but for a general crop."

M. L. STONE, York, Ohio.

"The weight of potatoes grown from one pound of Lee's Favorite is 107 pounds; for quality, earliness, smoothness and evenness they cannot be beat."

W. D. EDGERTON, Barnesville, Ohio.

"I had 100 pounds very fine potatoes from the pound of Lee's Favorite planted on good garden soil, no extra fertilizer; they are *splendid quality* and yield much larger than Early Ohio. They were cut to the ground by frost when four inches high, or the yield would have been larger."

JAMES MASON, Farmington, Ill.

"The pound of Lee's Favorite were cut to single eyes, the yield was 111 pounds; four of the largest weighed four pounds; ripened *three weeks earlier* than Early Rose; quality as good or better; took first premium on them at W. Virginia State Fair."

CHARLES I. DUNCAN, Cope, Ohio.

THEY SAY THEY YIELD BETTER THAN ST. PATRICK, MAMMOTH, PEARL, EARLY VERMONT, PRIDE OF AMERICA, BEAUTY OF HEBRON, EARLY OHIO, AND MANY OTHER KINDS

"The pound of Lee's Favorite I cut to single eyes, planted May 5th with Early Vermont, St. Patrick, Pride of America, and Mammoth Pearl, on rich corn ground without manure, gave them one hoeing and then covered with straw and forest leaves about 4 inches thick. I dug 120 pounds of Lee's Favorite which is more than I ever raised from one pound before and *far excelling* the four competitors in the trial patch. They also are fine for table use."

L. F. DINTLEMAN, Belleville, Ill.

"The Lee's Favorite I got of you were planted same time and same culture given as 28 other varieties. Lee's Favorite was a week or 10 days ahead of all, *including* Early Ohio and Beauty of Hebron. It yielded well, very few small or ill-shaped tubers."

J. N. MANIFEE, Oregon, Mo.

"I dug and weighed 122½ pounds of beautiful potatoes from the pound of Lee's Favorite planted

S. R. MCFADDEN, New Athens, Ohio.

"I dug 102 pounds of very fine potatoes from the one pound of Lee's Favorite; they are very fine in flavor and No. 1 in all respects."

ASA MAPES, Howells, N. Y.

"The yield of Lee's Favorite from one pound was 109 pounds 11 ounces of as fine potatoes as you ever set eyes on. They yield the best of any early potato I ever tried, all good size, some very large; 10 days earlier than Beauty of Hebron and quality as good."

J. M. BROWN, Charlestown, Ohio.

"They are 8 to 10 days earlier than Beauty of Hebron, and best potatoes I ever raised."

H. D. YODER, E. Lewiston, Ohio.

"They far out-yielded Early Ohio and Beauty of Hebron and *quality superior to either.*"

D. L. BOSWORTH, Wilbraham, Mass.

"The Lee's Favorite were planted by the side of Early Ohio and Early Vermont 16 days later and in 20 days they had caught up with them, in productiveness they exceed both the others; in quality second to none."

N. W. LIGHTNER, Springfield, Ohio.

"The yield of Lee's Favorite from one pound was 139 pounds, the tubers large and smooth; the largest weighed 19 ounces."

J. B. WARD, Guilford, Ind.

"Grown on the hardest kind of clay land, with poor care the one pound Lee's Favorite yielded 64 pounds 4 ounces; quality good, very early and productive."

J. B. FUSSELMAN, Chatham Center, Ohio.

"I cut the pound of Lee's Favorite to single eyes, made 45 pieces, put one to a hill, used a small quantity of Mapes' complete manure; the vines grew strong and thrifty; when I dug them Beauty of Hebron growing beside them were as green as a leek, I consider them *two weeks or more the earliest*. They cook very quick and nice, are mealy and dry. The yield was 110 pounds; some weigh one pound each, one 17 ounces; one hill had 3½ pounds to seven tubers."

J. B. HILTON, Rayville, N. Y.

"From 1½ pounds of Lee's Favorite I raised two bushel of large handsome tubers, compared with Early Sunrise; it ripened about the same time but is a *much better cropper*; equal to the best in quality; more than a week earlier than Beauty of Hebron."

H. N. SMITH, South Sudbury, Mass.

"One of the most productive and equal in flavor to the very best."

T. B. MORRIS, Richmond, Ind.

"A beautiful potato, took the premium at our fair."

E. H. SCHIROP, Alamo, Mich.

"Yield bountifully, nearly double other kinds."

M. P. MARSHALL, Lancaster, N. H.

"The pound of Lee's Favorite made about 3 bushels of choice goods; more than a week earlier than Early Rose."

JOHN P. KNOPP, Pleasant Hill, Mo.

"The Lee's Favorite ripened several days before the Early Vermont, and yielded more, while in quality they were both good enough."

W. F. BASSETT, Hamonton, N. J.

"They are the best early potatoes I have seen in the West."

GEO. A. SMITH, Faragut, Iowa.

"From the half pound of Lee's Favorite I had a full bushel of fine, even-sized handsome potatoes. They are of the very best quality."

C. C. GARDNER, Freedom, Ohio.

"We have tested the quality of Lee's Favorite by boiling, baking and warming over, we find it every way excellent both to sight and taste."

REV. A. C. BARROWS, Kent, Ohio.

"I raised 362 bushels of Lee's Favorite, for Ford & Son, the past season; they are the earliest, most uniform large size and best early potato I have ever raised, and will produce

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the largest crop on common farm soil. I planted a few April 27th, they were about four weeks coming up owing to wet and cold weather, from these we had good table potatoes July 1st.

WHITING CARTER, Ravenna, Ohio.

"The peck of Lee's Favorite, planted last spring, yielded at the rate of 300 bushels per acre. It is earlier than Early Vermont and an excellent table potato.

J. S. WADSWORTH, Windham, Ohio.

"The quality is first-rate, never ate a better potato."

W. B. STORER, Akron, Ohio.

"It is of the very best quality."

E. F. JEWETT, Akron, Ohio.

"The quality of Lee's Favorite is of the very best."

H. Y. BEEBE, Pres.,

ANDREW WILLSON, Sec.,

G. W. DEAN, Vice Pres.,

Portage Co. Horticultural Society.

H. Y. Beebe is also Vice President of the State Horticultural Society.

The Ohio State Horticultural Society at its annual meeting, held in Akron December 12 to 14, 1883, awarded Lee's Favorite a first premium as the best new variety, quality when cooked, and general appearance to rule. Early Harvest, Early Telephone and other varieties were in competition. The committee, consisting of G. W. Dean, Vice President of Portage County Horticultural Society; H. Y. Beebe, Vice President of State Horticultural Society, and J. H. Tryon, besides seven ladies who were present, were unanimous that Lee's Favorite was not only superior to all others in competition, but was of the very best possible quality, and of the finest appearance, also recommended it as a valuable acquisition.

The Portage County, Ohio, Agricultural Society awarded Lee's Favorite first premium in competition with most of the new varieties, including O. K., Mammoth, James Vick, Perfect Gem, Early Sunrise, and many more.

The premiums we offered last year for the largest yield from one pound were awarded: 1st, W. B. Galway, Metcalf, Ill., yield 265 pounds, or 4 bushels 25 pounds; 2d, T. A. Dilly, Duncan Falls, Ohio, yield 189 pounds, or 3 bushel 9 pounds; 3d, Geo. B. Holmes, Cadiz, Ohio, yield 185 pounds, or 3 bushel 5 pounds; 4th, Hiram Cope, Short Creek, Ohio, yield 180 pounds, or 3 bushels. C. C. Griswold, Orwell, Vt., did not report his yield of 205½ pounds until some time after the time specified for the reports to be in. His yield would have entitled him to the second premium.

ELECTRIC.—Oblong, round, few eyes, smooth; color purplish red, good size; ripened with Lee's Favorite, a little over half as productive, and not as good quality.

EARLY HARVEST.—Oblong, a little flattened, eyes numerous, light red, productive; medium size, fair quality; ripens 5 or six days later than Lee's Favorite, and was one of the varieties in competition with it at Ohio State Horticultural meeting.

EARLY SUNRISE.—Long round, eyes numerous and somewhat sunken, light red color, medium to large size, productive; 6 to 8 days later than Lee's Favorite; in quality about the best.

BOSTON MARKET.—Oblong round, eyes few, very smooth, light pink color, good size, a good yielder, ripens about with the above.

BEAUTY OF HEBRON.—Long, flattened, eyes white, plenty, a little below the surface, nearly white, a light purple tint when first dug; medium to large size, excellent quality; ripens 10 to 12 days after Lee's Favorite.

CLARK'S NO. 1.—Long round, a little flattened; color light red, plenty of eyes, smooth, one of the very best in quality; ripens same time as Beauty of Hebron.

EARLY GEM.—New, oblong, oval, very smooth and handsome, medium size, eyes few and even with the surface, color light pink, quality excellent, cooks mealy before full grown, this year a little more productive than Beauty of Hebron or Clark's No. 1, and ripens about with them.

CHICAGO MARKET.—Long, a little flattened and slightly pointed at the ends, color light red, eyes few and full, good size, and productive, ripens 10 to 12 days later than Lee's Favorite.

EARLY TELEPHONE.—Oblong, considerably flattened, eyes very few and smooth, color russety white, medium size, not very productive, ripens 12 to 14 day after Lee's Favorite. This was one of the varieties in competition with Lee's at Ohio State Horticultural meeting.

EARLY KENT.—Oblong oval, color white, a little russeted, eyes few and even with surface, excellent quality, a strong grower and productive, 15 to 18 days later than Lee's.

ONTARIO.—Oblong oval, white, eyes few, medium uniform size, very productive; ripens full three weeks later than Lee's.

WINSLOW.—Oblong round, light red, eyes plenty, smooth, good uniform size, handsome productive and of very superior quality, ripens with the above.

DAKOTA RED.—New, long, round, eyes plenty, some depressed, color bright red, very large size, a remarkably strong grower and the most productive of any last season, yielding at the rate of 500 bushels per acre.

BAKER'S IMPERIAL.—New, long, slightly flattened, light red, eyes numerous, little depressed, very large size, good quality and very productive.

O. K. MAMMOTH PROLIFIC.—New, round or oblong, flattened, skin white, few eyes and smooth, very large size, resembles Mammoth Pearl, but we think more productive.

JONES' PRIZE TAKER.—New, long, round, skin mottled with light pink, eyes plenty, little depressed, uniform large size, good quality and productive, good for table or market.

STATE OF MAINE.—New, a half longer than broad, considerably flattened and quite square cut at the ends, skin very white and handsome, eyes few, smooth, tubers large size of superior quality, but few equal it in productiveness.

PERFECT GEM.—New, nearly round, flattened, skin white russeted, eyes few, smooth, large to very large size, a strong grower and one of the most productive.

RED ELEPHANT.—New, long, round, eyes numerous and some depressed, skin bright rather dark red, medium to large size, exceeded in productiveness by only two varieties the past season.

ALAMO.—New, oblong, round, skin very white, with eyes slightly tinted with pink and little depressed, medium to large size, good yielder and fine quality.

ROSE'S SEEDLING.—New, nearly round, little flattened, skin russety white, eyes few and smooth, tubers large, a strong rampant grower, productive.

WHITE STAR.—Long, round, very smooth, clear white, eyes plenty, tubers uniform large size, handsome, cooks very white and mealy, one of the most productive.

WHITE ELEPHANT.—Long, round, somewhat irregular, nearly white mottled with a slight pink tint, eyes white and numerous slightly depressed, grows to very large size, of superior quality and very productive.

QUEEN OF THE VALLEY.—Oblong, flattened, quite square cut at the ends, light red, eyes plenty and slightly depressed, very large size, cooks white and mealy, of excellent quality, very productive, one of the very best.

CHAMPION OF AMERICA.—Oblong, considerably flattened, flesh color shading to pink about the eyes, which are few, small and smooth, medium to *very large* size, a good keeper, excellent quality, a strong grower, but few yield as well.

NEW CHAMPION.—New, long, rather slim, round, nearly white, pink shading about the eyes which are numerous and slightly sunken, very handsome, one of the best in quality and yield.

COOK'S SUPERB.—Nearly round, a little flat, white, russeted, eyes few and even, *very large* size, a remarkably strong grower.

ROCHESTER FAVORITE.—New, long or oblong, nearly round, smallest at the seed end, clear beautiful white, eyes numerous and even, medium to large size, of first quality and one of the most productive.

VICK'S PRIZE.—Nearly round, skin white, eyes few, smooth, uniform good size, will yield a large crop, a good profitable market sort.

ST. PATRICK.—Long, round, inclined to be pointed, skin white, handsome, eyes numerous slightly depressed, a remarkable keeper, none better to eat just before new potatoes come.

CARFIELD.—Landreth's new, nearly round, white, eyes few, smooth, tubers medium size, flesh pure white, fine grained and excellent.

ORANGE COUNTY WHITE.—Oblong, round, clear white, few eyes, very smooth, handsome, superior quality.

WELLS' SEEDLING.—New, long, round light red, eyes plenty, even with surface, ripens after Early Rose, productive, and is said to produce a good crop on soil too poor for most kinds.

PARSON'S PROLIFIC.—Oblong, round, nearly white, with pink eyes, slightly depressed, as its name indicates it is prolific, of fine quality and appearance.

CONQUERER.—New, nearly round, skin white, little russety, eyes few, slightly sunken, medium size, fair in quality and productiveness.

JAMES VICK.—New, long, round, a little tapering at the ends, color nearly white, shaded with light pink, eyes white, numerous, large, slightly depressed, medium to large size, handsome and of very excellent quality; Heman Glass, C. M. Hooker, Chase Bros., and many others, of Rochester, N. Y., consider it the best potato in cultivation.

WALL'S ORANGE.—New, round or oblong, quite flat, copper color, with splashes of dark purple, eyes plenty, purple, depressed, very late in ripening; in 1882 the tops were killed by blight, and in 1883 were killed by frost before the tubers were full grown; so we do not know how productive they are, others say they are productive and of good quality.

BELLE.—Nearly round, some elongated and flattened, color rather dark dull red, eyes few, smooth, tubers large size, very productive and fine quality; it is inclined to rot in very rich or moist soil, otherwise it would be classed as one of the best.

CAP SHEAF.—Nearly round, square cut at the ends, light pink color, shading to dark pink about the eyes, one of the very handsomest, moderately productive, medium size, fair quality.

EARLY MAYFLOWER.—New, very much like snowflake, perhaps more productive and a little earlier, it certainly is a very handsome potato.

RURAL BLUSH.—New, nearly round, a little elongated, considerably flattened, color light flesh, much russeted, with decided rose tint about the eyes and seed end, eyes few, tubers uniform medium size, of excellent quality; a small tuber, 2½ ounces, produced 58 pounds near here the past season.

PRICE LIST OF POTATOES.

	BY MAIL.			BY EXPRESS OR FREIGHT.				BY MAIL.			BY EXPRESS OR FREIGHT.		
	1 lb.	3 lbs.	1 bush.	1 p.k.	1 bush.	1 bbl.		1 lb.	3 lbs.	1 lb.	1 p.k.	1 bush.	1 bbl.
Alamo.....	40	\$1 00	20	\$1 00	2 00	\$ 5 00	Jordan's Rust	30	\$ 80	10	\$ 75	5 00	\$ 12 00
Baker's Imp....	40	1 00	20	75	2 00	5 00	Lee's Favorite....	50	1 25	30	1 50	5 00	12 00
B. of Hebron....	30	80	10	50	1 25	3 00	M. Pearl.....	30	80	10	50	1 25	3 00
Belle.....	30	80	10	50	1 50	4 00	Mayflower.....	50	1 25	30	1 50	5 00	12 00
Boston Market	40	1 00	20	75	2 00	5 00	N. Champion....	40	1 00	20	1 00	3 00	.....
Brownell's B....	30	80	10	50	1 50	4 00	Ontario.....	40	1 00	20	1 00	3 00	.....
Burbank.....	30	80	10	50	1 25	3 00	Orange Co. W....	30	80	10	50	1 25	3 00
Cap Sheaf.....	30	80	10	50	1 50	.....	O.K.M.Prolific	40	1 00	20	75	2 50	7 00
C. of America....	30	80	10	50	1 50	4 00	Parson's Pro....	40	1 00	20	1 00	.....	.....
Chicago Mark't	30	80	10	50	1 25	3 00	Perfection.....	30	80	10	75	.....	.....
Clark's No. 1....	30	80	10	50	1 25	3 00	Perfect gem.....	40	1 00	20	1 00	3 00	7 00
Conqueror.....	40	1 20	20	75	2 00	.....	Queen of the V	30	80	10	50	1 50	3 50
Cook's Superb	30	80	10	50	1 50	4 00	Red Elephant....	40	1 00	20	75	2 00	5 00
Crawford's S....	30	80	10	50	.....	.....	Rose's Seedling	30	80	10	50	1 50	.....
Dakota Red.....	50	1 25	30	1 50	.....	.....	Rochester F....	40	1 00	20	60	2 00	5 00
Early Gem.....	40	1 00	20	75	2 50	5 00	Rural Blush....	50	1 25	30	1 50	5 00	.....
Early Harvest	40	1 00	20	1 00	3 00	7 00	Silver Skin.....	30	80	10	75	.....	.....
Early Kent.....	40	1 00	20	75	2 00	.....	St. Patrick.....	30	80	10	50	1 25	3 00
Early Sunrise...	40	1 00	20	75	2 00	5 00	State of Maine	50	1 25	30	1 50	5 00	.....
E. Telephone....	40	1 00	20	60	2 00	5 00	Vick's Prize....	30	80	10	50	1 50	4 00
Electric.....	40	1 00	20	75	2 00	5 00	Wall's Orange...	30	80	10	50	1 50	4 00
El Paso.....	40	1 00	20	75	.....	.....	Well's seedling	40	1 00	20	75	2 00	5 00
Garfield.....	40	1 00	20	1 50	5 00	.....	Winslow.....	30	80	10	50	1 50	4 00
Grange.....	30	80	10	50	1 50	4 00	W. Elephant....	30	80	10	50	1 25	3 00
James Vick....	40	1 00	20	75	2 00	5 00	White Star.....	30	80	10	50	1 25	3 00
Jones' Prize T..	40	1 00	20	1 00	3 00	.....	W. Whipple....	30	80	10	50	.....	.....
Jordan's Pro....	30	80	10	75	.....	.....							

We have a good stock of potatoes, and will fill orders in rotation as received, at these low prices so long as our present stock lasts, after that at market prices.

Special rates on five and ten barrel lots of the leading varieties.
EARLY ORDERS for potatoes can be packed all ready for shipment, before time to ship comes, which will greatly facilitate our spring work.

WE COMMENCE SHIPPING as soon as all danger from freezing is over. Our Southern trade supplied for early spring planting by watching the weather and shipping between "blizzards."

SPECIAL OFFER. If ordered early so they can be put up before shipping time, we will make up barrels of Potatoes of as many kinds as desired, 1 bushel of a kind at $\frac{1}{3}$ and 1 peck at 1-10 of the barrel price. When bushel price only is given deduct 10 per cent., for one bushel. 1 peck, $\frac{1}{4}$ bushel price. When only peck price is given deduct 10 cents and single pounds at 1-10 of peck price.

Our regular barrel is the flour barrel, holding nearly 3 bushels; will hold 10 to 11 pecks of assorted kinds. We can use sugar barrels, that will hold 12 to 15 pecks, according to how many kinds are put in. There is no danger of the kinds getting mixed. We mark the head to take out: "Open This End".

THE EARLY COLTON APPLE.

THE EARLY COLTON APPLE.—This is *entirely hardy*, stands the cold of *Wisconsin and New Hampshire*. Form regular, nearly round, color yellowish white, with sometimes a slight tint of red where exposed to the sun; juicy and rich, with an *agreeable, spicy flavor*, of the best quality, acid enough to be good for cooking, and not too sour to be first-class for eating. Very early, beginning to ripen *nearly two weeks before the Red Astrichan*, and nearly all gone before Early Harvest is ripe. We have had them fair to eat June 25th. Never rots on the tree like the Red Astrichan. The habit of the tree is good, the top spreading like the R. I. Greening. It is an *annual and very abundant bearer*. We have had it bearing here 12 years, and it has never failed of a crop. When this was first offered to the public, we said, "We have reason to believe that it is as hardy as any variety we have, and that it will stand the winters of the Northwest." That it has proved hardy the following statements will show. It is remarkable that such an excessive growth as four or five feet should get through a Wisconsin winter uninjured.

C. C. BAILEY, Waupun, Wis., writes Feb. 15, 1882—"The scions of the *Early Colton*, grafted last Spring, made a growth of *four to five feet*, and have come through the winter so far in good condition."

Mr. Bailey writes again, Nov. 8, 1883—"The extreme cold of last winter was so severe as to kill Ben Davis, Pewaukee, and many other kinds which had been considered hardy, and which were grafted, like the *Early Colton*, into Transcendent Crab stocks, *while the Colton came through all right*. I have not seen any fruit yet, but if this equals the thriftiness and hardness, it will be a prize."

JOHN HAINES, Farmington, N. H., says—"The *Early Colton* apple is perfectly hardy here. My young trees have not had any fruit yet, but some grafts I set for my partner had four nice apples last season."

G. W. LAWRENCE, Oswego, N. Y., says—"The past season I got from the *Early Colton* grafts *three big yellow apples of a fine flavor*."

"Having seen and eaten the *Early Colton* apple, we the undersigned, heartily unite in endorsing Mr. Ford's claim in regard to its earliness, appearance, and superior quality."

John Meharg, Clerk of Court.

William Grinnell, Ex-Auditor.

W. S. KRAKE, Postmaster.

E. W. Bassett, U. S. Express Ag't.

Gideon Seymour, Probate Judge.

LeGrand Olin, County Auditor.

The *Early Colton* is bound to become the most popular early apple, and Nurserymen especially who secure some of the stock at once will profit by it.

We have a few hundred fine three-year-old trees, at 50 cts. each, \$4 per dozen, \$30 per 100 Grafts, counting three good well matured buds each, 25 for 50 cts., 100 for \$1.75, 1,000 for \$15.00.

We have a few fine plates made from specimen apples, two positions of the apple, by D. M. Dewey, of Rochester, N. Y. These we will mail to anyone on receipt of 25 cts., which may be deducted from the price when ordering one dozen or more trees.

We are frequently asked if we employ any agents? To this we say we *do not*. But there are many who do now, and we would be glad to have many more *sell, or make up clubs for* our plants. Anyone can do well by taking advantage of our discounts and selling at retail. Therefore, we say to everybody make up a club for *Plants, Seeds or Potatoes*, or sell to your neighbors, or anyone else; those who have tried us say we deal liberally with them.

"The *Early Colton* trees just received by express. They are very fine and were put up in the very best of order and came through in splendid condition."

A. S. REEDER, Harrison, Ark.

"Accept thanks for your superior style of packing. The plants came through in the very best condition."

L. ELLISON, Woodbine, Iowa.

"Your packing suits me; it is excellent. Thanks for fine condition of plants on arrival."

F. TAYLOR, Chillicothe, Mo.

"The plants you sent us came in very fine condition, and have all done well."

P. & E. TRANSON, Nurserymen, Orleans, France.

"Plants arrived in fine condition and all growing finely."

ROSEBANK NURSERY, Nashville, Tenn.

"All the seed we got from you turned out well. The sweet corn is a treasure, the wax beans perfection, tomatoes early and prolific."

T. A. DILLY, Duncan Falls, Ohio.

"The plants were received all right, and every one growing, I believe. Thanks for full count."

GEO. E. ROGERS, M. D., Clayton, Tenn.

Our New Potato Lee's Favorite, Ford's Early Sweet Corn, Alpha Tomato, and Early Colton Apple, are especially desirable.

SUNNYSIDE HERD OF JERSEY CATTLE A. J. C. C. H. R.—Twelve years ago the foundation of this herd was laid by the purchase of the cow noted in Ohio, "LADY PALESTINE," No. 2769, a cow that was second to none in the State. She carried off many a prize at the Ohio State and Northern Ohio Fairs, not only as the best cow of the breed of her age, but sweepstakes, and as the best milk and butter cow of the breed. She gave the first ten days of June, 1880, 445 pounds of very rich milk; we have bred up a herd from her and have never sold a cow or heifer, till we have a herd second to none, in our opinion. We expect to make a public sale, during the coming summer, of a portion of this herd, and shall issue a catalogue giving description and pedigrees, which we will mail to all interested, if requested by postal, or otherwise. We have some fine young bulls that we will sell now. Address,

FRANK FORD & SON, Ravenna, O.