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PRELIMINARY

We herewith present you with a copy of our Fifth Annual Catalogue. We hope you will look it over carefully, for we think you will find something to interest you. Read advertisements and all. If you conclude not to buy any new seed this year, perhaps you will want to know where to find some better machinery, or a good agricultural paper.

We have tried to make our catalogues neat and attractive, although they are not expensive. It is our aim to keep expenses down as much as possible, and give our customers the benefit in low prices. Compare our prices and see if they are not as low or lower than those of any other reliable seedsman.

We are glad to be able to announce that this year we have a very large stock of choice seed to offer. Last Year our stock was quite limited. We did not have enough to fill our orders. Prices were necessarily high, but our customers seemed to be well pleased with their investments.

WE GROW OUR OWN SEED, and for that reason we can afford to sell lower than those seedsmen who have their seed to buy. Furthermore, some of our leading seedsmen seem to be better posted on other things than on potatoes. A catalogue just received from a prominent seed house, in describing Sunrise says "It closely resembles Early Ohio." A man who knows no more than that about the standard varieties of potatoes, well, at any rate, he could be easily imposed upon. So we say BUY YOUR SEED OF A GROWER for two reasons; first, he can save you money, and, second, as he makes a specialty of one thing he is naturally well informed and well posted on his business.
PEARL OF SAVOY.

For three years we have called this our best variety, all things considered. We think just as much of it today as we ever did. Other varieties may excel it in certain points, but we regard Pearl of Savoy as the best all around early potato. We describe it briefly as follows: It is a cross of Clark’s No. 1 and Extra Early Vermont. Tubers are the same shape as Early Rose, and also the same color or perhaps a little lighter. Vines grow unusually strong and vigorous for such an early potato; considerably larger than those of the Early Ohio.

Pearl of Savoy won for itself laurels at the fairs last fall. We attended two, which were all we could find time for. At Rock County Fair it was entered as our best early potato and received FIRST PREMIUM OUT OF 26 ENTRIES, under

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<td>Fred Y. Chute, Blue Earth City, Minn., says: Pearl of Savoy is a very smooth potato and of nice size.</td>
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The price list of all varieties will be found immediately following the descriptions.
"One Peck Early Potatoes." The following week we took the same show to the State Fair, at Milwaukee, and there it took the BLUE RIBBON IN COMPETITION WITH THE WHOLE STATE. We thought this was no small honor when it had to compete directly with exhibits from the famous potato regions of Central and Northern Wisconsin.

Our whole show of potatoes also, as a collection, took FIRST PRIZE both at the County Fair and the State Fair. At Milwaukee we exhibited 60 varieties, including 8 two year old seedlings. The man who took second premium had over 80 varieties. Although we had a smaller number than he, we received first place, on the ground that our potatoes showed evidence of being of more uniformly good quality. The judge, an old potato man from Northern Wisconsin, declared that our exhibit was the BEST SHOW OF POTATOES he had ever seen.

We grew a very large stock of Pearl of Savoy for our trade this season and we are glad that we did so. All of our customers of last year that have been heard from seem much pleased with it.

EARLY WISCONSIN.

We are proud of the fact that we introduced this potato. Another year's experience with it has confirmed our statement that it is a variety of great value, because of its EXTREME EARLINESS and because of its WONDERFULLY FINE QUALITY.

This potato originated in Columbia County, this state. It is a cross of Early Ohio and Snowflake. It is not the same as Salzer's Early Wisconsin. The two varieties were introduced at the same time and just happened to receive the same name. We describe it as follows: Remarkably smooth and uniform in shape and very handsome; eyes shallow; skin covered with a netting (a sign of extra quality); color, not exactly pink or flesh color, but a very pretty orange color, shading to pink around the eyes. It is quite distinct in appearance, but resembles Lee's Favorite perhaps more than any other variety, in color. Does not grow extra large or

*We take great care to keep our seed from growing in the cellar.*
yield as much as some varieties, although its yield last year was way ahead of the average of our crop, but it is of extra fine flavor as a table potato. We have found it good either boiled or baked just as soon as large enough to dig, even if not fully ripe.

The accompanying cut is not a made-over affair or a fixed-up affair, but is one we had engraved ourselves from a photograph of an actual specimen. It exactly represents a medium-sized tuber.

We had quite a stock of this variety last year, but not nearly enough to fill our orders. We hope those who were disappointed in securing seed last year will try again. All who had it seem much pleased. Read what they say.

**A MATTER OF INTEREST**

TO ROCK COUNTY PEOPLE, AND OTHERS AS WELL.

We will give FIFTEEN DOLLARS IN CASH for the best two pecks of Early Wisconsin shown at Rock County Fair, to be held at Janesville, Sept 6-9, 1892. This money will be given in Two Prizes: For the Best Peck, $10.00; Second Best, $5.00. Competition open to the World. The only condition we make is that the seed be bought of us or our agents this year. Every purchaser of Early Wisconsin seed will be furnished a certificate to that effect, and he will then be at liberty to compete for this special premium. Fair Premium Lists may be procured any time after June 1st, by writing the Secretary, E. B. Heimstreet, Janesville, Wis.

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**Hiram Presley**, Port Huron, Mich., one of the best informed potato specialists in the United States, writes, under date of Dec. 26, 1891: The Early Wisconsin is one of the many new seedlings lately introduced that is really deserving of praise. Upon my grounds the past season it has proven very early, a strong grower, a grand yielder of beautiful shapely tubers of the very best quality. Market gardeners should find it the variety "par excellence" for early marketing.

**Earliest of 9 Early Varieties**

**William H. Park**, Dorchester, Mo., says: "The seed potatoes arrived last spring in fine condition. Early Wisconsin proved the earliest, (we sent twelve varieties, all early except 3,) They seem well adapted to this climate.

**Julius Puffe**, Georgesville, Ohio: "The potatoes I got of you are very good. Of Early Wisconsin, I got about 15 bushels from 1/2 bushel, as near as I can get at it for we used them as soon as they were fit.

"Best both in Yield and Quality." "It Pays to Use Northern Grown Seed."

**I. W. Hoover**, of the Hoover Potato Digger, men, Avery, Ohio, writes: "We planted 4 varieties, Early Ohio, Ohio Jr., Sunrise and Early Wisconsin. All did well and I think it pays to use northern grown seed. The Early Wisconsin did the best both in yield and quality, and think it is a fine variety.

**Dr. Covert**, Clinton, says: "Early Wisconsin is the best Early Potato we ever had; the best in quality and also the most prolific."

**Rev. H. D. Morwood**, Berlin, Ill., Of the varieties received by me. (Pearl of Savoy, Early Wisconsin, Alexander's Prolific and Empire State) the Early Wisconsin did the best. They were good eating all the time from early potatoes until now.

**Potatoes the 12th of June**

**Geo. H. Weed**, Lebanon, Ill.: I wish to say in regard to the potatoes we ordered of you, that the Early Wisconsin and Pearl of Savoy were excellent potatoes for anything. They came up well, everyone grew, and on the 12th day of June we had potatoes like hens eggs. Everyone was surprised and many ordered a few for seed.

"The Thompson Norwegian Plows are as good as any manufactured."
STRAY BEAUTY.

Our field notes taken last summer show that in point of earliness this potato stood first of all our varieties. Early Wisconsin was the first to come up after planting and for a time took the lead, but Stray Beauty ripened first. This is the principal feature that recommends it, but perhaps it is enough. It was plainly ahead of Early Wisconsin, Sunrise, the Ohios and all the rest, in ripening. We do not particularly fancy the potato except for its earliness. The yield is fair and quality good, especially for baking, but the shape and color are objectionable. Almost round and of a deep full red color. However Stray Beauty has already established a reputation for itself in southern markets, under the name of Triumph. We believe the two names belong to the same variety.

"Ten Days Ahead of Any Other"

John Schamel, Springfield, Ill., bought ten different varieties of us, all early but two. He says: Stray Beauty was at least ten days ahead of any other.

SUNRISE.

Coming to be regarded all over the country as the standard among the very earliest. Salzer, the La Crosse seedsman, says: "If we had but one potato to plant Sunrise would be the one, it being so early, so remarkably fine in appearance, so delicate and rich in flavor, so heavy a yielder, cooking evenly and floury, and selling like hot cakes in any market." Harrington called it his earliest out of 700 varieties. It is a very smooth, pretty potato, similar to Pearl of Savoy in appearance. A little earlier than Pearl of Savoy, but not as good a yielder. However, it certainly seemed to yield well enough with some of our customers. See below.

30 Bushels from 1-2 Bushel

J. W. Keith, Trenton, Iowa, writes: From 1/2 bushel of Sunrise we dug over 20 bushels. We like them very well.

JULIUS PUFFE, Georgesville, Ohio: The Sunrise I got for my brother, and he says there is nothing better. He says he got close to 100 bushels. [Mr. Puffe had 1 bbl., (23/ bu.) second sized.]

JUNE EATING.

Originated by Thomas Crane, of Ft. Atkinson, Wis. Probably the best known and most popular of all Mr. Crane’s varieties, and we believe also the most valuable, excepting perhaps his two new varieties, Signal and Koshkonong. As far as looks are concerned, June Eating is a beauty. It is not rose colored, nor white, but half way between—a beautiful flesh color. Our experience is that early potatoes of about that color sell the most readily in the market. The shape is all right, not much different in that respect from Beauty of Hebron. It grows smooth, with few eyes. In season it ranks with varieties regarded as extra early. As a cooker and table potato no fault whatever can be found with it, and as to yield, it did the best last year of all the Hebron style except Signal.

[Note: We use the Daisy Force Pump for spraying apple-trees.]
THORBURN.

Originated by E. L. Coy, of West Hebron, N. Y. A seedling of Beauty of Hebron. We would place it right along with June Eating, they are similar. A description of one is a description of the other. Thorburn is rather the more widely known, perhaps because it is an eastern potato. Our preference would be for the June Eating, although there is very little choice between the two.

NEW QUEEN.

Originated by Geo. W. P. Jerrard, of Caribou, Me. New, but already getting to be very popular. Of Hebron style, but perhaps a little longer, resembling White Elephant. Mr. Jerrard says in his catalogue of 1891: "They are extra quality, very early, and with an equal chance will outyield any other early potato in this country." He then presents a wonderful array of testimonials. One market gardener says: "I have raised potatoes for over 40 years, and the New Queen is the best one I ever saw." Another man raised 22 bushels from one peck. Another 96½ bushels from one bushel. Another says: "All the fault I find with New Queen is, they grow too large. From one peck planting I raised 18 bushels splendid potatoes, many of which weighed from a pound to a pound and a half each."

This is the first year we have offered New Queen to our customers, but it proved with us one of the very best of a large list of new varieties of two years ago, and we recommend it now.

EVERITT.

A very productive variety of the Early Rose style. A little later than Pearl of Savoy and a stronger grower. In fact the vines grow the largest of any early potato we ever saw. Tubers rather larger than those of Pearl of Savoy and a little inclined perhaps to grow somewhat rough and irregular in shape. Quality is good and it is perhaps the most profitable variety to raise because of its great productiveness. Everitt and Signal yielded the best of all our varieties last year.

This is the third year we have catalogued this potato, but we have never been able to supply the demand for it before. So we conclude it is very popular.

"None Better"

Noah Hanson, Carson, Kan., writes: "The potatoes received last spring from you were well selected and came in good order. They produced satisfactory results, particularly the Ohio Jr., Pearl of Savoy and Garfield. In quality and productivity I think there are none better.

Decidedly Better than Seed of my Own Saving.

W. W. Knoop, a prominent grower and shipper of fruits and Vegetables, of Cameron, Mo., says: "The seed received from you came up quicker, with a stronger growth and decidedly better yield than seed of my own saving, with Dakota Red and Ohio Jr., in the lead."

Pearl of Savoy is the prize potato.
Mr. E. L. Coy, originator of Thorburn, Empire State, Beauty of Hebron, Puritan, White Elephant and others, thus describes this variety and its origin:

West Hebron, N. Y.—The "Early Vaughan" is the only one that proved to be of any special value from a large number of seedlings of 1885. This one from the first showed a marked superiority in all the essential points that are required in making up a first-class early variety, such as vigor and healthfulness of vine and tuber, productiveness and fine table quality. One by one the others were discarded on the principle of the "Survival of the fittest," until this stands alone of my seedlings of 1885. This is an inbred seedling of the grand old Peerless and inherits its parent's vigorous constitution. Its skin is a beautiful flesh color all over the tuber, not clouded like Beauty of Hebron and White Elephant. Flesh is very white and of a delicate, rich flavor. It ripens with the Early Puritan and like it, the tubers when less than half grown, are dry and fine for table use. I predict that this new seedling will soon occupy a high and enviable position for market planting as well as for the private garden. I have sold my entire right and ownership in this valuable and beautiful seedling to J. C. Vaughan, of Chicago, for a large price, and firmly believe that all who purchase from him will thank him for introducing it.

Edward L. Coy.

The Vaughan is one of the most beautiful potatoes we ever saw. It proved with us very early; vines rather small, tubers almost all large, smooth and handsome. We offer it this year at about one-third last year's price.

We have tried the Hoover Potato Digger and like it. It is a wonderful machine.
POOTATUCK.

Like Pearl of Savoy, New. Earlier than Everitt and smoother. Not as heavy a cropper as Everitt but a little ahead of Pearl of Savoy.

Originated in Connecticut, as its name might suggest. A seedling of Wall’s Orange. Grows compactly in the hill. Tubers good sized, smooth and lots of them. Shape oblong, slightly flattened. Quality, first-class. Flesh white, dry and mealy.

The Rural New Yorker tested it and said: “Pootatuck from R. W. Curtis, of Connecticut, ripened rather before Early Rose. Skin rosy; rather long and narrow in shape; eyes not sunken, clean surface, eaten October 28th, flesh white and of excellent quality.”

We tried this variety in 1890 for the first time, and that year it yielded the best of all our new varieties. Now we are ready to place it right by the side of Pearl of Savoy and that is about the best recommendation we can give any variety at present.

SUMMIT.

Still another variety of the Early Rose type. Later than Pootatuck and a heavier yielder. We procured our seed of the originator, E. E. Stine, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. We quote his description: “It is buff skin, similar to its parent (Early Rose) but differs from it in growing thicker and shorter, making a more desirable form, being more of an oblong, quite deep through the center, and sometimes slightly flattened. The flesh is white, and when cooked or baked is very dry and mealy and of superior flavor, with none of that rancid taste often found in yellow fleshed varieties. It is an enormous yielder, and none of the tubers are hollow. It is free from rust and rot, and less liable to blight than many others.”

The Rural New Yorker, 1886 says: “Summit potato gave the largest yield of any tested on our Experiment farm last season, at the rate of 1210 bushels per acre: white fleshed, dry and mealy.”

With us last year the Summit yielded better than Pootatuck, but not so well as Everitt. We think we would rather have it than Everitt. The tubers grow rather smoother and there are fewer small ones. But of the three varieties, we believe our preference would be for Pootatuck.

Subscribe for the Orange Judd Farmer.

Notice the new departure of the Western Rural in starting a semi-weekly.

Every potato grower should have a horse sprinkler. Notice J. R. Steitz’ advertisement.

The Daisy Force Pump is something every farmer should have. We find it a great help in washing buggies as well as in a great many other ways.
Here is what many have been looking for. Something to take the place of Early Ohio. It is almost exactly like it in every respect, shape, color peculiar habits of growth and quick maturity. But it yields more to the acre and grows smoother. The above engraving is a splendid representation of it. It was originated by Vick in 1881 and since that time has been widely scattered all over the country. The demand for it has been wonderful. Very few varieties have grown in favor to such an extent in so short a time. We say, sell off your old Ohio seed and get a new stock of Ohio Jr.

**EARLY MARKET, (New.)**

Another variety of the Ohio class originated also by Vick. He says of it: “Early Market is very productive, the tubers having the peculiar markings of the Early Ohio, but quite distinct from that variety, as they are more elongated. As the name implies, this variety is especially recommended to grow for early marketing, as it is unsurpassed in quality by any potato, in the early stages of growth or unripe condition, cooking dry and mealy as soon as the tubers have attained a marketable size. This point will be highly appreciated by market gardeners and others who grow potatoes for early market, and also by those who have their own little garden patch for early use. The tubers are medium to large, light pink or

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**NOTICE** the new Potato Book advertised in our pages, written by the originator of the Rural New Yorker Potato.
flesh colored, with the specks peculiar to the Ohio class, oval oblong, very uniform in size, eyes flush with the surface; both stem and seed ends are round and full. It is a good keeper, retaining its excellent quality from the time of harvesting until the next planting season.”

We quote this rather long description because it just expresses our views. We are wonderfully pleased with it. We like it better than Ohio Jr., and we believe that when it is well known it will be even more popular. It yielded better last season than Ohio Jr., and is smoother and handsomer. In fact our Early Markets are beauties.

**EARLY ILLINOIS.**

Still another variety of the Ohio style, similar to Ohio Jr. Indeed we can see no difference. Just as good in every respect, we believe, and it yielded a trifle more than Ohio Jr.

**EARLY OHIO.**

Too well known to need describing. Our stock is sold out this year except second size.

**EARLY PURITAN.**

An extra early white potato. Very handsome. Originated by Coy and introduced by Henderson. Probably no new potato ever had a larger sale the first year than Early Puritan. With Peter Henderson to advertise it, with his immense list of patrons, its distribution was very thorough, so that now, although only four years old, the potato is well known and is advertised in nearly every catalogue.

Early Puritan is a seedling of Beauty of Hebron. Is, perhaps, a little earlier and yields more. The color is not like Beauty of Hebron however, but pure white. Tubers are smooth and nice shaped, and we think were about as fine looking as anything we had last year.

**EARLY ALBINO.**

A very handsome, smooth, rather long, white potato. Introduced by Vaughan in 1888. A native of Vermont. Is early, yields very well and is such a fine looking potato that it is sure to sell readily. Its pedigree is the same as that of our Early Wisconsin, a cross of Early Ohio and Snowflake, although the color is different. We think this is about as good a pedigree as a potato can have, a combination of the standard for earliness and the standard for fine quality. Albino and Puritan look somewhat alike. Puritan was a little ahead in yield with us last year, but we think Albino is of rather the better quality.

*The Wisconsin Farmer* is a good large weekly journal published at Madison.
**VICKS’ EXTRA EARLY.**

Like Snowflake in appearance and also in quality. The only real early white potato of this style we have ever found that would yield well. Skin covered with a netting. Tubers very smooth and regular in shape; eyes so nearly even with the surface that it is difficult to find them. Quality the very best, does not yield so much as some varieties, but we think it will be sought after on account of its fine table qualities.

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<td>S. W. COOLEY, Ottawa, Ill., writes: Of the potatoes I bought of you last spring, June Eating, Vick’s Extra Early and Early Wisconsin, all did well, gave a good yield, and were pronounced extra in quality by every one who tried them.</td>
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**CHAS. DOWNING.**

Of fine quality, skin white, eyes few and very even with the surface. Tubers nearly round. Immensely popular in some localities but it does not yield very well with us and so we have decided to discontinue it. We have only second size to offer.

**LEE’S FAVORITE.**

Another early sort, similar to Beauty of Hebron in shape: light flesh color, shading to pink and red around the eyes. Is advertised in nearly every catalogue and is still much sought after. With us, however, it has not yielded as well as others and so last fall we disposed of our stock, with the intention of dropping it from our list. We have therefore only second size to offer now.

**BEAUTY OF HEBRON.**

Well known everywhere. We still continue it and can furnish it to those who desire.

**SIGNAL,** (New.)

This is a new early potato originated in 1885, by Thomas Crane and sent out for the first time last year. It is of the Hebron style. Skin, a beautiful light flesh-color, but brighter and clearer than Beauty of Hebron, so that it has a very pure and delicate look. Of the best quality, and an immense yielder. In fact Signal and Everitt yielded the best of all our varieties last year, those two being just the same.

Almost every farmer can well afford to have a Common Sense Potato Digger.

The Prairie Farmer is one of the oldest agricultural papers in the country.
As far as we can see, Signal is almost exactly like Vaughan. We think they will both prove to be magnificent varieties. It will be interesting to watch the development of the two, as both were originated the same year, (1885), the one by the most prominent propagator of new seedlings of the West, the other by the most famous potato originator of the East, and both were also introduced the same year (1891). The Signal proved the better yielder with us, and for that reason we are inclined to give it the preference.

A new variety of great promise, originated by Crane in 1885, and introduced for the first time in 1891. It is therefore the mate to Signal, but is entirely different from Signal in season, style, color and shape. The cut well represents its shape and general appearance. The color is white; season, medium late; size, large to very large, no small ones; quality, all right; keeping qualities, as good as the very best; tubers all firm and sound.

We exhibited a peck (15 lbs.) at the State Fair last year that was made up of 14 tubers, all perfectly regular in shape, with smooth outline and eyes not prominent. Most potatoes of that size are either prongy or covered with protuberances, which makes them look rough, but these were not. Of course, being so nearly round in shape, these potatoes were very thick, and of just the style that would usually prove to be hollow. To test this matter we were asked to cut open some of them. We did so, but no sign of any hollowness could be found. Furthermore, the cut surface, after being exposed to the air a few minutes, changed to a pink color.

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Notice the premium we offer on Early Wisconsin.

The Farmer’s Voice is alive to farmers’ interests.
This is said by potato men to be a sign of good quality. If a potato turns black instead of pink look out for poor quality.

We anticipate a very great demand for this variety, for we believe it is just what a great many will want, a heavy yielding main-crop variety, that is smooth and of good quality. We only wish our stock of seed was larger. Order early before it is exhausted.

ALEXANDER’S PROLIFIC.

Introduced by Vaughan in 1885 and still recommended by him as one of the best on this list, all things considered. We give his description: “Skin white, well covered with rough netting, eyes few and even with the surface, flesh pure white, with finest flavor, fine grained, dry and floury. Being large and white, it brings the highest market price. The tubers grow compactly in the hill, are easily harvested and vary from medium size to very large. They are very productive.”

Alexander’s Prolific, though it has at no time had any very extraordinary boom, has steadily grown in favor since its introduction until now it is getting to be very largely grown by potato men, just as Burbank’s has been. We know of one man not far from us, who had 40 acres of these last year. We predict that the time is soon coming when Alexander’s will be quoted in the Chicago market as one of the standard varieties.

Last spring we had a fair stock but could not begin to supply the demand for this variety. It seemed as if almost every man wanted Alexander’s. One of our customers out in Iowa wrote us as follows: “I very much regret you were sold out of Alexander’s Prolific, as that is the best potato we have in this country. I have 700 bushels Alexander’s Prolific in my cellar, but did not want to plant them, as I wanted to change my seed.”

GARFIELD.

A very smooth fine-grained potato. Similar to Snowflake in color and general appearance but a little longer in shape. Later in season than Snowflake, but not really a late potato. The most important point however, is that it is equal to Snowflake in quality, which of course is regarded as the standard, while the yield is much better.

Garfield was for three years our favorite main crop variety. In 1890 the yield was not very satisfactory, but last season they did well again, and they are such a very fine table potato that we feel justified in still recommending them.

“Garfield the Best.”

“Get your neighbors to go in with you in making up your orders for potatoes, and thus get the benefit of our special discount.”
EMPIRE STATE.

Advertised in almost every catalogue, east and west. After the Burbanks style. Very handsome and very productive. An unusually strong grower. Indeed, we believe the vines grow about the largest of any variety we ever had.

Empire State originated in New York State, as its name implies, but has been rapidly introduced into all parts of the country. It came from White Elephant, but, instead of being clouded like White Elephant, is pure white in color. We call it medium late in season. One of our customers, however, thought last summer that we were mistaken about the season, because they came up quicker than some of his early varieties and grew faster. But he doubtless found, as the season advanced, that they grew much larger and kept on growing for a month perhaps after the early ones were ripe.

We have one fault to find with Empire State. Although they grow large and of nice shape and are of splendid quality, far superior to Burbank's in that respect, they are not so smooth in outline as the Burbank's. Not nearly as bad as some late varieties, but still the eyes are rather deep. Although this fault is quite a serious one, nevertheless, Empire State is a grand potato, and we still recommend it highly. Our customers seem to like it also.

"Splendid Eating."
Geo. H. Weed, Lanark, Ill.: The Empire State are splendid eating.

"Pleased with Their Show"
D. G. Harrison, Morrison, Ill.: Empire State is a very fine potato. We are pleased with their show.

"Nice Everywhere."
Fred Y. Chute: Empire State is a grand white fellow, nice everywhere or way you can put them.

"Did the Best"
B. W. Benjamin, Banksville, Neb.: Of the potatoes sent, Empire State did the best.

DELWARE.

This is one of the new ones. A good one too. Originated in Vermont and introduced by Gregory in 1888. It is something like Alexander's or perhaps a little larger and later in season, and a little more rank in growth, approaching more to Rural New Yorker and Koshkonong. The shape varies somewhat from rather long to nearly round and flattened. Skin white, eyes rather large, size of tubers large to very large and quality excellent, fine grained, dry and mealy. A strong rank grower, and a very heavy yielder. Its yield record at the Rural New Yorker farm is at the rate of 1028½ bushels per acre.

Albert Gleason, Castleton, Ill., writes:
The Delaware is a very fine new variety, handsome, productive and of good quality.

*The Farmers' Review makes a specialty of stock and market reports.

Walter Helms, Janesville, Wis., sells all kinds of farm, garden and flower seeds.
RURAL NEW YORKER NO. 2.

A remarkable new variety that has created a great sensation. It originated on the experimental grounds of the Rural New Yorker and was introduced for the first time in 1889. Quite distinct in appearance; skin and flesh white; quality excellent; shape oblong, somewhat flattened; tubers large, very large, but not rough or irregular; eyes quite shallow, and general outline and form smooth and symmetrical. In season, medium late. Very strong and vigorous in growth and an immense yielder. Last year in yield it stood third on our grounds, Signal and Everitt being the only varieties that outdid it.

Rural New Yorker has been so thoroughly advertised in agricultural papers and elsewhere that it is entirely unnecessary for us to take up space in telling of its merits. Almost everybody will want it because they have heard so much about it. We are sure that our stock will not be large enough. So order early if you want to make sure of getting some.

Cashtoon, Ill., Dec. 24, 1891.

Mr. L. L. Olds, Clinton, Wis.

DEAR SIR:—Of the potatoes which I purchased of you last spring I regard the Rural New Yorker No. 2 as the best. It is a very handsome variety, enormously productive, and in quality without an equal. I grow 30 varieties of potatoes, and rank the Rural New Yorker No. 2 as superior to all others. In fact it is about perfect.

Yours Truly,

ALBERT GLEASON.
FEARNAUGHT.

This variety and the following five seem to be a good deal alike. Fearnought, although not the most popular of the half dozen, has proved, we think, rather the most satisfactory with us. It originated in Vermont. Tubers are long and white with just a slight pink tinge at the eyes. Surface very smooth not deep eyed as Empire State is apt to be. In fact, Fearnought is a regular Burbank's right over again in appearance, but is far superior to Burbank's in quality and is also a better yielder.

GOV. FORAKER.

Originated in Ohio and named in honor of the governor of that state. After the Burbank's style, long, white, smooth and handsome. So much like Fearnought that we have not yet been able to discover any appreciable points of difference. This variety too has the slight pink shade at the eyes.

Fearnought and Gov. Foraker are not as much advertised as the following two varieties, but they have pleased us better, and we believe when they are known, will be much sought after as successors to Burbank's.

BURPEE'S SUPERIOR. (New.)

First introduced by W. Atlee Burpee, in 1889. He thus describes it: "Burpee's Superior originated in 1884 from a seed-ball found in a field of White Star. In shape it somewhat resembles its parent, but is more compact in form. The eyes lie very even with the surface. Both skin and flesh are very white. It is medium late and the most profitable for main crop of all varieties. Cooks easily and quickly all through, having no hard or grainy core."

DANDY.

A Canadian potato. Originated by William Dandy, of the Province of Quebec, and so not named with any attempt at slang, as might perhaps be supposed. The only potato, we believe, in our whole list originated in a foreign country. Introduced in 1888 by Jerrard, the Maine seedsman. He says: "It is a strong, healthy grower, a prolific yielder, not inclined to rot, cooks quickly and evenly and possesses a peculiarly rich delicious flavor."

MONROE SEEDLING.

Another long white variety similar to the preceding.

CREAM OF THE FIELD.

A little different from the five varieties just described. A heavier cropper. Vines very large and stocky; tubers not extra large, but wonderfully numerous. Not quite as smooth as Fearnought and Gov. Foraker, but more prolific, perhaps a little later in ripening. The quality is good, and we think it will prove valuable because such a great yielder.
AMERICAN GIANT.

Rightly named, an enormous potato and very showy. One of the largest in cultivation, but of good shape for cooking, being long and smooth. This variety also comes from New York, and in color, shape and season it is much the same as Empire State. The tubers, however, are thicker and also longer, with fewer in a hill. We have measured them ten inches in length without a prong or irregularity. In fact the tubers are noted for their symmetry and uniformity of shape. Our show of American Giant at the fairs last fall attracted the attention of everyone, they were such magnificent fellows. We recommend it especially as a show potato.

"Over Three Pounds Each."

D. G. Harrison, Morrison, Ill., writes Oct. 3, 1891: "American Giants are few in number as compared with others, yet they fill sacks fast and are passable good, I have quite a number of Dakota Red and American Giant that will weigh 3 lbs. each and 'a' foot over."

Jabez Beresford, Hickory, Ill., writes us Sept. 1, 1891: "I have some fine potatoes from the seed (American Giant) I got of you. I have some that weigh two pounds each. I am going to take some to the fair next week.

QUEEN OF THE VALLEY.

A very large late potato of the Belle type. A good cropper and of fairly good quality but too rough to sell well. We have a small stock of medium sized tubers, which are better for planting than extra large ones. We probably shall not catalogue this variety another year.

DAKOTA RED.

The most prolific late potato we know of, and also the hardeist. It never rots and is almost sure to yield well in spite of drought. It is especially valuable also because it keeps so well way into the summer.

Dakota Red did not originate in Dakota as its name might indicate, but is an eastern potato. It has been pretty thoroughly distributed however all over, and is catalogued by nearly every seedsman in the United States. Has been selected probably more often than any other variety in prize contests, where the greatest yield per acre was the thing sought for.

It has been called poor in quality. We do not so consider it. In fact, Dakota Red is quite a favorite with us, as a late eating potato, and we are glad to find there are others who like it. Of course we do not recommend it as a market potato; the color is objectionable, but it is all right for family use.

"A Grand Potato" "No Prongs."

Fred Y. Chute, Blue Earth, Minn., "The Dakota Red is a grand potato. All large and smooth, no prongs, and a large cropper and good table sort."

"Best Late Potato."

D.G. Harrison, writes Oct. 3, 1891: "I will put Dakota Red ahead of anything I have raised in the line of late potatoes. Very large, smooth and good. I do not see the use of having a better potato than the Dakota Red; they are good to cook now, as we have given them a good test, and am sure, as they are late keepers, they will be better in the spring."
OTHER VARIETIES.

The following varieties we can furnish only in small quantities. Most of them are new and are sold at half prices. We will furnish them while our stock lasts at the following low prices: By mail, prepaid, 20 cents per lb., 3 lbs. 50 cents. By express or freight, not prepaid, 10 cents per lb., 3 lb. 25 cents.

Everitt’s Six Weeks, Sunlit Star, Burpee’s Extra Early.
Wisconsin Beauty, Habbinger, Perfect Gem.
Arizona, Extra Keeper, Bonanza.
Rose Seedling, White Lily, White Flour.
Beauty of Lansdowne, Rough Diamond, Kings County Mammoth.
Badger State Peachblow, Gen. McClellan, Brownell’s Winner.

OUR SECOND SIZED POTATOES.

We are very particular to sort our potatoes over carefully before packing for shipment, throwing out everything under market size as well as all rough and imperfect potatoes. So it happens that most varieties we have a limited stock of Second Size Potatoes, (which however does not include rough and imperfect ones. We feed all such to stock.) These second size potatoes are all right for planting and are preferred by many because they go so much farther. Some have an idea that if they plant small potatoes they must expect to harvest small ones. This is not exactly so. Doubtless if the small ones only are planted year after year for several years, it will tend to run out the variety sooner, but if the seed is properly prepared it will not make so much difference. Cut off the seed end of every small and medium sized tuber and throw that away. Then if the potato is not too small cut it lengthwise into two or sometimes more pieces. There must not be too many eyes in a hill, and there must not be too many eyes for the size of the piece. We have proved the value of the above practice many times in our experience.

“A Better Crop than I have Had For Years.”

S. L. Sheldon, President of the S. L. Sheldon Co., dealers in Agricultural Machinery, Madison, Wis., writes under date of Dec. 8, 1891: I was well pleased with the seed potatoes I got of you last season. Most of the varieties yielded well, and in fact I had a better crop than I have had for years before. What kinds have you on hand this year and what are your prices for the same?

(Mr. Sheldon bought 8 barrels of us, 8 different varieties.)

Geo. C. Watson, Stoughton, Wis., writes Apr. 21, 1891: The potatoes came all right. I am well satisfied with them, and wish I had ordered another barrel.

John Schamel, Springfield, Ill.: I am well satisfied with my experiment.

Fred Y. Chute, Blue Earth City, Minn.: Took first premium at our County Fair on the potatoes as a collection.


Notice that our price for the Daisy Force Pump is only $1.50.

Our potatoes took first premium as a collection at the Wisconsin State Fair last fall.

If you want a new buggy or anything in the line of farm machinery, see what you can do with Isham & Wakeford, Clinton, Wis.

Notice the advertisement of the Gesley Mfg. Co. They are reliable.

The Consumers Supply Co., can save you money. See their ad.”
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We make no charge for barrels and boxes, nor for packing. All potatoes will be labeled and carefully packed so that they will not get mixed. Sacks will be used instead of barrels when it is preferred.

IN CONCLUSION.

We want to emphasize a few points that we have found important in our experience in growing potatoes. One of the most important things is to PLOW THE GROUND DEEP. Potatoes delight in a deep mellow soil. So have the ground worked up deep, if it is fall plowing. Corn may do well on hard soil or soil that is not well worked but potatoes will not.

Then PLANT DEEP. Four or five inches is none too deep, if the land is dry and well drained as it should be. We use an Aspinwall Planter. The importance of this idea of planting deep in a deep, mellow soil we think can not be too strongly urged. We believe that was what saved our crop from failure in 1896, when the drought was so bad. Our neighbors could not understand how we managed to get a fair yield, while their potatoes amounted to little or nothing. All we could tell them was that we PLowed DEEP, PLanted DEEP and PLANTED EARLY. This leads us to say that the longer you grow potatoes the more we are inclined to PLANT EVERYTHING JUST AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. Last year we had two fields. The first field we began planting April 22, which was as early as we could get onto the land. We planted the whole field, 23 acres, right along, during the next two weeks. The second field, planted in part to the same varieties as the first, we did not begin on until May 18. Result, our first field averaged 40 per cent more in yield than the second. Field No. 1 was a little the better piece of land but we are convinced that the difference in yield was PRINCIPALLY due to the time of planting. Our experience in other years also confirms this view.

Last season we added two very important tools to our stock of potato machinery. The first was a Sprinkling Machine. Two years ago we thought we could sprinkle our vines by hand. But we don't want any more hand work. It is hard back aching work, and moreover this is an age of improved machinery for potato growers as well as wheat growers. This machine we rigged up ourselves. We succeeded after considerable experimenting in fixing it so that it would do fairly satisfactory work. But it cost more, both in time and money, than we anticipated, so that we believe if we wanted another we would buy it of some firm that manufactures them. There are so many important points to be looked after in fixing such a machine so that it will do perfect work, that it is probably cheaper in the end to buy from a concern who undertake to describe our sprinkler, but refer our readers to the advertisement of J. R. Steitz and Co., St. Francis, Wis.

The other tool that we spoke of was a Hoover Potato Digger and we want to say that this is indeed a wonderful machine. We had dug all our potatoes for a good many years with
a Common Sense Digger, a cut of which may be seen on page 24. This was far ahead of hand digging or plowing them out and we would advise everyone who raises a few acres each year to have one. But if you make a Business of growing potatoes, buy a Hoover. It will soon pay for itself. A few figures may be interesting. Last year it cost us to dig and put our potatoes in the cellar $4.90 per acre. Computing on the basis of expense the succeeding year, with a Common Sense Digger, the cost would have been about $3.50 per acre, so that our Hoover saved us $1.40 an acre. The difference was in the picking up. The Hoover leaves every potato in sight, so that we could hire them picked up by the bushel. The Common Sense leaves some of the potatoes covered a little, and we found that if we hired our boys by the bushel they would not get them clean. We are very well satisfied with the Hoover Digger and glad to have a chance to recommend it. It does its work right along even in thick weeds in a way that astonishes us. One of our neighbors has a McCallum, but we like the Hoover better. It is a much more Perfect Machine.

As a last important item we would say take care of your potatoes after you get them dug. We dig early, just as soon as fully ripe, and put them right into the cellar and keep them there until spring. We have had no trouble with rot for many years, but we are very particular to Keep Our Cellar Ventilated, all through the fall until real cold weather, we open all the doors and windows every night and shut them up in the morning, keeping the potatoes entirely in the dark during the day. If you don't want strong potatoes don't let the light strike them. Then during the winter we keep a constant watch, and let in fresh air whenever it is not too cold. In this way we are able to keep our seed from growing, a very important matter.

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