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Preliminary Remarks

IN preparing copy for the printer for our Tenth Annual Catalogue, and Price List, it would seem proper, first, to say a few words in regard to ourselves, our stock and our trade. To our thousands of old customers in all sections of the country nothing perhaps need be said only to thank you for your liberal patronage, and assure you that your trade is appreciated, and to state that by fair dealing we shall strive for a continuance of it. But as this Catalogue will go into the hands of many who have not received one before, we will say that ten years ago we issued our first price list (having sold the year before only \$30 worth of plants). Our trade has steadily increased each year, until now our postage stamps alone cost us hundreds of dollars each year. At first our low prices, in some instances, caused customers to fear that our stock would be poor, or not true to name. But as the years went by, and our plants were tested alongside of high-priced ones, customers were convinced that it was useless to pay \$4.00 per thousand for plants when better plants, of the same variety, could be procured of us for one-half the price. And so our trade has continued to increase until to-day we have three distinct fruit plants farms for our trade. And while we do not claim to be the largest plant grower in the United States (many do) we do claim to grow and ship millions of first-class plants direct to our customers, in all sections of the United States, every year, and we publish a few of the many hundreds of unsolicited testimonials received, which show how customers like our stock. The season just passed has been our busiest one. It seemed as though the whole country must have some of our plants.

For 1899 we have a very fine stock. We have in one field, on newly cleared land, this being the first crop, eleven acres of solid strawberry plants, of the best standards and choice new varieties, besides many acres in other places. As the outlook is now favorable for the fruit interests we look for a heavy demand. We take up the whole row, and not the center between the rows, as some do. And while we have no "hobby" to ride to induce you to buy our stock at a fancy price, as some have, we can furnish you as good and pure stock for \$1.50 per thousand as many will charge you twice as much for. Please note some of our liberal offers to customers and take advantage of them. (See pages 3 and 21.)

WE are located in the great Fruit Belt of south-western Michigan, one and one-half miles from Lake Michigan, nearly opposite Chicago. Here plant growth is as perfect as anywhere in the United States, this being the great strawberry county of the state.

Our Stock is First-Class. Do not confound it with the puny, weak kind so generally sent out by many nurseries in Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey. Please note some of the unsolicited testimonials, a few of which we publish in back of catalogue. We admit that our prices are low, but stock is first-class.

Our Trade extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from British America to the Gulf of Mexico, and is increasing heavily each year, and we have better facilities to meet it this year than ever before.

Our Prices are generally only about one-half as high as most nurseries of the country; in fact we sell some varieties at about one-fourth the prices of some nurseries.

In Varieties we have as long a list of the best as are needed to start, successfully any one in the fruit business, or to supply dealers or nurseries with stock to sell again, which we do every year in large quantities.

Boxing and Packing. We manufacture our own boxes, making hundreds of them in winter when times are dull and help is plenty. We use light, strong boxes for express and heavier ones for freight. We also use hundreds of handled baskets for small bills. Having our own moss we are well equipped and make no charge for box and packing, which is done in the best manner under our own supervision or of some member of our family.

Methods of Shipment. **BY MAIL**—The reduction in postage on plants enables us to send small amounts to distant sections at small cost and thus place in customers' hands a few of a kind cheaper than they could procure them of their nearest nursery. **BY EXPRESS**—This is the method most commonly adopted for sending large bills to distant parts of the country, as there is no delay as sometimes occurs by freight. Plants go for 20 per cent less by express than other goods. Some nurserymen will tell you that they have secured a cut rate; this is not the case, all receive the same rate. **BY FREIGHT**—We ship large amounts of stock long distances by fast freight. Nearly all of the plants bought of us by nurseries and dealers all over the United States to sell again are ordered sent by freight. All such should be ordered early. Many ask, "How far can you ship by freight?" We have shipped safely as far west as the Pacific and east to the Atlantic. We send large bills by freight every year into all parts of the United States and Canada, and most go through safely but of course delays sometimes occur and stock is injured. As the buyer is the one benefited by freight rates he must take the risk. It is immaterial to us which way we ship. We are on the Chicago & West Michigan Railroad, only thirteen miles from the great trunk lines like the Michigan Central, Vandalia and Big Four, making connections to all sections of the country.

ORDER EARLY. By all means—the earlier the better. If anything more is needed it can be added later; besides we give liberal discounts on early as well as large orders. If not prepared to send all of the money, send a part, when the order will be booked; the balance before shipment. Again we say do not put off ordering until late and then send in an order saying, "My ground is all ready—ship stock at once," etc. Doubtless there will be hundreds of orders ahead of yours that must be attended to.

Our Terms are Cash. No order booked unless accompanied by a remittance as a guarantee of good faith; the balance before shipment. At our prices we cannot afford to do a credit business. We give references as to our reliability, etc., which all are at liberty to investigate. Our prices are low for cash, and if parties cannot raise money for stock among their friends, they could hardly expect us to trust them as strangers. We have trusted some and have had very aggravating experiences. We will ship C. O. D. if one-fourth of the amount of the order is sent, customers paying return charges on the money.

Liability. While we take the greatest pains to have our stock pure and unmixed and true to name, mistakes will sometimes occur, and if found to be our fault we will either replace stock not found to be true or refund the money. We commence to ship the last of March or first of April, according to season. We issue no fall catalogue but send out some stock after October 1st. Two years ago we sent 500,000 plants in November to Dr. McKay, President of Mississippi State Horticultural Society, 700 miles by freight, all being satisfactory.

How to Send Money. By Chicago or New York Draft, Express Money Order, Postoffice Money Order or Registered Letter.

Do not send checks on country banks as there will be exchange to pay, which will be charged to buyer.

All inquiries cheerfully answered, but please make them short and to the point.

If more than one catalogue should be received, please hand to some neighbor and oblige. Also, if you have neighbors (fruit growers) that you think would like our catalogue if you will send a few names on postal we will mail them one, and will send you a few plants for your trouble. Many customers request us to send a catalogue to their friends, as note the following extract from letter received to-day from the President of Illinois (Clark Co.) Agricultural Institute: "Please send one of your catalogues to my brother-in-law. * * * Also Mr. —, of — Ind., etc., etc. Kindly yours, H. P. Lowry." Thus many will receive a copy that have not written for one, their friends interesting themselves in their behalf.

PLEASE NOTE OUR OFFERS.

For orders of \$1.00 at catalogue price (if this offer is mentioned) by special arrangement we will give a six months subscription to The Agricultural Epitomist, of Indianapolis, Ind., one of the best farm and home papers published (monthly).

For a \$2.00 order—We will give a year's subscription (regular subscription price 50 cents).

For an order of \$5.00, at catalogue price, we will give the Biggle Berry Book, by Judge Biggle. But as we have already sent out several hundred of these books to customers we have made arrangements so that we can give in place of the Berry books either of the Biggle books, viz: "Biggle Horse Book," "Biggle poultry Book," "Biggle Cow Book," "Biggle Swine Book." The books are models of the printer's art, beautifully illustrated, cloth bound, boiled down, common sense; cream not skim milk. Beautiful color illustrations in the berry, cow and poultry books.

For an order of \$10.00 and over, received early, (before March 1st) customers will be allowed to select stock to the amount of \$1.00 free, if this offer is mentioned. (For additional offer see page 21.)

Strawberries

THE STRAWBERRY is our specialty. We have a large stock of all the standard and best new varieties, which we have listed very low and shall sell at prices quoted as long as stock lasts. We do not mark up our prices. Almost all the newer varieties we obtained from the originators and introducers in the first place at a heavy expense, consequently our stock is pure. Many ask how we can sell such choice stock so low. Being situated in a section especially adapted to growing the finest plants and not being hampered with anything in the tree line; growing many of the standards by the hundred thousand on new, rich land that produces a heavy stock of extra fine plants, having our own moss swamps for packing, of which we use many tons each year, and being satisfied with a small profit, we can furnish choice stock very low. Many new beginners ask what varieties are most profitable to grow for market, etc. Of course much depends on location and circumstances. In answer to the question in the Biggle Berry Book—"Name the five most profitable varieties for market"—thirty berry men from all sections of the country name over forty varieties. The favorites are the following in the order named: Bubach, Warfield, Haverland, Lovett, Parker Earle, Crescent, Greenville, and Beder Wood. We have a fine stock of all the above and a new beginner cannot go far out of the way in getting these varieties. When early spring frosts are liable to kill blossoms growers should remember that the pistillates are much more hardy than the staminate, Crescent and Haverland standing at the head with us.

Soil for Strawberries. Almost any soil that will grow good field crops will grow good strawberries—good, rich, well-drained, sandy loam preferred. For general field culture plant rows from three and one-half to four feet apart—plants from one and one-half to two feet apart in the row, according to the habit of the plant. Plant every fourth row to some staminate variety. Let them make a matted row. Newly cleared land is good for strawberries. We make a practice of clearing up several acres of new land and setting to strawberries every year, and while the labor of attending is more than on old, run out land, the plants produced are the best and most healthy grown. Growing plants in such large quantities we can, of course, make a discount on large bills. Thus nurseries in all sections of the country buy of us to sell again—many times selling through agents as high by the hundred as we charge by the thousand. Our low prices hold good while stock lasts. We have some varieties not listed here; if you want something not on the list, write us. We use but few cuts of strawberries in our catalogue. In looking through the profusely illustrated catalogues sent out we often see the same cut doing duty for several varieties of berries, but if you want fine plants you can get them of us. Let the other fellow furnish you the pictures.

VARIETIES OF STRAWBERRIES

For Price by Dozen and Hundred see Third Page of Cover.

Aroma. (S) Plant shows no weakness of any kind. Fruit very large, roundish, conical, rarely misshapen, glossy red, of excellent quality and produced in abundance. One of the most profitable late varieties that we grow. We could not supply the demand for this variety last year, but this year having a large stock have reduced the price to \$3.00 per thousand.

Arrow. (P) This is a very rank grower of healthy plants. The fruit is medium size, well colored and firm; quite productive. The fruit ripens with Haverland and resembles it closely in form, but is much brighter in color, firmer in texture and higher flavor. \$3.00 per thousand.

Annie Laurie. (S) From Ohio where it has been favorably received. The fruit is large, almost round, of a bright crimson, firm, good quality. Season medium. This variety pleased us very much last year. \$3.00 per thousand.

Bisel. (P) From Southern Illinois, where it has a great reputation as a profitable market berry. Plant shows no weakness of any kind but is well able to carry its great load of fruit to maturity. Berries are large, regular conical form, bright red, quite firm, with seeds but slightly imbedded, flesh is light red and of good flavor. Several years ago I purchased 1,000 plants of the originator, Mr. Bisel. Market reports quote Bisel at a premium, ripens with the Crescent but continues longer in bearing. \$2.50 per thousand.

Brandywine

Brandywine. (S) This new strawberry was introduced four years ago by M. Crawford at \$1 per dozen; \$5 per hundred. I bought a good stock of the plants of the introducer and now have a large stock of fine plants. Brandywine is late, good shape, good quality, good size, firm and productive. We have a large stock of extra fine plants at \$2.25 per thousand.

Beder Wood. (S) This is a comparatively new variety, originated by Beder Wood, of Illinois. We have fruited it many years and found it to be a very heavy bearer, of good-sized roundish fruit (about as firm as Bubach), season early, a good staminate to fertilize early varieties like Crescent, Warfield, etc. M. Crawford says in his strawberry report: "This berry, all things considered, is the best berry that has ever been fruited with me. The plant is a good, healthy grower and sends out a number of large runners. The call is heavy for this variety. Price is reduced to \$1.75 per thousand.

Bismarck. "This is a self-fertilizing strawberry, possessing all the desirable peculiarities of Bubach No. 5. To those who are familiar with the Bubach perhaps nothing more need be said, since Bubach has been a favorite berry, and more plants have been planted of that variety since its introduction than of any other. We got our stock of the originator two years ago and fruited it twice. It is a marvel of productiveness. The foliage is a dark green very much like Bubach but has a perfect blossom. None will be sorry who set it, and as we have a large stock of the plants we have reduced the price from \$5 to \$2.50 per thousand.

Bubach. (P) This is a great favorite all over the country. Was first choice with thirty fruit growers from all sections of the United States. The plant is very large and fine looking but a slow plant maker, the berry large and showy. \$2.50 per thousand.

Barton's Eclipse. (P) A seedling of Longfellow. I have fruited this several years and am very much pleased with it; is very profitable and a heavy bearer. The fruit is of good size and nearly always of good form. Will endure a good deal of handling, having a firm skin and slight neck; good color and a good runner. One of our most profitable berries, reduced to \$2.00 per thousand.

Clyde

Brunette. (S) Remarkable for its fine quality. It has fruited for several seasons at its home in Delaware County, Indiana, where it is exceedingly popular. The berries are from medium to large, round and almost perfect in form, very uniform, dark, reddish crimson, firm, and of exceedingly rich, sweet, luscious quality. It is also very handsome and attractive, commanding the highest price in the market. The plant is a strong grower and entirely free from rust. It is large, firm and productive, of best quality; recommend it to those who want best table berry. Price reduced to \$2.50 per thousand.

Clyde. (S) This new berry originated with Dr. J. Stayman several years ago. It is a seedling of the Cyclone, and the Clyde is a cross between the Crescent and Cumberland. The Clyde has Crescent blood

in it and no doubt gets its immense productiveness from that variety. Nearly as large as the Bubach, nearly or quite a week earlier and very much firmer. It is a strong staminate and therefore is suitable for pollenizing medium and medium early pistillate varieties. The plant is very vigorous and healthy, there being no trace of disease about it. The foliage is light green in color and somewhat resembles the Haverland, but is a more upright and sturdy grower. Season of ripening, second early. It is a dark scarlet in color and very productive. Its strong plants, with an abundance of long roots, enables it to withstand drouth better than most sorts.

The Strawberry Culturist of Sept., 1897, says: "The Clyde is fast becoming the most popular medium early berry, owing to its large size, immense productiveness and good shipping qualities." Price reduced to \$2.50 per thousand.

Cobden Queen. (P) Was introduced two years ago. I bought a stock of plants of the introducers. Testimonials were sent from several different states as to size of berries, vigor of plants and carrying qualities; medium early. Our plants are very fine. We have a large stock and put the price very low. \$2.50 per thousand.

Columbian. (S) It is a bright scarlet color so much admired in a market berry, and is quite firm and remarkably large for an early berry. Most early berries are shy bearers and small in size, but the Columbian reverses this. Strong grower, has a perfect blossom, free from rust and sends its roots deep in the ground, thereby standing long drouths without dying out in spots. It has fruited satisfactorily with us. \$2.00 per thousand.

Cumberland. (S) Old and reliable. Large, fine form and flavor. \$2.25 per thousand.

Crescent. (Improved) (P) The standard of productiveness all over the country; succeeds everywhere; stands neglect best of any, plant small, berries fair size, bright and attractive, not very firm. Many growers still consider this the most profitable berry for market. A few years ago a new berry was introduced into this section which proved to be an improved Crescent. We sell a great amount of this variety every year. We have a large stock of extra fine plants and quote them at \$1.50 per thousand.

Dew. (S) Originated near Lansing, Mich. Fruited with us several years. A wonderful berry, large, early. The plant is strong with large foliage of a very dark green. Fruit large and firm; of a dark glossy red, perfect in shape, should be planted by all that can grow berries and want the largest that can be grown. \$2.75 per thousand.

Eureka. (P) This is a very beautiful, large, crimson berry; strong, healthy foliage, ripens late. This is one of the best late market berries. Yields large crops, flesh firm, a good shipper, plants are good runners. \$2.50 per thousand.

Enhance. (S) The berries are large like Sharpless but firmer. The plants are strong, healthy growers; season late. Well spoken of by growers all over the country. Should have good soil. \$2.50 per thousand.

Enormous. (P) This is a new berry from Illinois and though it is yet but little known it is bound to become one of the standard berries of this country. Its general appearance resembles Bubach No. 5, but the plant is a much better grower and the foliage stands up higher. The fruit is as large if not larger than Bubach No. 5, and decidedly firmer. The Rural New Yorker speaks of it as follows: "This is well named. It seems among the earliest. Shape very variable, between scarlet and crimson in color, firm and good quality. A promising early variety." \$3.00 per thousand.

Excelsior. (S) New. Introduced last year at \$80.00 per thousand, by Mr. Bauer, the introducer of the Bismarck, Van Deman, etc. In a letter from the originator last month he says: "It is the only extra early berry now in the swim, and we have tried everything in that line." I have a good stock of plants from those bought of the originator last year. I list them very low. The plant is a healthy and thrifty grower, not very large, but said to be a heavy bearer of fine, large berries. As there is a great demand for extra early berries, and the price is so low, we look for a heavy call. \$10.00 per thousand.

Greenville. (P) The Greenville strawberry is an accidental seedling found on the fruit farm of E. M. Buechly, Ohio. Berries of good size, good quality, medium texture, very productive, season medium, color very even and fine, flower pistillate, plants very vigorous and free from rust, much resembles Bubach but a better plant maker, making a more solid fruiting row. Is now one of the standards. This variety was introduced in '93. I bought 1,000 of these plants of the introducer, paying \$60. I have a splendid stock of these plants which I price at \$1.75 per thousand.

Gardner. (S) This variety has truly made a wonderful growth. In size and growth of plants it somewhat resembles Parker Earle but with me it is more vigorous. Here is what one of the best authorities has to say of the Gardner: "Prof. J. L. Budd says as follows in the Rural Life in an article on Strawberries: 'The Gardner on our grounds has never shown a spot or blemish on its leaves, which is more than can be said of the Beder Wood, Haverland, Warfield and Parker Earle by its side, and its fruit this season averaged larger than that of either of these favorite sorts.'" \$2.50 per thousand.

Gertrude. (S) Early, large for its season and productive. We like this plant very much, also its very early season. Originator says of it; "Among the earliest known varieties to ripen; comes with Beder Wood, Michael and other extra early sorts; larger than any other early variety. It is of a pleasing bright scarlet color, very attractive, the color being even, with no white tips. Its flesh is firm and of good quality. The plant is a treat to look at, having no sign of rust or other defect about it, and is exceedingly productive." \$2.50 per thousand.

Gandy Belle, (or No Name.) (S) Is a large berry, perfect bloom and very productive. Berries dark red when ripe. The plant is a very strong grower; always makes a heavy bed of plants. Time of ripening, early. \$2.50 per thousand.

Gandy. (S) This is one of the leading late varieties with fruit growers all over the country. The plant is a strong grower, fruit is large and firm but does not yield as heavy as some; requires strong soil and fertilizers to do its best, but being very late is very profitable on that account. \$1.75 per thousand.

Glen Mary

Glen Mary. (S) The Glen Mary is a chance seedling which originated with Mr. Jas. A. Ingram, of Chester County, Pa. (Mr. Jas. A. Ingram is an uncle of Mr. Edward T. Ingram, the well known originator of the famous Brandywine strawberry.) Large and choice, very handsome and of fine flavor; vigorous and productive. It is as large as the Sharpless and of superior quality. In productiveness it far surpasses the Crescent, not in number of berries but quarts of berries. The Glen Mary began to ripen at its home in Chester County, Pa., on May 28th. and the claim seems warranted that it is capable of producing big berries all through the fruiting season. Mr. Ingram tells of one particular quart of berries especially selected for photography which contained only twelve giant specimens of the Glen Mary strawberry. Price reduced to \$.75 per thousand.

Hall's Favorite. (S) New. Is beyond doubt the finest strawberry ever grown. It defies any and all competition. It comes the nearest to perfection of any berry I ever saw, is what one grower said when he saw Hall's Favorite Berry large and perfect in form. Color, a rich crimson. Flesh firm. \$5.00 per thousand.

Haverland. (P) Exceedingly productive; fruit large and very fine but rather soft for a distant market; one of the most popular of the new, well-tested varieties; withstands the drought better than most kinds; color light, season early. We have a heavy demand for Haverland every year. \$2.00 per thousand.

Jessie. (S) This berry does not seem to be adapted to all kinds of soil, is after the Sharpless type, being a seedling of that berry. It is a splendid fertilizer, good quality and good color, does extra well in some sections, but with me it is not a heavy cropper and tender like Sharpless. \$2.25 per thousand.

Lovett. (S) No person need hesitate to plant this variety for either home use or market, as it succeeds generally in any soil or locality. It is one of the tough hardy varieties that never disappoint the grower. It has a perfect blossom and bears heavily. The fruit is firm, medium to large size, conical, firm, and of good color and quality. Season medium. We sell large quantities every year for fertilizers for Warfield, Crescent, etc. \$1.50 per thousand.

Lady Thompson. (S) A perfect-flowering plant of great vigor, somewhat of Crescent type, thriving well even on quite light soil. Berries roundish conical, bright scarlet, medium to large, firm, of good quality. Ripens fruit very early, and is one of the most productive varieties known.

Michel's Early. (S) One of the earliest varieties grown, in fact the earliest we have found. The plant is a very robust grower, strong and healthy, although plant is rather small; one of the best of the early fertilizers, as it blossoms early and late. Fruit is of medium size and good quality. Some growers that grow very early berries make much money on this variety alone. Is extra good for light sandy soil. November 1896, we shipped 500,000 strawberry plants to the President of the Mississippi State Horticultural Society; 140,000 were Michel's Early, which are a great favorite in the South. As we have a very large stock we have put the price down to \$1.25 per thousand.

Mary. (P) Plant very large and strong; berry one of the largest grown, beautiful in appearance, very productive and quite firm; season medium to late, retaining its large size to end of season. Owing to firmness size and color we deem it a very valuable market variety. \$3.00 per thousand.

Marshall. (S) M. Crawford said: "I was very anxious to see the fruit of this variety after hearing so much in its favor and paying \$10 for a dozen plants. It was the first very large variety to ripen, and I think every berry came to maturity. It is of great size and very beautiful. With a quart containing 19 perfect specimens I captured the prize for the 'best quart' at the great Millersburg show. It is scarcely ever misshapen, and the color is a rich glossy red that every one must admire. Quality is far above the average, plant is faultless, I could not suggest a single improvement in it. Blossom is perfect and each one is followed by a berry. As to its productiveness, it will not yield as large a number of berries as some varieties but when measured in quarts or bushels it will, in my opinion, be rather above than below the average." Michigan Experiment Station for 1897 says: Another season's trial confirmed the good opinion we have formerly expressed. Large, uniform size, good quality, etc. I got my first stock four years ago, paying \$16.50 for 100 plants. The demand every year has been greater than the supply. Having a large stock this year I list them at \$2.75 per thousand.

Manwell. (S) New. I have many inquiries concerning this variety, it having received much favorable comment in *American Gardening* last summer. It has not fruited on my grounds, but give the originator's description. The berry is bright glossy crimson, with seeds slightly sunken. The hull is very small and sticks fast to the fruit when picked. The Manwell is supposed to be a cross from Sharpless and Crescent, and the fruit resembles the Sharpless in shape and the Crescent in firmness and quality. The plant is very vigorous, with roots like those of Beder Wood, indicating that it will endure much drouth. It is not less prolific than wood in the number of plants produced. "It is a heavy cropper, ripening soon after Warfield and Wood commence. Many berries measure five and a half inches in circumference. It has a large and perfect blossom, with prominent stamens. \$3.00 per thousand.

Margaret. (S) New. This variety was originated about seven years ago by John F. Beaver, of Dayton, Ohio, from seed of the Crawford, and introduced by M. Crawford. It has made a remarkable record—perhaps never equaled in the world—and is now offered with great confidence. It responds readily to good culture, all careful growers may expect it to produce the finest fruit in great abundance. The plant is large and healthy, and so vigorous in growth that it will mature its last berries and continue green and luxuriant while an abundance of strong runners are produced. The foliage is dark green, and so clean and healthy looking that it is a pleasure to work among the plants. The blossom is perfect and one of the strongest ever seen. It commences to ripen soon after the early varieties, and bears until nearly all others are gone. With a good chance its berries are all of large size. The plant with its habits or growth and productiveness is faultless. The fruit is usually conical, sometimes rather long, but never coxcomb-shaped or misshapen, often necked. The color is dark, glossy red, and the berries are not inclined to have white tips. The large green calyx adds to its beauty. The flesh is firmer than most very large berries and of excellent flavor. For healthy, vigorous growth, productiveness, size, beauty and quality, the Margaret is a remarkable variety.

(The above is the introducer's description, of whom we secured our stock last season.) \$6.00 per thousand.

McKinley. (S) New. 75cts per hundred.

Michigan. (S) Large, deep crimson, firm, rich flavor, productive; the best late; very profitable. 60cts per hundred.

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growth and great productiveness by any variety. It has a perfect blossom. The fruit is of the very largest size, a giant among strawberries. It is never misshapen. Its only departure from the regular, roundish conical form is when, under high culture, it is somewhat triangular. It is dark glossy red, firm and of excellent flavor. Was introduced last year at \$80.00 per thousand. I got a good stock of the introducers last year and now list it at \$8.00 per thousand.

Ridgeway. (S) (New) And valuable. Origin, Indiana. Mid-season. Introduced by the originator, M. H. Ridgeway, at \$2 per dozen, and have a fine stock to offer this spring. It is a nice, thrifty, clean grower of the Bubach appearance. Plants are good size, healthy, and make a good spread. The originator thus describes it: "Plant large and stocky, possessing the ability to make a large number of strong and healthy plants. Large leaf, broad, heavy and dark green in color. Blossom perfect, a good pollinizer for pistillate varieties, as it remains in bloom for a long time; an ideal plant. Berry large to very large, the typical form nearly round; largest specimens broadly oval, but always smooth. Color, bright, glossy crimson, with golden seeds. Firm for so large a berry, and will stand shipping to distant markets except in a very wet time. Quality as good as the best; an almost ideal berry and one that will command fancy prices on any market. This variety was produced at the Rocky Glen fruit farm, several years ago, from seed of the Jersey Queen crossed with the Parker Earle, and has now been fruiting for five years. Each year during the time, it has produced the handsomest and largest berries on the farm. It has the advantage of the Parker Earle in being able to ripen perfectly all its fruit. E. S. Carman, editor of the Rural New Yorker, says: "It is one of the most promising among the new varieties of strawberries." Last year we could only offer it by the hundred at \$2.50; this year, as we have a very large stock, will put it at \$3 00 per thousand.

Saunders. (S) Originated by John Little, of Canada. This has been tested in many localities and found to be a valuable market berry. A good grower and heavy bearer. Fruit large, conical, dark glossy red, quality good, season medium. \$2.50 per thousand. As this and Wolverton are identical I drop the latter.

Staples. (S) A seedling of Warfield, from Ohio, and promises to become a valuable sort for both home use and market. It is remarkable for vigor and strength of plant and remarkably prolific. The berries are of medium size, dark glossy crimson, moderately firm and of fine quality. Early. A good fertilizer for Warfield. \$2.50 per thousand.

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Parker Earle.

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The boxes of plants came to hand by freight O. K. Accept my thanks for such
fine and well packed plants. All pronounce them the finest plants they ever saw.
Your plants will be in demand next year.

R. G. ROBERTSON.

Tippecanoe Co. Ind., March 23, '98.

Three years ago I ordered plants of you and they all proved to be correct.
Enclosed you will find an order for more.

ED BOOTH.

Scott Co., Iowa. March 27, '98.

I enclose you an order for plants. Stock received from you heretofore in this
community has given entire satisfaction.

HENRY POHLER.

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Strawberries (8,000) came through all O. K. in first class condition, (by
freight) and were first class goods.

G. P. PEPPER.

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The strawberry plants (35,000) shipped the 21st. by freight, arrived this A. M. all in good shape, except one crate which was a trifle hot, but not enough to hurt it I think.

FRANK H. PORTER.

Marion Co., Ohio, Apr. 30, '98.

My plants got here yesterday in fine shape, notwithstanding that they were on the road just one week, by freight. Your plants in the past have always been very nice, hence I would sooner deal with you than others.

E. F. BUSH.

McKeesport, Pa., Apr. 1898.

Plants received to-day in good shape. The only thing wrong about the whole business is that I did not order 10,000 instead of 2,000, will know better next time. Plants received of you last year were fine, and grew in spite of very dry weather.

S. J. BROWN.

Kalamazoo, Co., Mich., Jan. 6, '98.

Five years ago I bought strawberry plants of you, and I do not think I ever saw finer berries than they raised for us.

C. WARE.

Erie Co., N. Y., June 1, '98.

"The Strawberry plants are growing finely."

B. FENTON.

(Over 60,000 were shipped him by freight.)

Eagle Lake, Minn., March 17, '98.

Several years ago I got plants of you and they were good. Last year I got plants of —, of this state and they were an entire failure.

D. ALWAY.

Atchinson, Kan., Feb. 16, '98.

I enclose draft for \$11.75 for stock to be sent by freight. * * * The Cuthbert raspberry plants I bought of you last spring were the most satisfactory lot of fruit plants I ever purchased anywhere, only 3 out of the 1,000 died.

C. E. GARDINE.

Piatt Co., Ill., April 12, '98.

Enclosed find draft for \$10.00 for which please send by fast freight the following plants. The other lot of plants were very fine and we feel as if we had found where to get good plants, promptly and in good order.

G. B. ALVORD & SON.

Randolph Co., Ind., May 5, '98.

Thanks for your promptness in filling my previous order, they were fine plants and were in good shape. I shall always remember you when I want plants.

Jasper Co., Mo., Apr. 15, '98.

If you can send me at once by freight 4,000 strawberry plants, do so. The other plants came in elegant shape. Both shipments reached here on the 12th.

C. A. EMERY.

Walworth Co., Wis., March 3, '98.

I send you to day an order for plants, I bought plants of you two years ago and they were fine. Have had some splendid berries from them.

DAVID C. MCNAELY.

Polk Co., Iowa, Jan. 8, '98.

I have purchased plants of you every year but one, and then I sent to another party in B—— and I came out—well I had better thrown them away. Your stock every year has been of the very best I have had.

GEO. COOPER.

Boulder, Mont., July 29, '98.

The strawberry plants I got of you last spring, are doing finely. I can recommend your plants as A No. 1.

ROBT. D. TAYLOR.

Norwich, Vt., May 25, '98.

The strawberry plants came all right.

C. L. RUSSEL.

Bergen Co., N. J., March 2, '98.

The plants I received from you last year were so satisfactory that I enclose you \$11.25 for more, to be shipped by Express about April 5th if weather permits.

C. A. HAMILTON.

Burleigh, N. D., March 3, '98.

Please quote prices on——strawberry plants. The same fine class of goods we have always had of you.

OSCAR H. WILL & CO.

Hendersonville N. C., Apr. 24, '98.

Strawberry plants shipped me Apr. 7th arrived all right, and are now growing. Am obliged for prompt shipment.

Mrs. H. J. WALKER.

Enid, Oklahoma. Oct. 21, '98.

The fruit plants I got of you last spring arrived in good condition, and have done well considering the season.

D. T. SIMMONS.

Dartmouth, Mass., Jan. 25, '98.

Enclosed please find order for plants—with check. The plants I got last year did well.

JAMES H. TUCKER.

Tampico, Ill., April 22, '98.

We received the plants all right and they were in splendid shape, and all are well satisfied with them. The Clyde are as fine plants as I ever saw.

GEO. E. BRECKENRIDGE.

Erie Co., Pa., Oct. 3, '98.

I have always got good stock from you, but last year I got stock from N. Y. and got sadly fooled.

C. E. LLOYD.

Hillsdale Fruit Farm, Kansas, Feb. 15, '98.

I have 6 catalogues from Mr. A. of Maryland also some from Ohio, but I prefer to deal with you. I find your strawberry plants are much better than those grown in the South, they stood the great drouth of last season better and were best to yield.

C. G. WICHERSHAM.

Beloit, Wis., Apr. 27, '98.

Plants received all O. K. Could not ask for better stock.

A. M. BEALS.

Dutchess Co., N. Y., March 8, '98.

Please ship by express * * * The strawberry plants I ordered of you last spring were very fine and have done well.

ARTHUR F. BROWN.

Jackson Co., Mich., Apr. 29, '98.

Strawberry plants received yesterday the 28th. Quick time by freight, you shipped them the 26th. They are as fine a lot of plants as I ever received. Splendidly rooted. I enclose order for more.

C. E. MIX.

Joppa, Mo., May 30, '98.

Please find order enclosed for 9,000 strawberry plants. I did so well with those ordered about this time last year that I have concluded, late as it is, to order again. I am now harvesting a crop of fine fruit from those planted last June.

J. K. BORUFF.

Jefferson Co., Iowa, Feb. 23, '98.

I enclose order for plants, with Chicago draft to balance. The plants I received from you last year were all right. Although it was so wet I could not set them out for four week. (until May) and the summer and fall was extremely dry but for all that they have done well.

J. R. McELDERY.

Logan Co., Ohio, March 9, '98.

I enclose you order for plants. I am well pleased with all the stock I ever bought of you.

L. M. STEVENSON.

Lee Co., Ill., March 23, '89.

Enclosed you will find order for plants. The plants I got of you last year were fine and did well, and you are the man that will get my orders every time.

LYMAN S. WRIGHT.

Prices of Strawberry Plants for 1899.

	DOZ.	HUND.	THOUS.
Annie Laurie, (S)	\$.25	\$.50	\$ 3.00
Arrow, (P)	.25	.50	3.00
Aroma, (S)	.25	.50	3.00
Burnette, (S)	.25	.50	2.50
Bubach, (P)	.25	.40	2.50
Beder Wood, (S)	.25	.40	1.75
Bisel, (P)	.25	.40	2.50
Barton's Eclipse, (P)	.25	.40	2.00
Brandywine, (S)	.25	.40	2.25
Bismarck, (S)	.25	.50	2.50
Cumberland, (S)	.25	.40	2.25
Cobden Queen, (P)	.25	.50	2.50
Cobden King, (S)	.25	.75	--
Crescent, (P)	.25	.40	1.50
Columbian, (S)	.25	.40	2.00
Clyde, (S)	.25	.50	2.50
Dew, (S)	.25	.50	2.75
Enormous, (P)	.25	.50	2.75
Eureka, (P)	.25	.50	2.50
Enhance, (S)	.25	.50	2.50
Excelsior, (S)	.50	1.50	10.00
Gardner, (S)	.25	.50	2.50
Greenville, (P)	.25	.40	2.00
Gandy, (S)	.25	.40	1.75
Gandy Belle, (S)	.25	.50	2.50
Gertrude, (S)	.25	.40	2.50
Glen Mary, (S)	.25	.60	2.75
Haverland, (P)	.25	.40	2.00
Hall's Favorite, (S)	.35	.75	5.00
Jessie, (S)	.25	.40	2.25
Lovett, (S)	.25	.30	1.50
Lady Thompson, (S)	.25	.50	--
Michel's Early, (S)	.20	.30	1.25
Marshall, (S)	.25	.50	2.75
Mary, (P)	.25	.60	3.00
Margaret, (S)	.25	.75	6.00
Michigan, (S)	.25	.60	--
Manwell, (S)	.25	.60	3.00
McKinley, (S)	.25	.75	--
Nick Ohmer, (S)	.40	1.00	8.00
Parker Earle, (S)	.25	.40	2.50
Rio, (S)	.25	.50	2.00
Ridgeway, (S)	.25	.50	2.75
Seaford, (P)	--	.75	5.00
Saunders, (S)	.25	.40	2.50
Sharpless, (S)	.25	.50	2.50
Splendid, (S)	.25	.50	2.50
Staples, (S)	.25	.50	2.50
Tennessee Prolific, (S)	.25	.50	2.00
Tubbs, (S)	.25	.50	2.50
Up-to-Date, (S)	.25	.60	3.00
Van Deman, (S)	.25	.40	2.50
Warfield, (P)	.25	.30	1.50
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