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High Grade

TOMATO

SEEDS

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W. H. BARRETT,

ADRIAN, MICH.

"None Better, Few as Good."

High Grade TOMATO SEEDS

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Pure Stock.

Systematic Methods.

Extreme Care.

Personal Attention.

W. H. BARRETT, Adrian, Mich.

Varieties for 1903.

Early Michigan,

Acme,

Beauty,

Stone,

Perfection,

Paragon,

Favorite,

Royal Red,

Matchless,

Selected Trophy.

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TERMS: 60 days. 2 per cent. discount for cash in 10 days from date of invoice; or settlement may be made by acceptance due June 1st, with interest at 6 per cent. after 60 days.

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THERE is little new to be said about my plans or my methods of growing Tomato Seeds. I have not so far added any new varieties to those grown in 1902, though it may be possible to do so later. The inquiries and orders are coming much earlier this year than formerly, making it necessary to decide on sorts and send out lists before it is possible to fully complete all growing arrangements.

When I began the growing of Tomato Seeds, exclusively, eleven years ago, I believed that honest, careful, skillful methods, if persistently adhered to, would build up a large business in this one line.

I had the necessary experience.

The soil and climate of Michigan cannot be excelled for the production of Tomatoes.

The very choicest, pure strains of stock seeds are used.

I select and improve the strain of sorts grown, but make no effort to in-

roduce or experiment with new varieties.

The work is so arranged that there can be no careless mixture.

The buyer receives exactly what he orders—no substitution.

I grow large quantities of a few kinds and those which are in the greatest demand, and add to the number of sorts from year to year, as rapidly as the facilities can be secured and help trained for the work.

All seeds and plants are furnished by me.

Each variety is grown in a locality by itself.

The fields are inspected and rogued.

The ripe Tomatoes of each variety are delivered to a central and convenient point for that sort, where, after careful inspection, all the seeding, curing, cleaning and bagging are done by my own careful and experienced men, who have

nothing to do with any sort other than their own.

The tools, machines, and drying frames are all separate and distinct for each sort.

It can be seen that every process from the selection of the stock to the bagging is done according to a carefully planned system. Mistakes are next to impossible. If one occurs, or if there is a doubt, the lot of seeds affected is immediately destroyed.

I do not pick or seed the very small or the late green tomatoes. The vitality of such seeds is very poor and the product late vines and inferior fruit.

On account of not picking these fruits, and owing to improved methods of curing, my seeds always test exceedingly high.

I have never had a claim on account of low test of any seeds grown by me.

By the use of these simple, honest,

systematic methods, I am able to produce Tomato Seeds that have given the very best of satisfaction everywhere.

I am also prepared to grow a limited quantity of **BOSTON MARROW SQUASH** from my own choice strain of stock which has been selected by me personally for seventeen years. The fruits are of good size, deep orange color mottled with cream, the flesh fine grained and thick.

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✂ TOMATOES ✂

Early Michigan

Vines large, with large, dark green leaves, vigorous and wonderfully productive, being under high culture one of the heaviest croppers; fruit medium size to large, and, unlike most varieties, grows larger as the season advances, perfectly smooth, solid, but without any core; deep, rich red color, and of excellent flavor. Its first fruits are very early, but the vines continue to bear for a long time.

Acme Vine hardy and productive. Fruit in clusters of four or five, round, smooth and of good size; flesh solid and of excellent flavor. There is no better variety for market gardeners who want an early purple fruited sort.

Beauty Vines large, vigorous and heavy bearers; fruit large, uniform in size, very smooth, and excellent flavor; color purplish pink.

Stone Vines vigorous and productive; fruit large, smooth, deep red in color and very heavy. The best all round variety where earliness is not important.

Perfection A smooth, blood red tomato. Ripens with Acme and a week or ten days earlier than the Stone. A desirable sort for gardeners who require a red tomato.

Paragon Livingston says: "Many gardeners, canners, and catsup makers will have no other. It is a large variety, larger than several of the standard kinds cultivated. An immense cropper. Flesh solid, well colored and flavored. Ripens between the early and late varieties, grows vigorous and no variety holds its size better late in the season. Color of skin glossy deep red."

Favorite This is a very popular variety, Fruit dark red color, smooth, flesh firm and fine flavor. A very heavy cropper.

Royal Red Vines stronger and more vigorous than the Favorite. Fruit large and bright red.

Matchless The color is rich, cardinal red. The skin is so tough that it is a splendid keeper and shipper, and is less liable to crack in wet weather than any other large tomato. Unsurpassed for market or for table. The plant is a strong grower, and is very productive, bearing with undiminished vigor until frost. The fruit is free from core, and the seed spaces are comparatively small.

Selected Trophy Vine large, vigorous and productive. Fruit deep, rich red, solid, smooth and fine flavored.

In asking for prices for growing please give an estimate of your probable needs of the different sorts.

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