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1918 Catalogue of STRAWBERRY PLANTS

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Oceana Co., Mich., April 21st, 1917

W. S. Todd,

My Dear Sir:—The strawberry plants ordered from you came in very fine condition, moist, fresh and so nice, you certainly know how and take the pains to pack plants right to please your customers for plants sent by mail. Also the plants are all A No 1 in quality. I have had and handled to plant a great many thousand plants and I never saw any better or larger than the Chester and just as fresh as though having come right out of the ground. I am so pleased with the order of plants and the bunch of extras that I feel I am owing you more on such treatment and to express my appreciation of receiving such plants I am enclosing 25 cents extra to help pay the postage on my order sent by Parcel Post. I shall know where to get good strawberry plants hereafter.

Yours respectfully,
BENTON GEBHART,
(Fairview Fruit Farms.)

Benton Gebhart

W. S. TODD
GREENWOOD, - DELAWARE

1918

Todd's Catalogue of High Grade Strawberry Plants.

Again I am presenting my catalogue of **high-grade strawberry plants**. First of all I want to thank my customers and friends for their liberal patronage of seasons past. There seems to be a short crop of plants generally, this season, but I want to say that I have as good a supply as usual of most varieties. You will notice that I am not listing as many varieties as usual; I planted more largely of the standard varieties last season which accounts for the larger supply of many varieties that I have. In the future I shall plant mostly of the well-known standard varieties and only grow the new varieties in a small way unless I find some that are better than the varieties we now have as I consider it is useless, and a needless expense to grow a long list of varieties that are not half as good as the old varieties. Of course it is well to grow the new varieties in a small way and test them on your own soil, and I shall only grow and offer them in such a way.

The plants that I have for this season have made a nice growth and are extra **large, healthy, heavy-rooted plants**, such as customers that have been dealing with me for the past twenty years have found that I always send out. To those that have never dealt with me I will be pleased to have a share of your patronage and I am sure you will find that my plants are as good as you can buy anywhere and at much lower prices than many ask for them.

I receive a large number of letters every season from customers saying—You do not boost your plants half enough, why Mr. so-and-so uses half of his catalogue telling of his “thoroughbreds,” or their “pedigree” and son on, and we have used their plants and find there is nothing to it, and in many cases their plants are not half as good as yours. Of course I am pleased to receive these letters but I have been selling plants for over twenty years in my quiet way, and I have never had a season when I have not been able to sell about all of my plants and I prefer to let my customers do the boosting as I have found this the most satisfactory way to do business, and that a satisfied customer is your best advertiser.

As in all other lines of business the cost of growing plants and everything that enters into getting them to you in perfect condition has largely increased, more than doubled in some cases so we have had to raise the price on them but I am sure you will not expect to get good plants at the old prices, and you will find that we have only added enough to pay the increased cost of necessary expenses.

While it is advisable to get your plants early in season I urgently request that you have your plants shipped early this season. Owing to the heavy transportation at this time there is sure to be delay in some cases and plants shipped early will reach you in good condition, even if delayed to some extent. If you are not ready to plant them as soon as received just set the boxes in some cool, well-protected place, or you can make a V shaped trench and heel them in and you will be sure to have them when wanted.

Again thanking you for your patronage of past seasons, hoping to continue to receive your favors, wishing you all a prosperous season and to assure you that I shall continue to do my very best to please you, I am

Faithfully yours,

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature that reads "W. S. Todd". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

STRAWBERRY PLANTS

DESCRIPTION.

CHESTER.—One of the very best varieties yet produced. It was fruited by several growers in different sections last season and I have not heard the first unfavorable report of it. As fruited by me it produced a large crop of the finest fruit I have ever seen. I sold more plants of the Chester last season than of any other variety and then could not fill near all of the orders for it. After another season I am sure I did not praise it too highly when I described it as follows in 1917:—It has been largely grown in Kent Co., Delaware. One year ago last summer one of the largest growers there sent for me to come and see this berry, saying he would show me the finest sight I

had ever seen. Of course I was expecting to see something nice, but I must say that I was astonished at the sight for I had never seen anything to compare with it in the strawberry line. The plants were the largest I ever saw, and the berries, they just lay in piles around the plants, single plants with five and six fruit stalks with the largest berries I ever saw. It was growing in a patch with Chesapeake, Mascott and others of the same season and I must say there was nothing to compare with the Chester for it was far ahead of any of them in size of plants, size and quality of fruit, and productiveness, and better still, it was selling for from 3 to 5 cents more per quart than any of the other varieties. This was in a young patch on low, moist, black loamy soil.

Then I was taken to a two-year-old patch on light soil and here the fruit was almost as good in every way. Last season I went to see these berries again and they were fully as good in every way. I also fruited them on my own land and by Chesapeake, Joe Johnson, and Kelloggs Prize it was away ahead of them; in fact, I consider it the best perfect blooming variety that I have ever seen and I want everyone of my customers to give it a trial on any soil and I am sure it will please you. They make plenty of plants on any soil, and are extra large, with the tallest, broadest foliage I have ever seen on any variety and without a sign of any disease. The fruit is of immense size, all of the same size and shape; color bright glossy red, red to the center, firm and not surpassed in quality by any variety. The cap is extra large, bright green, and remains green after being picked.

For this season I have a large supply of these plants but now have several orders booked for them, so send in your orders early as I do not think there will be near enough plants to supply the demand.

MAGIC GEM.—I secured my plants from the introducer and fruited it last season. The fruit reminds one of the Brandywine when at its best, but

is larger and of more uniform size. The plants are splendid growers with very tall, heavy foliage and deep-rooted. The blossoms are perfect and fine

to plant with late mid-season varieties. It is very productive, of large highly-colored dark red berries of uniform size and excellent quality. It is very firm and an excellent keeper. This makes good plant beds on any soil and I recommend it for trial especially if you have been growing Brandywine and I feel sure you will find it much better than that variety.

SAMPLE.—Well known and succeeds in almost all sections. Largely planted by commercial growers and one of the best late-midseason varieties. Noted for its immense productiveness and large sized uniform fruit. The plants are large, heavy rooted, vigorous growers, with dark green foliage and no matter how thickly matted they become in the rows all will be loaded with large berries that hold their size until the last picking. The fruit is roundish conical, dark red, colors all over at once and is firm enough for distant shipment.

DR. BURRILL.—Fruited here last season and proved to be fully as good as the claims made for it. The fruit is medium to large in size, dark red, firm and of excellent quality. It is a splendid grower and one of the most productive and one you will make no mistake in planting. The introducer says:—It is a scientific cross of the Senator Dunlap and Chestnut. All of the

splendid qualities of these two famous and popular varieties are embodied in this one variety. In plant growth it is a marvel. Its long and heavy root system makes it a perfect drouth resister. The mother plants grow large and are heavy crown builders, making it unequalled for hill culture, and being a prolific runner maker, it is equally well adapted for any of the other systems of culture. In the production of fruit it surpasses either of its parents. The berries are large and beautifully formed. The surface of the berry is a deep glossy red. The meat is solid and rich. In flavor it is milder and more delicious than Dunlap. The calyx is a bright green, and the seeds are yellow, making a beautiful color combination. It is a strong bisexual and has a very long blooming season, making it unequalled for a pollenizer for pistillate varieties. Its blossoms are large, hardy and well developed.

LUPTON.—Originated in New Jersey the home of the Gandy. I fruited it last season and it produced a very large crop of fruit that was extra large, bright red, firm and of good quality. This is bound to become a leading late variety and I consider it a much better variety than the Gandy. The plants are perfectly healthy, splendid growers with tall foliage and very heavy rooted. The introducer describes it as follows:—The plant is healthy and long-lived, foliage heavy, dark green, fruit stalks short, berries set under the leaves and well protected; flower perfect, berry large, bright red, glossy, and doesn't turn dark after being picked; flavor the very best. If it has a fault no man has shown it to me yet. Its season is about five days ahead of the Gandy, from which it is a seedling and lasts nearly as long. It makes lots of plants and should be set a good distance apart in the row. I have grown all the leading varieties by the Lupton, but have never found one that would produce with it. It sells for the highest market prices and is especially recommended by commission merchants for long distance shipment on account of its firmness and good keeping qualities.

UNCLE JIM.—The plants of this are among the largest grown and so vigorous and healthy that they mature all their fruit which is of the very largest size. Firm, deep red and of the finest flavor. If you want berries of the largest size and finest flavor for your home garden or commercial use, plant some Uncle Jim.

GOLD MINE.—This is certainly a good variety, one of the best that I have ever fruited and is bound to become a leading commercial variety. The plants are extra large, with tall, thick, leathery dark, glossy green foliage, without a spot of disease and splendid growers on any soil. It ripens with the second early varieties and the fruit is large, bright glossy red, of good quality, firm and a good shipper. It continues through a long season and is one of the most productive varieties that I have ever fruited. I advise you to give this a trial and place your order early for they are in demand and there is not half enough to supply the demand.

MATTHEWS.—A new variety of the Klondyke type that originated in Maryland and seems to have given satisfaction where fruited, though I am told by some that fruited it last season that it is not firm enough for a commercial variety. The fruit is light in color and is said to be larger and more attractive than Klondyke. I have not fruited it and can only say that the plants are very good growers here.

PAUL JONES.—This is one of the best varieties ever introduced and there is a greater demand for the plants each season. I always grow an extra large supply of this variety, but have never yet had enough plants to supply my customers. I have fruited it for several years and it has never failed to produce a fine crop of fruit. It has become popular in all sections and is largely planted by commercial growers. It always produces a large crop of the finest fruit on any soil and in any weather. The fruit is of the largest size and holds its size to the very last picking, is of even size and shape and of the finest flavor, a splendid keeper and a variety you will make no mistake in planting.

I have a large supply of Paul Jones this season and they are the largest and best rooted that I have ever grown.

MYERS NO. 1.—Originated in this county and is extensively planted by the largest commercial grower on this peninsula and is in great demand in other large strawberry sections. It succeeds on all soils and if you have never grown this I advise giving it a trial. It is one of the most productive varieties, fruit of large size, bright red, firm and of good quality. Ripens in late mid-season and continues through a long season.

HUSLER.—A fancy variety that originated in Pennsylvania. It makes a moderate amount of extra large plants. The fruit is large, of uniform size and firm enough for a good market variety; color scarlet and the quality is excellent. It has imperfect blossoms and should be planted with some of the late varieties with perfect blossoms. If you have not fruited this variety, give it a trial.

SENATOR DUNLAP.—Well-known wherever strawberries are grown and one of the most popular commercial varieties. The demand for Dunlap plants is greater each season and last season I sold twice as many as in any season before. It is a great plant maker and for best results should be set a good distance apart or kept thinned. It is very productive of medium sized berries, bright glossy red, a good shipper and of good quality.

CAMPBELL'S EARLY.—I have not fruited this but from what I have seen of it and can learn from reliable growers that have, I think it is the best early variety that has been introduced in a long time and that it will rapidly take the place of many of the early varieties. As grown here the plants are extra large, with healthy foliage and very deep-rooted. They make splendid growth on any soil and if you are looking an early variety, give this a trial. Growers in New Jersey are enthusiastic over it where it originated. Mr. Kille says of it:—Plants are large and strong, very vigorous, deep-rooted and will make a good bed on sandy soil. Blossoms are perfect. Fruit ripens very early and the crop is sold before the glut of mid-season berries comes on. The yield is large and dependable. Berries are attractive, sell well and run medium in size. Few extra large ones and practically no nubbins. Not as firm as Gady, but firm enough to carry well for distant shipping. Good table berry with just enough acid to give it a good berry flavor.

Mr. E. H. Rudderow, an old customer of mine from New Jersey, in writing to me last season said:—I am surprised to see that you have no Campbells Early. I consider it the best early variety that I have ever seen and I am planting largely of it this season. I advise you to plant a large lot of it this season and you will not be disappointed in it.

KELLOGG'S BIG LATE.—Introduced last season by R. M. Kellogg Co., from whom I purchased my plants. These plants have made a splendid growth, you cannot find a single broken place in any of our rows of Big Late. The plants are very large with extra tall healthy foliage. As fruited on young plants, each plant produced several tall strong fruit stalks that was loaded with large dark scarlet berries, of the finest flavor. I recommend this for trial to my customers and do not think you will be disappointed in it.

The introducer says of Big Late:—It has been thoroughly tested for three years and each year it has outyielded all of the old standard late varieties. When it comes to quality and flavor, its berries are in every way superior to the berries of any other variety with which we are acquainted. The originator says that the berries are so firm that they carry to remotely distant parts and arrive in prime condition. It is a strong, vigorous-growing pistillate with large healthy leaves, and it roots very deeply. The berries are produced in clusters on long fruiting stalks. The color of the berries is a deep scarlet, seeds bright yellow, calyx bright green, and fruit stems are large, making a combination which attracts the attention of the buyer, no matter how many other berries are offered in competition.

EARLY WOODROW.—I have not fruited this. The plants are very large and good growers. The introducer says:—For two seasons it has brought more money per crate than any variety sold at our shipping point. It was tested with Klondyke and found to keep longer in perfect condition than that variety. The fruit is large and well colored; ripens early and continues bearing until nearly all the latest varieties are gone.

ABINGTON.—A variety that has always done well here and I consider it a good commercial variety. They always make splendid plant beds and the plants are large and healthy, with dark green foliage. It is among the most productive; fruit large, deep red, firm and of fine quality. It is firm, and a good carrier for distant markets.

WM. BELT.—Whenever quality and large size is considered, Wm. Belt ranks with the best. It is one of the most popular fancy varieties and always brings fancy prices. It is quite productive, fruit roundish conical and the color a beautiful bright glossy red.

McALPINE.—I have fruited this twice and each season it has produced a large crop of large, firm, beautiful bright red berries that sold for fancy prices. The fruit is all of even size and shape and it is an extra good keeper. It is one of the best plant makers on any soil that I have ever seen and they are of good size with splendid roots. It is one of the most productive varie-

ties and the fruit sells for fancy prices and the best known commission merchants say it is one of the finest and best varieties they have ever handled. It is as great a plant maker as Dunlay, or varieties of that class and the plants should be set a good distance apart and if you do not let the plants become too thickly matted I believe it will give satisfaction to the commercial grower and I recommend it to my customers.

REWASTICO.—This is very productive of large berries that sells for fancy prices. It makes plenty of plants with dark glossy green foliage and is perfectly healthy. The fruit is of even size and shape, the color a rich deep, cardinal red and the quality of the best. The demand for the plants is growing each season as the real merits of it becomes better known in the large strawberry sections and last season the demand for Rewastico was such that it could not begin to be supplied. I have a large supply of Rewastico this season that are very fine and think I can fill your order.

W. S. TODD,

Vigo Co., Ind., April 13th, 1917.

Dear Sir:—The Strawberry plants arrived in fine shape and are fine plants. I want to compliment you on the packing. Because of rain and short help we kept most of them more than one week after they arrived in the original package and they were in perfect condition to the last bunch. Thanking you for fine plants and prompt shipment, I am

Very truly,

L. H. MAHAN.

KELLOGG'S PRIZE.—My opinion of this is the same as in 1917, when I described it as follows:—This is certainly a wonderful variety, one of the best ever sent out and is a success in all parts of the country and on any soil. I have not had a single unfavorable report of it. The only trouble I have had with it is to grow enough plants to supply my customers. The plants are very large and splendid plant makers with tall, healthy glossy green fo-

liage that is easily told from other varieties. All the plants are simply loaded with berries of the largest size, in fact you would wonder how any plants could produce such loads of large berries and they are highly colored, with golden seeds, the rich color extending to the center. Flavor simply delicious; firm and a good shipper. If you have never grown this variety, give it a trial; if you have grown it plant some more for you can't get too many of a variety like this.

W. S. TODD,

Jackson Co., Ohio, April 17th, 1917.

Dear Sir:—Plants come in good condition, they were fine. I have been in the strawberry business for 14 years and consider your plants the very best I have ever bought. Thanking you for your promptness, which means success, I remain

Very truly yours,

F. H. JOHNSON.

W. S. TODD,

Jefferson Co., Ohio, Jan. 18th, 1917.

Dear Sir:—I want you to advise me about my order for plants this season so I can place my order soon. In 1915 I purchased 12000 plants from you, Fendall, Chipman and Wm. Belt, and my profits from them was \$1500.00 and nearly all from the Chipman and Fendall, as the Wm. Belt rusted badly and did not amount to much. You can select the varieties that will produce large berries and send me the bill and I will remit for them.

Respectfully,

HUGH L. RITSON.

LADY CORNEILLE.—Claimed by many to be better than Klondyke. It makes plenty of plants on any soil. Blossoms perfect. The fruit is large, conical, rich dark red, covered with golden seeds which adds to its firmness.

It is more productive than Klondyke and adapted to light or stiff soils and is extensively planted in a great many sections. The quality is of the best and with its large size, firmness and earliness it sells for fancy prices.

CHIPMAN.—Originated in this county several years ago and is still in great demand. The plants are strong growers with bright green foliage and make good plant-beds on any soil. It has large perfect blossoms and is a good pollenizer for pistillate varieties. The fruit is large, has a large green cap, of even size and shape, and continues so until the end of the season. It begins to ripen with the second early varieties and in fact is as early as many of the so-called early varieties and much better than many of them.

BAYSIDE.—The plants are of the Gandy type but much larger, with tall, broad healthy foliage, and good growers on any soil. The blossoms are perfect and the fruit is produced in clusters on large, strong fruit-stalks. The fruit is large, of even size and shape, roundish conical, dark glossy red, firm of good quality and very productive. It is largely planted by the largest commercial growers in this section and many say they receive more per acre from their Bayside berries than any other variety.

This variety is becoming well-known in distant strawberry sections and is one of the most popular varieties wherever fruited. I do not think anyone will be disappointed in giving it a trial.

PREMIER.—A variety that has given general satisfaction wherever fruited. As grown here the plants are very large and good growers; the fruit is of large size, firm and of good quality and among the most productive. It is claimed by many growers to be extra early but I have fruited it twice and it has never ripened here as early as several other varieties. There is a heavy demand for it this season so place your order early. I secured my plants from the introducers, R. M. Kellogg Co., and they say of it:—The fruit begins ripening with the earliest varieties and comes into fruit with the early varieties and continues to fruit until the latest varieties are at their best. The Premier berries are larger than those produced by any other early variety. The fruit is deeply and richly colored and very firm, which makes it a splendid shipper. As to productiveness no other early variety equals it, and the quality of the fruit is simply superb.

JOE JOHNSON.—This variety is also known as Big Joe and is one of the finest late varieties grown. The plants are extra large, good growers with perfect blossoms and a good pollenizer for late pistillate varieties. The fruit is large, a beautiful dark glossy red, firm and of the finest quality. The fruit is so large and of such beautiful appearance when packed that it always commands top market prices. It is largely planted in this section and has made the growers lots of money. It is a variety that I can recommend and I am sure you will want more of the plants after fruiting it.

AROMA.—One of the most popular varieties in the Western states and is largely planted in other sections. It is a fancy variety that ripens a little earlier than Gandy and is a little darker red in color. It is very productive of large glossy berries and is a good one to plant with late pistillate varieties.

O. I. C. (Ekey)—One of the best varieties of its season that I have fruited and is a favorite in almost all sections. It makes plenty of extra large plants on either high or low land and is a strong staminate variety that I can recommend. The fruit is large even to the last picking, very productive, dark red, firm and always sells well. Season second early.

PARSONS BEAUTY.—One that may be depended upon to produce a large crop of fruit every time. The plants are splendid growers on any soil and without a spot of any disease. The fruit is large, uniform shape, dark red, colors all over at once and is of fair quality. It is well known to all commercial growers and largely planted on account of its vigor and productivity.

BUBACH.—This favorite among the old standards is so well-known that it needs no description. It still produces large crops of fine berries. My supply of Bubach for this season is not so large as usual, but are extra large and heavy rooted and will please all purchasers.

ECLIPSE.—Originated in this State. It is very productive; fruit large, firm, dark red and of good quality. It is a great plant producer; blossoms perfect, heavily laden with pollen, foliage dark green and the plants are adapted to any soil.

LaBON.—The originator says:—The plants are extra large and very deep-rooted; that accounts for its ability to stand the test during a dry period. Berry large, with firm glossy skin that holds up well in handling and the quality is good, an attractive berry. A good producer. Season, medium. I have fruited this berry twice and each time it has produced a large crop of very large fruit. I consider this a good variety though it is a little light in color.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Last season I sent you my order for plants and was so pleased with them that I am sending you my order this year. The ones that I got from you last season were in the best condition that I ever had plants to reach me.

Yours respectfully,

D. P. HUEY.

Norfolk Co., Mass., May 13th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—I want to thank you for the two new varieties and to say as a grower for twenty years that the plants I ordered are as fine as I ever received. Thanking you for your kind favor, I remain

Yours truly,

EUGENE CLARK.

Kane Co., Ill., April 21st, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Plants arrived in good shape; the best plants I have ever received and I have bought hundreds of thousands in my day.

Respectfully,

ISAAC N. ADRIAN.

TODD'S LATE.—Originated here several years ago and is supposed to be a seedling of Sample or Wm. Belt as it was found near a bed of these varieties. It is one of the most productive varieties that I have ever fruited. The plants are extra large, with tall, dark green healthy foliage; it makes

splendid plant beds on any soil. The blossoms are pistillate and each plant produces several strong fruit-stalks which keeps the fruit well off the ground and it is well protected by the tall foliage. The fruit is large, of even size and shape and the color a bright glossy red. It has been tested in all sections and has given general satisfaction.

FENDALL.—A variety that gives satisfaction in all sections and becomes more popular each season. The plants are good growers on any soil, deep-rooted, bright, healthy foliage and produces an immense crop of large fruit of good flavor. Ripens through a long season and is said to have yielded at the rate of over 16,000 quarts per acre.

Stark Co., Ohio, March 5th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find my order and check for three thousand plants. I have sent to you for plants almost every year for the past 12 years and have always been pleased with what I got from you. I cannot say the same of some other firms that I got plants of, although in some cases I paid much more for the plants. I have recommended you to many and shall continue to do so.

Respectfully yours,

JACOB BAUNACH.

SUPERIOR.—One of the most popular varieties ever grown on this peninsula and succeeds almost everywhere. The plants are vigorous growers on any soil. It sets an immense amount of fruit and if planted in rich soil, or is well fertilized it will not be surpassed by any variety in productiveness. The fruit is medium sized to large, bright glossy red and is not surpassed by any variety as a keeper. Ripens about two days later than Excelsior and continues in bearing until late mid-season.

STEVENS LATE CHAMPION.—A late variety that originated in New Jersey and is largely planted and gives satisfaction in most sections. It succeeds on a greater variety of soils than most late varieties and is a splendid grower with tall, heavy foliage free from rust. It is among the most productive; fruit large, bright glossy red and of fair quality. During the last two years this variety has greatly increased in popularity.

GLEN MARY.—One of the most popular varieties in the Northern states and is named by many large commercial growers as the best variety ever introduced. There is always a big demand for the plants and they are of the largest size, with tall, coarse, dark green foliage and deep-rooted. The fruit is very large, dark red, firm and of fair quality. It is one of the most productive and yields of 10,000 quarts per acre are often reported.

GANDY.—The standard late variety and well-known everywhere. For best results must be planted in black swamp or rich stiff soil. It is one of the best shippers and always brings fancy prices and so well known that it needs no description. By planting another late variety with perfect blossoms with it you will get a larger yield and much better berries.

HAYERLAND.—One of the most reliable and popular commercial varieties and largely planted in almost all sections and seems adapted to all soils. It is immensely productive and the fruit is large, long, conical, bright glossy red and of fair quality and firmness.

GIBSON.—The Gibson plants are large and healthy without a spot of disease and is one of the best growers that I have. It is a favorite with large commercial growers in almost all sections. I always grow a large supply of Gibson plants but they are in such demand that I always sell out of them each season. It is one of the largest strawberries and the vines are simply loaded with the berries. You will hardly understand how the plants can produce such quantities of fruit. The flavor is fine and it is one of the best shippers. In shape it is nearly round and regular. The fruit stems are strong and upright which keeps the fruit from the ground where it is easy to pick.

EVERBEARING VARIETIES.

PEERLESS.—Originated and introduced by Samuel Cooper of N. Y., who has originated several of the most popular varieties. Mr. Cooper says this is better than Superb, being a better grower, more productive of larger fruit.

As grown here the plants have made better plant beds than any of the everbearers that I have yet tried. The plants are large, with healthy dark green foliage. The fruit is large, firm, dark red, very productive on old plants, but the young plants do not produce much fruit the first season. I consider this one of the very best and recommend it to my customers and I shall plant largely of it myself.

PROGRESSIVE.—The best known of the everbearers. The plants are of good size, deep-rooted and good growers. The fruit is of medium size, dark red and of good quality. The young plants begin to bear in about four weeks from setting, but to obtain good plant beds the blossoms should be kept cut off, especially during the early summer. It produces plenty of fruit on both the young and old plants all summer and fall and is the first variety to ripen here in the summer.

SUPERB.—A good grower, but the young plants do not produce fruit the first season. The second season it produces fruit the same as any variety and in the fall produces a full crop. The fruit is large, dark glossy red and of good quality. This is as productive as any of the standard varieties.

PRICE LIST.

	By Mail		By Express	
	Postpaid		Charges Collect	
	Per 12	Per 100	Per 100	Per 1000
Abington, Per.....	\$0.20	\$0.75	\$0.50	\$ 3.50
Aroma, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Bayside, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Bubach, Imp.....	.20	.75	.50	4.00
Dr. Burrill, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	4.00
Big Late, (Kelloggs) Imp.....	.25	1.00	.75	6.00
Campbells Early, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	4.00
Chester, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	4.50
Chipman, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Eclipse, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Early Woodrow, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Fendall, Imp.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Gandy, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.00
Glen Mary, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	4.00
Gibson, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Gold Mine, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	4.50
Haverland, Imp.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Hustler, Imp.....	.25	1.00	.75	
Joe Johnson, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	4.00
Kelloggs Prize, Imp.....	.20	.75	.50	4.00
Kelloggs Premier, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	5.00
LaBon, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	4.00
Lady Corneille, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Lupton, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	4.00
Matthews, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	4.00
McAlpine, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Myers, Imp.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Magis Gem, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	4.00
O. I. C., Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Parson Beauty, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Paul Jones, Imp.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Peerless, Per.....	.30	1.50	1.25	10.00
Progressive, Per.....	.30	1.50	1.25	10.00
Rewastico, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	4.00
Sample, Imp.....	.20	.75	.50	4.00
Stevens Late Champ., Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50
Senator Dunlay, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.00
Superb, Per.....	.30	1.25	1.00	
Superior, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.00
Todds Late Champ., Imp.....	.20	1.00	.75	4.00
Uncle Jim, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	4.00
Wm. Belt, Per.....	.20	.75	.50	3.50

Please Notice.

On all orders for 10,000 plants or over received by April 15th, I will allow a discount of 10 per cent. Get your neighbor to join with you in an order and the discount will often pay the expressage, or more.

STATE OF DELAWARE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Certificate of Nursery Inspection.

Dover, Delaware, September 13, 1917.

To Whom it May Concern:

This certifies that I have this day examined the nursery stock and premises of the Nurseries, of W. S. TODD, at Greenwood, Sussex county, Delaware, and that said nursery stock is apparently free from crown gall, peach yellows, peach rosette, the San Jose scale, and all other plant diseases and insects of a seriously dangerous nature, that may be transferred on nursery stock.

This certificate may be revoked by the State Board of Agriculture for cause, and it is invalid after August 31, 1918, and does not include nursery stock not grown on the above named premises unless such stock is covered by certificate of a State or Government officer and accepted by the State Board of Agriculture.

WESLEY WEBB, Inspector.

TESTIMONIALS.

Gloucester Co., N. J., April 12th, 1917.

Dear Sir:—I received the 12000 plants and they were the best I ever received. In ten years in the fruit business I have bought plants of several different nurserymen, but they never come up to your plants.

Yours truly,

JACOB NOLTE.

Cook Co., Ill., March 6th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Please send me your new catalogue as I have failed to receive one this season. I got some very nice plants from you last season and they made a nice growth if we did have a very dry summer.

Yours truly,

CHAS. J. CLARK.

Burlington Co., N. J., April 3rd, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Our plants arrived in perfect condition. Thanking you for prompt shipment, good plants and extra count, I shall gladly recommend you to my neighbors.

Yours respectfully,

STACY WILLIS.

Hancock Co., Ohio, April 6th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—I have received the 15000 plants, and have them unpacked and healed in. I have bought a great many plants during the past fifteen years, but this is the finest bunch I have ever received and they arrived in fine condition. Thanking you for your excellent and prompt service, I remain

Very truly,

O. C. DREISBACH.

Ulster Co., N. Y., April 12th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—All the plants received in fine shape and all are pleased with them. I should like to know how you grow such large plants and such roots? You will hear from me again next spring. Thanking you, I am

Respectfully yours,

JOHN W. ENDERLY.

Lina Co., Kansas, March 27th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Plants received in fine condition and fine plants they were too, and I want to thank you for sending such nice ones. Yours for further acquaintance,

J. C. TARRENCE.

Monroe Co., N. Y., May 5th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—The last of my plants came the 3rd. They have had a rather hard time of it due to the express company and no fault of yours. They are surely a fine lot of plants and I want to thank you for them and your attention to the order.

Respectfully yours,

CHAS. F. ROBB.

Hancock Co., Ohio, April 14th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find order for 1500 Gibson plants. My first order was received in good condition and were fine plants.

Yours truly,

SAMUEL HOCH.

Doniphan Co., Kan., March 14th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find order for 22000 plants. I want to thank you for the nice plants that you have sent me during the past four years that I have been dealing with you. I have bought plants from several growers, but always got the best plants from you.

Respectfully yours,

W. A. MEIDINGER.

Lawrence Co., Mo., March 26th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—By the advice of Mr. Fulbright, I am sending you my order for 3500 Kellogg Prize strawberry plants. If you can fill the order please ship at once as it is getting late for this section.

Later.—Received the plants in fine shape, starting out fine, perfect stand. Thanks for your promptness.

Yours truly,

GEO. PENDLETON, JR.

Marshall Co., Ind., April 25th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Strawberry plants received in fine condition and they certainly are a splendid lot. I am well pleased.

Yours respectfully,

E. E. JONES.

Orange Co., N. Y., February 4th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find my order for 5500 plants. The plants you sent me last year were the best I ever received.

Yours respectfully,

W. L. FOLIN.

Belmont Co., Ohio, May 11th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—I am enclosing my third order to you this season. The other orders have been received and were fine plants and came in splendid condition. Thanking you for the good treatment I have received in the past, I remain

Your customer,

A. J. LIVEZEY.

Platte Co., Mo., March 20th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—The plants I received from you last spring did very well, I only lost two out of the entire lot, until late in the summer when the drouth set in, and now nearly all are dead. There never has been such a dry fall and winter here. I thank you very much for the splendid plants you sent me last spring and trust I may receive as good ones this time.

Respectfully yours,

T. C. HAMMOND.

Fulton Co., Ky., March 21st, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find my order for plants if the plants are as good as the ones I have received from you in the past, I shall be well pleased.

Yours truly,

T. E. BRADY.

Doniphan Co., Kansas, Feb. 3rd, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—I have heard a great deal about your plants and I am going to give them a trial this season. Enclosed you will find order and draft to pay for them.

Yours truly,

S. J. REIL.

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 6th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—I am sending you my first order for plants and hope you can fill it as Mr. Straub, of Wathena, recommended you to me and said you shipped good plants. Enclosed you will find \$22.00 to pay for them.

Yours truly,

J. F. PUGH.

St. Louis Co., Mo., Feb. 21st, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find my order for plants. I received your catalogue from my brother-in-law and he said he gets his plants from you.

Yours truly,

JACOB KLUNDT.

ORDER BLANK.

W. S. TODD,

Greenwood, Delaware.

Send to _____ R. F. D. _____

Post Office _____ Box _____

Ship by----- Shipping Station-----

County or Street _____ State _____

Date of this order _____ Ship about _____

Amt. enclosed—

Check \$_____ Money Order \$_____ Stamps \$_____ Cash \$_____

PLEASE FILL OUT ABOVE CAREFULLY

[illegible]

Shall I Substitute? Answer.....

[illegible]

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IMPORTANT

Please read every word on this page before ordering plants.

THE DESCRIPTION of the different varieties is as they have done with me at fruiting time. Varieties that I have not fruited I have given originators description, or others, that I consider best authority. Varieties marked Imp., have pistillate blossoms and to fruit them must be planted near some variety with perfect blossoms, marked Per.

I WILL sell 6 of a kind at the 12 rate, 50 at 100 rate and 500 at 1000 rate. In ordering 12 to go by express you may deduct 5 cents per 12 from prices quoted.

IF YOU want an extra large number of plants write for prices as I am sometimes able to give lower prices on some varieties than quoted in catalogue.

TERMS:—Payment must be made before shipment of plants. If not convenient to remit entire amount when order is sent remit not less than one-fourth of the amount of the order and your order will be booked and held for you and you can remit the remainder when convenient, before shipment of plants.

PLEASE remit by P. O. Money Order on Greenwood, Express order, Registered Letter, Check or Bank Draft.

I GUARANTEE the safe arrival of plants and in good condition if sent by mail or express.

I TAKE the greatest care to have all plants true to name and seldom ever have a complaint, but should any prove otherwise than represented I will not be responsible for any amount greater than actually paid me for the plants.

CLAIMS, if any, must be made on receipt of plants when they will be carefully examined, and if just, made satisfactory.

PACKING is done in the best manner possible. All plants are cleaned, tied in bunches of fifty, (except late in the season we sometimes tie in bunches of twenty-five), labeled, and packed in light crates for which I make no charge. Written notice is sent each customer on receipt of order and one when order is shipped.

EXPRESS RATES.—All plants sent by express go twenty per cent cheaper than other goods.

IN ORDERING be sure to write your name and address plainly, give Post Office, County and State, and do this every time you write. Be sure to say how plants are to be sent, by mail or express. All too heavy to mail should be sent by express, as freight is slow and not safe for perishable except for a short distance or early in the season.

I SHIP PLANTS to Southern customers during mild weather any time after they receive this catalogue, and to the North as late as the 15th of May, but for all sections it is advisable to order early, and name date of shipment as early as you can use the plants. Plants shipped early have less foliage, can be packed lighter, and if planted early almost always do well.

IF YOU RECEIVE more than one catalogue please hand one to your neighbor fruit grower.

SUBSTITUTION. Early in the season I have everything listed in this catalogue but late in the season usually sell out of some varieties. In case I am out of varieties ordered please say if I shall substitute some variety of same season, suitable for your locality. I always notify the customer if I have time to receive your answer before you wish plants shipped but in case you do not request me to substitute I shall return the amount for the plants I do not have.

Douglas Co., Kan., April 30th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—All the plants ordered of you came in time and in the pink of condition. Hoping this has been a prosperous season for you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

WM. BROWN.

Richmond Co., N. Y., May 9th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

The plants arrived in first class condition and are as fine as usual. Thanking you, I remain

Yours truly,

EMIL GRAFE.

I grow Every Plant I Sell and They are Fresh Dug at the Time of Shipment.

In digging plants the entire row is taken up and for this purpose forks are used, as they in no way injure the plants and all the roots are secured. As fast as they are dug they are placed in heavy sacks, labeled, carried to the packing house, where they are thoroughly cleaned (all plants too small to be called first-class are thrown out), tied in bundles, labeled, and orders are made up, packed in light ventilated crates, with plenty of damp moss, a card with certificate of inspection, purchaser's name and address, county and state, is placed on the crate, and is ready for shipment; all this work is done in a closed building; the plants have not been exposed to the sun and wind a minute and will reach their destination in *perfect condition, fresh and green, and ready to grow.*

When ordering, please send the names of fruit growers, and for your trouble we will send you plants of some new variety for testing.

THE QUALITY OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

In looking through the many catalogues you receive you will notice that many claim to be the largest growers of plants, and that their plants are the best grown. I do not claim to be the largest grower of plants or that they are better than some others, but I have bought plants from some that make such claims in different parts of the country and I have never received any better than I send out; in some cases I have had to throw away half of the plants as they had the crowns broken out or were so small that they were not worth planting. I *GUARANTEE* the plants I send out to be as large and as fine as you can get anywhere (no matter what you pay), and to be put up in as good condition and if grown side by side, under like conditions, that they will produce as much and as good fruit.

If you have been buying plants elsewhere and have received good plants and treatment and are satisfied it is not likely that I may expect your order, but if you care to favor me with a share or all of your patronage I assure you that it will be a pleasure for me to serve you and that I feel sure I can please you.

Sedgwick Co., Kansas, April 4th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—The plants ordered of you arrived in good condition and were fine; indeed I never received better from anybody. You certainly put them up in nice shape and give liberal count. I have received plants from a noted Mich. Grower in past seasons and while he makes a big noise like a plant man, I never had the success with his plants that I have with yours. Thanking you, I am

Respectfully yours,

E. H. COOLEY.

Ottertail Co., Minn., April 14th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Plants received in the very best of shape. They were well grown plants, nicely trimmed and put up in good shape. If I can depend on getting plants like these from you, you will get my orders every time. I also thank you for the extra plants you sent.

Yours truly,

HANS NELSON.

York Co., Pa., April 29th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—I received my plants and they are fine. I need about 1300 more to finish my patch so please send me that number of Chipman and Glen Mary.

Yours truly,

ALVIN ALDINGER.

Stark Co., Ohio, March 12th, 1917.

W. S. TODD,

Dear Sir:—Please send me one of your catalogues as I have none of my own, but Mr. Shawbell told me this is the place to get plants, so I enclose my money order to pay for same.

Yours truly,

PETER BAST.