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HIGH CLASS NEW FRUITS

L. J. FARMER, PULASKI, OSWEGO COUNTY, N. Y.

New Everbearing Red Raspberry—"Erskine Park"

The following Fruits have been introduced by us during the past few years, some of them very recently. They are especially valuable and this is why we have prepared this special circular for them. We commend them most favorably to the attention of our friends and patrons.

— "THE BEST" STRAWBERRY

This variety is, as its name indicates, the very best strawberry, all things being equal, that we have ever thoroughly tested out at Maplewood Fruit Farm. It is not an early variety or a midseason variety, but a very late variety. We find that only very early and late varieties are profitable for us to grow in this locality. The very early variety must be sufficiently attractive like Early Ozark and Early Jersey Giant to attract attention and

outsell the early berries from the South. The midseason varieties generally sell for moderate prices and it takes a good large quantity of them to come to much money. Now there are a good many remarkable and attractive late varieties and a variety to attract attention over the common run of late market varieties such as Glen Mary, S. L. Champion, Mascot, Gandy, etc., must be truly remarkable. Such a variety is "The Best" which we think is well

named. I got it from the South many years ago and have been quietly testing it out all these years. I think it is ten or more years since I first fruited it. We should have had them by the acre, but on account of scarcity of available land, hired help and the fact that we have so many kinds of fruits, we have not.

The plant is a very thrifty healthy grower, very stalky with large leathery leaves. The fruit stalks are tall and able to support the heavy load of fruit. The fruit is large too, very large, nearly round, very solid, firm, attractive and fine for shipping and market. The hull or calyx remains green and makes an attractive fine setting off for the

The New Everbearing Strawberry "Neverfail"

This new variety hails from Ohio where it was originated by the veteran Strawberry Grower, Mr. D. J. Miller of Millersburgh, Ohio, the same man who originated the King Edward Strawberry and the Plum Farmer Raspberry. Mr. Miller says that it is as thrifty and will produce as many young plants as the Superb, that it is about the same class of berry and in addition, is fully three times as productive. My attention was first called to it by the late Matthew Crawford of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. He wrote me that it would be a good plan for me to investigate it. I sent for some plants and have tested them out. They seem to bear out all the claims made by Mr. Miller and Mr. Crawford. The plants are strong healthy growers, the fruit is very large and produced in greater abundance than any everbearing strawberry that we fruited in 1918. The fruit is as large and attractive as Superb. I have always considered Mr. Crawford the most conservative authority who has ever written about the strawberry and what he has said in the past, has always been good advice to take. He writes me as follows about the new "Neverfail." At the time this letter was written, Mr. Crawford had quit the strawberry business and was living with his son in Illinois.

Oak Park, Ill., Dec. 24th, 1917

Mr. L. J. Farmer, Pulaski, N. Y.

Dear Sir:—Assuming that you intend to introduce D. J. Miller's new everbearing strawberry, I am glad to tell you how well it did for me last season. I had a matted row about 200 feet long and 18 inches wide, planted in April 1916. It received only ordinary care. The plant is a good grower and very productive. The fruit is about the size of the Wilson in its best day and resembles it in shape and color. It ripens all over beautifully and has dark red flesh of excellent

fruit which brings the very highest prices in market. We consider that it outranks any late variety we have ever seen. We shipped four crates by express to New York City to a leading commission man July 1st last year to make a test. Other varieties were selling then at 30 to 42 cents per quart wholesale and we wished to see what "The Best" would sell for. We regret that these four crates were stolen from the Express Company and we have never heard from them, although in the course of time, we of course will get our pay for them. We have a limited number of plants to offer. Price 6 for \$1.50, 25 for \$3.00; 100, \$10.00; 1000, \$75.00.

flavor. It is of medium season and holds out well until the last berries ripen. After fruiting it, I have no use for any of the everbearers that preceded it.

M. Crawford.

I have numerous letters from Mr. Miller who is an old gentleman who has had 50 years experience in growing strawberries. He says that the new "Neverfail" is a seedling of the Bubach, hand pollinated with pollen from the Superb. It was produced in a lot of 200 seedlings in 1912, everyone of which was afterwards destroyed but the Neverfail. He likes the Superb best of the well tested everbearing kinds but has discarded it for "Neverfail" as the latter is as thrifty a grower and produces three times as much fruit as Superb. Mr. Crawford writes that the markets will be full of strawberries in the fall just as soon as the Neverfail gets into extensive cultivation. Now is the time to get a few plants of this new variety. In a few years, you will have enough to set

We Pay Your Parcel Post and Express Charges in Plants.

Every person who orders goods of us during the year 1918 and makes out the order on this sheet, will be entitled to enough plants of "The Best" Strawberry and the Minnesota No. 1017 Everbearing Strawberry, to pay the cost of transportation by parcel post or express from our nursery to your town. When filling the order, we will estimate the cost of transportation and put in the plants with the order, so you will receive them at the same time you receive the rest of your order. If the transportation charges amount to \$2.00, you will receive \$1.00 worth of The Best and \$1.00 worth of the Minnesota No. 1017. This is in addition to aster or strawberry seeds and "Nip It" huller or any other premiums that we offer. Patrons will not be allowed to select their own choice of plants etc. for premiums, but in choosing, must confine their selections to premiums that we offer. Sometimes patrons ask us to put in a rose bush or something else in place of an advertised premium. We cannot do this.

Have Your Plants Come by Parcel Post

We can now send 50 lbs. anywhere in the United States by Parcel Post and 70 lbs. anywhere within the third zone which is 300 miles from Pulaski. The War department now absorbs the freight, and express shipments travel as slow as freight did a few years ago. We therefore advise our patrons to have their goods come by Parcel Post which is now the most expeditious, although slow enough. We will send all goods by parcel post when possible, except when we are specifically instructed not to do so.

L. J. Farmer, Pulaski, Oswego Co., N. Y.

Forward on or about.....

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HIGHEST AWARDS ON STRAW-
BERRIES AT WORLDS FAIR

PICKED AND PHOTOGRAPHED
TOGETHER SEPT. 28th 1916

Pulaski, N. Y.

Dec. 20, 1918.

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Yours very truly,

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L. J. Farmer's Abridged Price List For 1919

The prices here given apply for the Spring of 1919, but on account of unsettled conditions are subject to change at any time. When we receive your order, if we cannot accept it and fill it at prices attached, we will immediately inform you of the fact.

6 of a kind will be supplied at 1/2 price of 25; 12 at 2-3 price of 25; 50 at 1/2 price of 100; and 500 at 1/2 price of 1000.

STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Senator Dunlap, Excelsior, Matthews Early, Michels Early, Aug. Luther, Missionary Klondike, Beder Wood, Warfield, 25, for 40c; 100, \$1.00; 1000, \$6.00.

Charles the 1st, Champion K, Success, Chipman, Crescent, Oswego, New York, Aroma, Corsican, Uncle Jim, Barrymore, Parson's Beauty, Pocomoke, Steven Late Champion, Gandy, Brandywine, 25 for 50c; 100, \$1.25; 1000, \$8.00.

Minnesota No. 3, Early Ozark, Early Jersey Giant, Premier, Campbells Early, New Discovery, Oom Paul, Haverland, Marshall, Bubach, Dr. Burrill, Wm. Belt, Abington, Golden Gate, Jessie, Norwood, Amanda, King Edward, The Greek, Big Valley, Farmer's Mascot, Chesapeake, Sample, Ridgeway, Fendall, Enormous, Big Joe, Baltimore, Nick Ohmer, Kellogg's Prize, Parker Earle, Fremont Williams, Heritage, Pearl, McAlpin, Sharpless, 25 for 65c; 100, \$1.50; 1000, \$10.00.

"The Best" Strawberry, 25 for \$3.00; 100, \$10.00; 1000, \$75.00.

Superb, Progressive and Peerless, 25 for \$1.00; 100, \$3.00; 1000, \$20.00.

Americus, Francis and Ideal, 25 for \$1.50; 100, \$5.00; 1000, \$40.00.

Minnesota No. 1017, 25 for \$3.00; 100, \$10.00; 1000, \$75.00.

RASPBERRY PLANTS

Cuthbert, Marlboro, Early King, 25 for 60c; 100, \$1.75; 1000, \$15.00.

Herbert, Golden Queen, Loudon, New Scarff, Columbian, St. Regis, 25 for \$1.00; 100, \$3.00; 1000, \$25.00.

Plum Farmer, Cumberland, Gregg, Black Diamond, 25 for \$1.00; 100, \$2.50; 1000, \$20.00.

Royal Purple, Idaho and New Empire, 25 for \$3.00; 100, \$10.00; 1000, \$75.00.

BLACKBERRY PLANTS

Snyder, Taylor, Eldorado, Ancient Briton, Ratburn, Blowers, Lucetia Dewberry, 25 for \$1.00, 100, \$3.00; 1000, \$25.00.

Watt and Giant Himalaya, 25 for \$1.50; 100, \$5.00; 1000, \$40.00.

CURRENTS

Fay's Prolific, Wilder, White Grape, Large Bunch Holland, London Market, Ruby Castle, Black Champion, Lee's Prolific, Versailles, White Imperial, 25 for \$2.00; 100, \$6.00; 1000, \$50.00.

Perfection, Boskeep Giant, Diploma, Red Cross, 25 for \$3.00; 100, \$10.00; 1000, \$90.00.

GOOSEBERRIES

Houghton and Downing, 25 for \$3.00; 100, \$10.00.

Carrie, CHAUTAUQUA, Josselyn, Industry, Keepsake, Portage, White Smith, Holland, 25 for \$4.00; 100, \$15.00.

Adam's Improved Elderberry 50c each; \$5.00 per 12.

GARDEN ROOTS

Asparagus Roots, 2 yrs., 25 for 50c; 100, \$1.50; 1000, \$8.00; 3 yrs., 25 for 75c; 100, \$2.00; 1000, \$12.00.

Rhubarb or Pie Plant, 25 for \$1.50; 100, \$5.00.

Horse Radish Roots, Maliner Kren, 25 for 50c; 100, \$1.50; 1000, \$10.00.

Holt's Mammoth Sage Roots, 25 for \$1.50; 100, \$5.00; 1000, \$40.00.

GRAPE VINES, 2 YR. SIZE

Agawam, Catawba, Champion, Ives, Concord, 15c each; 25 for \$2.25; 100, \$8.00.

Clinton, Cottage, Diamond, Draeut Amber, Elvira, Etta, Iona, Isabella, Lindley, Moore's Early, Niagara and Worden, 15c each; 25 for \$2.50; 100, \$9.00.

Pockington, Salem, 15c each; 25 for \$2.75; 100, \$10.00.

Bacchus, Brighton, Delaware, Diana, Duchesse, Empire State, Hartford, Martha, Massasoit, Mo. Reissling, Moyer, Telegraph, Vergennes, Wilder, Wyoming Red, 18c each; 25 for \$2.75; 100, \$11.00.

Amber Queen, Colerain, Cynthiana, Early Victor, Herbert, Lucile, Lutie, Merrimack, Norton's, Perkins, Ulster Prolific, Woodruff Red, 20c each; 25 for \$3.50; 100, \$13.00.

Barry, Berekmans, Campbell's Early, Geneva, Goethe, Green's Early, Hayes, Early Ohio, Gaertner, Lady Washington, 30c each; 25 for \$6.00; 100, \$20.00.

Brilliant, Early Daisy, Eaton, Green Mountain, Jefferson, Jessica, Regal, 35c each; 25 for \$6.25; 100, \$24.00.

Triumph, 50c each; 25 for \$10.00; 100, \$35.00.

The Belle, 75c each; 25 for \$12.00.

Red Wing, \$1.50 each.

VEGETABLE PLANTS

Cabbage, Beet, Lettuce, Brussels Sprouts, Kale, Leek, Onion, Kehl Rabi plants, 25 for 35c; 100, 75c; 1000, \$3.50; 5000, \$15.00; 10,000, \$25.00.

Tomato, Celery, Sweet Potato, Cauliflower, Pepper, Parsley, 25 for 50c; 100, \$1.50; 1000, \$7.50.

Egg Plant Plants, 25, 75c; 100, \$1.50; 1000, \$12.00.

SEED POTATOES

Early Minnesota, Irish Cobbler, Hastings, Green Mountain, Rural Russetts, New Snow, Gold Coin, peck, 75c; bushel, \$2.50; 1 lb., 15c.

Lady of London, peck, \$1.00; bushel, \$3.50; 1 lb., 25c.

Mrs. Dimon Potato (new, best) peck, \$1.50; bushel, \$5.00; 1 lb., 25c.

FRUIT TREES

Apples Trees, leading varieties, 5 to 7 feet, 40c each; 12 for \$4.00; 100, \$30.00.

The New "Oswego" apple 4 to 5 feet, 50c each; 12 for \$5.00; 100, \$40. Baby trees, 2 to 3 feet, 30c each; \$3.00 per 12; \$2.00 per 100. Sample of Oswego Apple, (the fruit), 10c postpaid.

Peach Trees, 4 to 6 feet, 25c each; \$2.50 per 12; \$18.00 per 100.

Pear, Plum, Cherry, Apricot and Quince Trees, 60c each; \$6.00 per 12; \$40.00 per 100.

Roses, Shrubs, Lilacs, Peonies, 50c each; \$5.00 per 12.

Geraniums, 15c each; \$1.50 per 12.

Phlox, 25c each; \$2.50 per 12.

Hardy Perennials, 25c each; \$2.50 per 12.

Dahlias, 10c each; 25 for \$1.75 (25 varieties).

Gladiolus Bulbs, 10c each; 12 for 60c; 100, \$3.00.

Aster Plants, Verbenas, Petunias, 10c each; 50c per 12.

Dutch Bulbs, Hyacinths, \$1.25 per 12; \$8.00 per 100; Tulips, 50c per 12; \$3.00 per 100; Narcissus, \$1.00 per 12; \$6.00 per 100; Crocus, 25c per 12; \$2.00 per 100.

Berry Crates and Baskets, 32 qt. crates filled with baskets, \$1.00 each; 10 for \$7.50. Pint and Quart Baskets, \$1.00 per 100; \$8.00 per 1000.

Write for prices on Poultry, Eggs, for Hatching, Garden and Field Seeds, Paper Flower Pots, Fertilizers, Legume Inoculents, Fungicides, Insecticides and Spray Pumps or anything in the Garden and Field line that you do not find listed here.

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locality. Price \$1.00 each; 6 for \$5.00; 12, \$7.50; 25, \$10.00; 100, \$25.00; 250, \$45.00; 500, \$75.00; 1000, \$125.00.

The New Black Cap Raspberry—"Honey Sweet"

This variety was discovered by my good friend Mr. A. B. Katkamier of Wayne County, N. Y. who lives right in the midst of the greatest raspberry growing section of the world and who ought to be conversant enough with varieties so he would know a good thing when he saw it. He writes me that one summer evening after a strenuous day of labor, he stopped to rest on the way home and sat down on a pile of old boards which were in the shade of an old building. By chance his eye rested on a black raspberry bush which had come up from a seed probably dropped by a bird. The raspberry bush was laden with fruit jet black and very attractive in color and what was more surprising, the flavor of the fruit was exceedingly rich, sweet and refreshing. Mr. Katkamier transferred the bush to his garden, propagated it from year to year, until now he has several acres of the variety. It has always been a favorite in market as well as on the home table of Mr.

Katkamier and his neighbors. The berry however, was never named until the past summer. Loads of them were taken to the public market in Rochester where they sold for the highest prices. One morning a Russian Jew Huckster who had previously had a few crates of these berries, asked Mr. Katkamier if he had any more of those Honey Sweet berries. This immediately suggested a name for the new berry and Mr. Katkamier has since called it the "Honey Sweet." The originator thinks that it is a seedling of the Gregg and Plum Farmer, as both of these varieties were grown in that locality for several years previous to the finding of the Honey Sweet. It is a jet black berry and not grayish black like the Gregg and Plum Farmer. Mr. Katkamier considers it superior to the Plum Farmer, and if it is, it is certainly a valuable find. Prices of plants mailed direct from the originators grounds. 6 plants for \$1.00; 12, \$1.75; 25, \$3.25; 50, \$6.00; 100, \$10.00.

New Everbearing Red Raspberry—"Erskine Park"

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we offer the new everbearing raspberry—Erskine Park, as we believe that we have something very valuable and unusually good. This variety was discovered on the grounds of a Mr. Norton at Lee, Mass., at the base of a Cuthbert red raspberry bush, by the Superintendent of the Estate, Mr. E. J. Normand. There was quite a rivalry among those in charge of the different estates in that locality as to which could get up the most appetizing dinner for their proprietor when he came down from the city to spend the week on the estate and Mr. Normand could always outdo his competitors in the fall of the year, because he was able to serve these new red raspberries in addition to the other goodies. In this way the new berry was kept for several years. A few years ago a well known landscape architect and nurseryman, who resides on the Hudson, was called to look over the grounds, with the view of making more plantings of trees etc. He was attracted to the new raspberry and induced the Superintendent to let him have 100 plants which he took home with him. These plants were afterwards disposed of to a well known wholesale grower of raspberry plants and it was

through this last party we got our supply of plants. This party writes us that he has had at different times, several acres of the St. Regis red raspberry and that the 100 original plants of the Erskine Park bore more fruit the year that they first fruited with him than several acres of the St. Regis which he had growing at the same time. The best results are obtained with the Erskine Park by cutting down in the spring, the canes that grew the year before. The new canes come up from the base of these canes which have been cut and the new green canes bear fruit all the time from mid-summer until late in the fall. The St. Regis must have different treatment. It only bears good on old plantations that have been growing in the same place for several years. The fruit of Erskine Park is large, fully one third larger than St. Regis and is produced in great abundance. We have fruited it and the canes are loaded with fruit all the latter part of the summer and fall. The berries are of a peculiar shape, accurately shown in the accompanying illustration, which is surely true to life, although a pen drawing by Mr. Blanc. If the Erskine Park is so much more superior to the St. Regis as it appears, it should be in great de-

mand in years to come, as the St. Regis is very popular and we all know that it does not do well with everybody and has serious faults. There is but a small stock of the Erskine Park in existence and we own the largest share of it. We offer plants to the trade as well as to planters. Price, 2 plants for 75c; 6, \$1.50; 12, \$2.50; 25, \$4.50; 100, \$15.00; 1000, \$125.00.

June Red Raspberry. For years, growers have been looking for a desirable red raspberry that ripens early to take the place of Marlboro, which does not succeed on all kinds of soils. The June originated at the N. Y. Agl. Exp. Station and is believed to be the coming early red raspberry for home use as well as market. The following is from a bulletin issued in July 1915.—“June has been tested long enough in different parts of New York State to fully determine its value. Reports received indicate that it is quite equal and often superior to the best older varieties. It is worthy of extensive planting, on account of several remarkable characteristics of both plant and fruit. The plants are as hardy and as healthy as those of its two well known parents, Loudon and Marlboro, and are more vigorous. But comparatively few suckers are produced and these are little crowded and are thus better able to mature the crop. The yield is heavy and is well distributed over a long season, which begins the earliest of any of the 70 varieties growing at this Station ripening as no other raspberry does in June hence the name. The fruit resembles Loudon in color, a bright, handsome red and averages larger than Cutthbert but is more spherical. June ships and holds up in size unusually well throughout the season. Last, but by no means least, June is high in quality. We expect to see this variety become one of the most profitable red raspberries grown.” The June has no thorns and therefore will not trouble the pickers by tearing their flesh and clothes. Price of plants, 6 for \$1.00; 25, \$2.00; 100, \$5.00; 1000, \$40.00.

Watt Blackberry. This variety was received by us from Matthew Crawford of Ohio who had it under test for many years. Mr. Crawford says that it is superior to Eldorado, Blowers, Ward and all the later introductions of blackberries. We have fruited it several years and find that it is the strongest grower and the most productive of extra large beautiful blackberries of any variety that we have ever tested. It is nearly as hardy as Snyder and Eldorado and much harder than Blowers. Price of plants, 6 for 75c; 25, for \$1.50; 100, \$5.00.

Perfection Currants. This variety is a seedling of the Fay's Prolific, ferti-

lized with pollen from the White Grape. It gets its growth of bush and productiveness, large size and desirable market qualities from the Fay and its flavor and other desirable qualities from the White Grape. It is easily the largest and most profitable red currant with us, and will crowd Wilder closely as a commercial variety. It is highly indorsed by the N. Y. Agl. Exp. Station and other good authorities. Price of plants, 6 for \$1.50; 25, \$3.00; 100, \$10.00.

Chautauqua Gooseberry. This is the largest yellow or white gooseberry of American origin that has yet been produced. The plants are very thrifty healthy growers and enormously productive, the berries entirely covering the branches and loading them down with the ripe fruit. The berries are large and when properly grown and thinned, will rival the best known and most popular English varieties. It is not susceptible to mildew and other diseases, but is healthy and free from all these drawbacks. Price, 25c each; 25 for \$4.00; 100, \$15.00.

The Belle Grape. This new grape originated in Illinois and is supposed to be a seedling, a cross of the Concord and Catskill. The vines are very vigorous, more so than either of its parents. The originator has measured leaves that were a foot in diameter and berries an inch in diameter. The fruit is similar in color to its parent, the Catskill, also Vergennes; has a skin about the consistency of Concord, with a more compact and shorter bunch than Concord and less shouldered. This grape has been tested for many years before being offered to the public and we are convinced that it is a very valuable variety. We have seen and tested the fruit and are delighted with it. The vines are very productive and healthy. The bunches and berries are above medium size, color pale red, flavor delightful. Ripens early. Price, 2 year vines, 50c each; 12 for \$5.00.

Mrs. Dimon Potato. This variety was discovered in the same section where originated the famous Hastings variety. It is a round potato of the regulation market type. As it lays in the bin, I believe it is the prettiest potato that I have ever seen. It is driving out all others in the section where it originated. We had ten varieties in a test this year and after digging, I asked the boys, one by one, which was the best variety of potato, and everyone of them spoke up at once and answered, Mrs. Dimon. I really think that in 5 years, there will be few other kinds grown in this locality. We have about 100 bushels to sell. Price, 1 lb., 25c; 1 peck, \$1.50; 1 bu., \$5.00.