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A
One Quart
Box of
Premier
Strawberries
grown from our
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*The very best
of all berries
for early and
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Bridgman Nursery Co.
F. C. STAHELIN & SON

About Ordering

Remittances. Should be made by Post Office Money Order, Drafts on New York Banks or Express Money Orders.

Where it is not possible to obtain these, the letter should be registered. Postage stamps will be found a convenient method for small amounts and can be used by us to advantage. Coin should not be sent by mail.

Errors. We exercise the utmost care in filling orders; yet in the press of business, errors sometimes do occur, in which event we wish to be promptly notified of the fact, and will make such corrections as will be satisfactory.

Be Sure To Mention Order Number. When writing about an order that has been placed with us, always mention the order number we gave you. Write your name and address every time you write us.

One Dollar Orders. We like nice large orders, but to become acquainted and introduce Staehelin's well grown plants to you and your friends, we will gladly book your order for as low as one dollar. Please do not send any order for less than one dollar.

When to order. Order early, by all means. The rule generally is "First come first served."

Our customers will please remember that the time for filling orders is short, and it would facilitate our work greatly if orders were sent before the rush.

Always Write Plainly With Ink, giving name and address in full, postoffice, county and state. Write these the same every time you write. If you want the goods shipped to a different point than your address, write this shipping point in full, county and state.

Always Tell How You Want Your Goods Sent, otherwise we will use our best judgement, sending the cheapest way.

Transportation Charges. Unless otherwise specified, all prices in this catalog, or quotations by letter, are F. O. B. Bridgman.

Express Shipments. When conditions are normal, we would advise you to have all fair-sized shipments of plants sent by express, and very small orders by parcel post.

Freight Shipments. It is not a safe and reliable way to have live plants shipped.

Shipping Season. Begins from March 20th to April 1st and continues to about May 10th, depending on the season being early or late.

Our Terms Are Cash With Order. Or we will book early orders, if one-third the amount is sent with the order, and balance payable April 1st or before plants are shipped. Remit by Draft, Express or Postoffice Money order, Registered Letter, or your check will do.

Correspondence. We try to give prompt attention to all proper letters of inquiry, etc. We ask, as a favor, that all questions be stated clearly and briefly, written on separate paper and not on order sheets.

No C. O. D. Orders. We must ask that customers strictly adhere to these terms. Each year we have quite a few requests that plants be shipped C. O. D., but must refuse such requests. We are offering our plants at a low price, and consequently cannot afford to sell on anything but a strictly cash basis.

Your Postmaster will tell you the zone you live in. As high as 70 pounds may be shipped in one lot to 2nd, 3rd and 4th zones, and 50 pounds to all other zones.

Lost Orders. All orders are acknowledged by postal card same day received, but should you not hear from us in a reasonable length of time after sending an order, please write, giving all the particulars—when forwarded, the amount of money sent, and in what form remittance was made—and inclose a duplicate order, giving name and address plainly and in full. Therefore, no matter how often you have written always give name, postoffice, county and state in full, and **WRITE PLAINLY, ESPECIALLY YOUR NAME.**

We do not guarantee results in any way. There are so many causes for failure over which we have no control that we can assume no responsibility after stock is delivered in good order. Poor soil, unfavorable weather, ignorant or careless culture—all contribute to failure and are all beyond our control.

A catalog must of necessity offer some plants of difficult culture, and when these are ordered, we presume the people ordering them have the knowledge needed for their culture. Successful results require knowledge, enthusiasm and perseverance, and these we cannot supply. We shall be glad to make selections from the harder class of plants for the people who wish them.

Complaints. Any complaints will be promptly taken care of, but must be made at once upon arrival of stock, or not later than five days after arrival; after which we will not be responsible.

As a reference to our reliability we refer you to the Bridgman State Bank, Bridgman, Mich.; the Union Banking Co., St. Joseph, Mich.; or the American Railway Express Co., Bridgman, Mich.

STAEHELIN'S GUARANTEE

We guarantee every plant shipped by us to be from new fields that have never been fruited; to be freshly dug for every order; free from disease, true to name, and that all plants will be carefully packed so as to reach you in good growing condition. Any stock not living up to the above will be replaced, providing claim is made not later than five days after arrival of stock. After this we will not be responsible.

Do not place your order with anyone else until you write us. We will meet any competitive price for good plants.
TRY US AND BE SATISFIED.

Mr. F. C. Stahelin.

Mr. Carl A. Stahelin.

The Men You are Dealing With

THE Stahelin family, father, son, and grandson have been successfully growing both plants and berries, in Berrien County, since 1875. In this long and successful career, we have learned many things that we gladly impart to you. The varieties that formerly were successful and great favorites have gradually declined and disappeared from the open markets, until at this writing there is not one that was formerly grown in general cultivation.

Some varieties give splendid returns and succeed for five or ten years, some fifteen and some more. At this writing, Warfield and Dunlap are the oldest and most successful, and Aroma has also stood the test a long while. Because of the decline and disuse of the older varieties, we are always on the lookout for new and promising kinds, and are willing to spend thousands of dollars to get them. We feel confident that our efforts in that line will be appreciated by both our old and new friends.

Our business has grown to such large proportions that we are recognized as leaders in our line of goods. Our customers stand by us year after year and are recommending our plants to their friends, and you are certain to get what you want. We have more and better plants this year than ever, and feel confident we can supply your wants to the utmost.

We are the largest firm doing business under its own original name, at Bridgman, which is known for fair and square dealing. It has always sailed under the name of **Bridgman Nursery Co.**, and **F. C. Stahelin & Son** are its original and present owners, so when you see

Stahelin in any manner on a shipment of plants you know where they came from and they represent the result of selection and care that is bound to show to best advantage in your coming crop. The success we have had in furnishing plants to the buying public proves to us conclusively that **Stahelin & Son** mean a great deal and we hope to merit your confidence to such an extent that you will see that our name is on your list for your future needs.

You would hardly believe it if we told you that our total receipts for the first year that we were in business were less than \$100; it surely looked discouraging when our expenses were six times as much as our receipts, but right at the start we got letters from our few customers telling us they had never seen such nice plants. These letters were encouraging and real life savers. They indicated to us that we were doing what people wanted, furnishing ideal plants at fair prices. This gave people faith and confidence in the **Stahelin Firm**, whom they found loyal and true at all times, and they found that if anything was wrong with the order sent, **Stahelin** was always ready to make good.

We have the plants of all the varieties we offer in sufficient numbers to faithfully take care of your orders. Everything that goes toward making your shipment successful has been done to merit your favors in the future.

Assuring you a fair and square deal, we remain

Yours truly,
F. C. STAHELIN & SON.

Bridgman Nursery Co., F. C. Stahelin & Son

This Berry Fruits If Set Alone—Needs No Mate.

GIBSON—A Perfect Midseason Sort

One of the Real Live Monarchs

SINCE the introduction of this variety we can now say, that of all the midseason sorts which we have seen in fruiting it has no equal. It has been tested in all sections of the country and is a proven success. As a drought resister it is a wonder. Has an exceptionally fine color and bears extra large fruit.

One of the best points of this remarkable variety is that it will hold its size until the very end of the picking season. This we believe is due to the extra large, healthy plant which this sort produces, having a very long

root system and being almost immune to disease. Whether you grow strawberries for market or home use we recommend the Gibson. In our section the growers plant almost exclusively of Gibson. The plant is perfect flowering and is an exceptionally fine pollenizer, making it a good one to set with other imperfect varieties.

For large yields and big profits set Gibson. It is a wonderful shipper and will outsell almost any other midseason sort. We recommend it to you and don't forget to order early.

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New Varieties of Strawberries

In presenting our new list of strawberry plants to you we give you the result of careful selection as to the varieties that will give the best results. If for any reason you do not feel certain as to what kinds you wish to set, just write us a letter and we will help you as far as we can; naturally we know what berry succeeds best in certain localities, as we have learned this by dealing with growers all over the country. We want you to succeed and you will if you give our plants ordinary care and culture, and your rewards will be proportionate.

THE EATON

**A Remarkable Berry Noted For Its Firmness, Flavor
and Productiveness**

WE are firmly convinced that Eaton will lead all varieties that are grown for a medium or semi-late season, because of its many fine qualities, as one of the first things to consider is its firmness, which is remarkable. It can be shipped to distant markets and arrive in splendid condition. It can hang on the vines for a week after it is ripe and still be fine for shipping or home use.

Productiveness is remarkable. It is grown on long stems that are one complete mass of berries. Many plants will grow a pint and some more. You will be satisfied that it is the most productive berry you have ever grown. Its

size is remarkable. Many of them are as large as a silver dollar; there are, practically speaking, no smaller ones. Its color is a beautiful crimson, exceedingly attractive. Its flavor is of the best, sweet and luscious.

A splendid canner, retaining its shape and color to perfection. The plant is a very upright grower, can easily be distinguished from the ordinary plant, is perfectly free from all diseases, and is a good plant maker.

We have watched this berry carefully for several years and feel confident that it is one of the real finds of late years, one that all will want as soon as they know of its many good

For price see page 39.

EATON—Continued.

qualities. You will be surprised at the number of crates it will pick and the price you will get for it above the ordinary kinds, it being so large and attractive that it easily commands the highest prices.

Knowing that the Eaton will be the one popular medium season berry, we have a large stock of splendid plants for this spring's trade. You will get the real true Eaton, the plant

that will produce you large crops. If you place your order with us we guarantee this to such an extent that we will replace same with other kinds or refund your money, if not true to name, but you need feel no alarm on this matter as they are all set in one solid block, no other kinds among them; being self fertilized you can set one row or one hundred they will all bear perfect fruit.

Dunlap

This Variety Is and Always Will Be a Universal Favorite

(Per.) Does well in most localities, is a fine table and canning berry, a good shipper, an excellent cropper.

You can't go wrong if you set out our Dunlaps, which by continuous selection for health, vigor and productiveness, have continued to improve under our system of cultivation until they are recognized by Fruit Plant Inspectors, by men thoroughly versed in the ways of fancy fruit culture, by nurserymen, by our neighbors as a plant of highest merit, with productive qualities unsurpassed. The ber-

ry is a beautiful crimson color, large size, firm, dark red flesh; its bright golden seeds making it very attractive. On account of its great firmness it can be shipped to distant markets. Holds up a long while after being picked.

The wonderful vigor of the plant will fill your row a long time before any of the others get fairly started. The plant makes runners so freely that you must check it by keeping the row cut down to about eight inches wide. Don't let the plants mat too thickly.

Stahelin's Improved Progressive Everbearing

Luscious Berries from June until Snow Flies

In presenting Stahelin's Improved Progressive which was first offered to our customers in 1922, it met with such a tremendous success that we were obliged to send back a great many orders and the requests for plants received have been so great that it will take a lot of plants to fill them.

The large amount of fruit which this variety produces is due to the fact that for years we have been selecting mother plants that were

more than usually prolific and as a result we have today Stahelin's Improved Progressive, all a result of plant selection. On single plants we have often counted 50 to 100 ripe and green berries. The leaves are a bright, glossy green, covering the blossoms and fruit so as to make them practically frost proof. Even if they do freeze they will send out a new set of blossoms at once.

Perfection Everbearing

One of the Largest and Most Productive of the Everbearers

We have in our testing beds over fifteen different varieties of everbearing strawberry plants. In these lots the Perfection was so much better than all the rest on trial that we decided last year to plant heavily of it so as to have plants for the season of 1924. While we have a fair supply of plants we will not have half enough for our trade, so in this variety it is going to be, "first come, first served." .. Perfection Everbearing truly is a wonder and as to bearing qualities we cannot write any description of it that will do the berry justice. It is unusually productive and produces berries of marvelous size, perhaps the largest of any of the everbearers that are grown today. Fruit is well formed and very uniform as to size; is of medium red color, with seed very outstanding. Flavor is fine and makes an excellent berry for table or market use. The fine appearance of the fruit in a box is attracting much attention and commanding a very high price.

We wish that our friends and patrons could have seen this variety this fall when in full

fruiting; at this time we could often pick ten to twenty large, ripe berries off a single plant at one picking. This may not seem many, but when the wonderful size and beauty of the berry are taken into consideration, it is a remarkable showing.

To those that want a few plants for the garden, home or commercial use, plant some Perfection Everbearing. If you will give them plenty of feed, and care for them well, and at times when it is dry, a little water, the fine and large amount of fruit that the Perfection will produce for you during the fall months will be a revelation.

We are listing this variety at \$4.00 per hundred, much less than it has ever been offered at before, and we should like our patrons to try them. Take advantage of this price and get started with the Perfection Everbearing now.

Price. 25 plants, \$1.50; 50 plants, \$2.50; 75 plants, \$3.40; 100 plants, \$4.00; 500 plants, \$16.00.

Strawberries and Their Care

Location and soil requirements. If land is to be selected with the intention of growing strawberries commercially some thought should be given to the marketing and transportation facilities and the labor supply.

A medium loam, well drained and, if possible, somewhat elevated and gently sloping, is preferred. A northern exposure will tend to hold the plants back in the spring, making them less likely to be caught by the spring frosts. A northern exposure also holds the moisture better, a desirable factor, in a dry season.

Clover or alfalfa sod, or any soil with plenty of humus, should be in good condition for setting out a strawberry bed, but if timothy sod is used, it should be fall-plowed to control the white grub which are likely to infest it.

Preparation of the soil. The ground should be deeply plowed in the late fall or early spring and thoroughly worked to reduce it to a fine texture. Rolling or floating will be beneficial. A good application of barnyard manure should be made either before or after plowing.

Planting. Only one year plants should be used and can always be secured from reliable nurserymen. They should be obtained in the early spring and planted immediately. If the plants are received before the ground is ready for planting they should be "heeled-in" by opening the bundles, placing the plants in a trench and packing the soil firmly around the roots to prevent their drying out.

The plants are pruned before planting by removing all but two or three of the youngest leaves and by trimming off the ends of the roots. There are three systems of planting in common use:

1. **The hill system,** in which the plants are set 15 to 18 inches apart in rows $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 feet apart, and all runners are removed.

2. **The single hedge row,** which is formed by setting the plants two feet apart in rows 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet apart. Each plant is allowed to make two runners which are placed on either side of the parent plant in the line of the row, and all other runners are removed.

3. **The double hedge row,** in which the plants are set 2 feet apart in rows $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet apart, and the runners are allowed to grow at will, although some growers prefer to allow only about six of the runners to grow, removing the others.

The hill system will produce the largest and finest fruit, but for commercial plantings where quantity of fruit is desired, the double hedge row system is generally used. In setting the plants, an opening is made in the soil with a spade or a dibble, the roots are placed straight down in the hole so that the crown of the plant is just at the surface of the ground and the earth is packed firmly against the roots.

Culture. Cultivation should begin as soon as possible after the plants are set, using a cultivator which does not cut deeply into the soil in order that a dust mulch may be secured without throwing the soil over the plants. Cultivating every ten days, with an occasional hoeing close to the plants, should be sufficient to keep down the weeds and keep the surface soil loose.

Removing Blossoms. The plants begin to blossom soon after planting and as it would weaken the plants to allow them to produce fruit during the first year, the blossoms should be pinched off as soon as they form. However, in the case of the everbearing varieties the plants become well enough established by mid-summer to be able to produce fruit that

fall. The blossoms are pinched off until July first, after which the fruit is allowed to develop.

Mulching. Early in the winter, soon after the ground freezes, a layer of straw, marsh hay or strawy manure should be spread over the field to protect the plants from injury from alternate freezing and thawing. In the spring a portion from directly over the plants should be removed to the space between the rows. There it will not only take the place of cultivation for the purpose of controlling weeds and grass, and retaining the moisture, but it will also aid in keeping the berries clean. When a strawberry field is not mulched, or if the mulch is so thin that the weeds will grow, and the soil dry out, it should be cultivated two or three times early in the spring.

Care after Fruiting

While some growers prefer to fruit the bed for only one year, the usual practice is to retain the bed for a second crop, in the meantime planting a new bed during the spring of the second year. After harvesting the first crop, the foliage should be mowed off close to the ground with a scythe or mowing machine and the old leaves and mulching material burned to destroy the insects and diseases. A furrow should be plowed from each side of the row, after which the space between the rows should be thoroughly worked. The plants remaining should be thinned out with a hoe so that they will stand one foot apart in the row. A top-dressing of decomposed manure at this time, or if this is not available, acid phosphate at the rate of 200 lbs. per acre and 100 lbs. of sulphate of ammonia, or nitrate of soda, will aid in producing a good crop the second year, and it will also be well worth while to use this fertilizer on a newly set bed if an abundance of stable manure is not available.

The Everbearers

Their fruiting season covers such a long period that they are a desirable addition to the home garden, and under suitable conditions, are found profitable for market.

During their first year, if the blossoms are picked off until about July first, they will produce a considerable crop until the ground freezes, and the following year they will fruit abundantly from early summer until late fall.

Insects and Diseases

There are few insects and diseases which do enough damage to warrant control measures.

Leaf Spot is the only disease of importance. It makes reddish spots on the leaves, in which the tissue is killed and which later drop out, leaving the leaves full of holes. Mowing and burning the leaves after fruiting usually keeps the Leaf Spot disease under control, but if very serious, a spraying with Bordeaux mixture just before blooming will control it.

Leaf Rollers. These are small, greenish larvae which cause the leaves to curl up. Ordinarily, mowing and removing the old leaves after fruiting will keep down the Leaf Rollers, but if they become serious, the plants should be sprayed before the leaves curl, with arsenate of lead, using $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of powder or 3 pounds of paste to 50 gallons of water.

These instructions can be relied upon. Preserve this for future reference.

Bridgman Nursery Co.
Berrien County. Bridgman, Michigan.

This beautiful color engraving was made last July direct from a dish of Delicious.

The Delicious

A Comparatively New Variety that is Hard to Beat

A COMPARATIVELY new variety which we are offering for the first time. Has been tested by us for the past two years and found to be an excellent variety adapted to any section. Is a very fine plant maker, medium to late in season and produces an exceedingly heavy crop of good sized berries. The plant is a strong bisexual and requires no mating. Is very desirable for pollenizing other varieties. Berries are dark red (see illustration) and exceptionally firm, making it a very good shipper. Flavor is

delicious, so good in fact, that the variety was named from this standpoint.

To get the best results from Delicious it should be planted in narrow matted rows and the quantity and quality of fruit which this sort produces will be a pleasant surprise for you. The above illustration is one taken from an actual plate of Delicious which will give you some idea as to the size, color and shape of the berries which this variety produces.

For price see page 39.

FINEST ROOTED STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

Medoc, Mo., April 14, 1923.

Mr. F. C. Stahelin & Son.

Gentlemen:

I received all my plants yesterday and will say that they came through in fine shape and I surely am well pleased with them and three of my neighbors said they were the finest rooted strawberry plants that they ever saw and said if I sent an order next spring that they surely are going to send an order, so you can see what sending out good plants will do.

So thanking you kindly for getting them to me in good shape and wishing you success, I am,

Yours truly,

W. F. MEANS.

BIG, STRONG, HEALTHY PLANTS.

McClellandtown, Pa., June 27th, 1923.

Dear Sirs:

I want to write you to tell you about your strawberry plants, which I ought to have written about long ago, but have been very busy as we just bought a little home last fall and there was lots of work here. Well I want to tell you the plants I received were certainly fine. We had more than we could use and gave a friend of ours some plants. We set them out the same evening and not one of them died. They are certainly big, strong, healthy plants. They have a lot of nice, new plants on now. Every one who sees them says they are surely nice. If we ever want any more strawberry plants we will know where to get them and I'll tell all my friends about your plants. I will send you another order for a few black raspberry plants and a few grapes, next spring or will they do any good to set them in the fall?

Yours truly,

MRS. HUGH McWHIRTES.

Our Leading Standard Varieties

Magic Gem (Per.) This variety is a late introduction, which is coming into great popularity. It is a medium late sort and a wonderful producer. The berry is extra large, very firm, and of a wonderful color, dark red, with the seeds standing out very prominently, which quickly draws attention wherever shown. Magic Gem has a fine flavor and is a good, strong plant maker.

Prize (Imp.) This is a pistillate variety, and it is claimed to cover a long season. The originator describes it as follows, "Prize continued to bear a little later than the Sample and Stevens' Late Champion, and was the best to be found on the vines. If the public knew of the value of this variety, the demand for plants could not be supplied." Very high colored, with golden seeds, the rich coloring extending to the center; flavor delicious; the cap is ample and in harmony with the size of the berries.

Warfield (Imp.) One of the oldest and best known varieties of strawberries grown, and it still has many staunch friends scattered everywhere, who have grown it regularly and find it one of the best. It is a good sized berry, dark color, fine flavor, very productive. Warfield grows particularly well on heavy soils; a clay soil seems to be its home. Wherever you offer Warfield berries for sale, you have no trouble in getting customers. For canning purposes it has no superior.

Stevens' Late (Per.) This new late variety seems to do well wherever tested. Very large, fine flavored, bright color, good shipper; a fine bed maker, a heavy yielder; fine foliage. It ripens later than the Gandy. It certainly is a strong and healthy grower, and a prolific bearer.

Aroma (Per.) A popular berry grown by many in place of the Gandy. Foliage smooth, deep green, of spreading habit. The leaves are long, broad and clean. As a pollinizer for late pistillates it is unexcelled. The berries of this variety are very large, bright red. The flavor of the fruit is deliciously aromatic and very rich, the flesh is smooth and solid. A very popular berry in the South.

Haverland (Imp.) This is a midseason producer. The plants are healthy, vigorous and large, producing ample runners; the stems are unable to hold the fruit from the ground. This makes mulching desirable.

Stevens' Late Strawberry.

Lupton (Per.) Is truly a great berry, and one of the best sellers on the market. Plants are very large and productive. The fruit is of good color, the berry having a large snowy calyx, that shows its bright red color off to full advantage. Is a midseason to late sort, that is sure to be a winner with all commercial growers who try it. We are one of the few to have Lupton, and we recommend it.

Big Late (Imp.) Is one of the finest of late berries. The fruit is very firm and of the highest flavor. Under ordinary culture it will outyield any late variety that we know of, for most late varieties are shy bearers. The plant is very tall and of good size, the leaves are a wonderful glossy green. The plant is imperfect flowering, and we advise setting Magic Gem with it in order to get the best results.

St. Martin (Per.) A new berry offered by us for the first time. A variety that produces fruit of very large size, good color and is a great shipper. Plant is very large, foliage standing upright, similar to Cooper. An excellent plant maker. Our supply of plants is small but suggest that all growers buy a few of them.

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Gentlemen:—

Kellogg, Idaho.
May 2, 1923.
Allow me to congratulate you on the lot of plants you sent me, which arrived yesterday. They were in fine shape.

Yours truly,
B. S. LAFFERTY.

Mr. Stahelin & Son.

Keystone, Ind.
Route No. 2.
The plants reached me in good shape, May 7th. I am pleased with them; I never saw nicer rooted plants.

Respectfully,
MRS. M. M. MILLIKAN.

DR. BURRILL

SEE OUTSIDE BACK PAGE FOR
COLOR ENGRAVING AND DESCRIPTION.

Mr. Harvey's Field of Eaton Plants. (Read his letter).

Bridgman Nursery Co,
Dear Sirs:—

Des Moines, Iowa.
June 25, 1923.

The Eaton strawberry plants I bought from you arrived in fine condition. They were planted in our fields near Des Moines where we grow our produce for the Des Moines markets, and will say frankly the amount and quality of fruit we picked from them this season was simply wonderful. The photo I am enclosing will show the wonderful growth your plants have made. Great, large, fire-red berries, sweet beyond comparison. Our neighbors certainly did not forget us during strawberry time. Your Eaton berry is sure some attraction. Very truly yours, JAMES HARVEY.

Stahelin's Plants Will Make You A Pleasant and Profitable Business

There are few occupations more profitable than the growing of strawberries. There is more money to be made per acre with strawberries than almost any other crop. You get your money early in the spring when you need it most, and it's spot cash.

There will be a large demand for Stahelin's plants this year and we want our thousands of customers to rest assured that each and every one will be taken care of just the same as if you were coming to our place to buy. Stahelin's plants are real quality plants, each lot usually sells another. The plants are and have been our only salesman. This year we are getting advance orders for plants and from people who know good stock. These people know that there is not a safer place to buy. We have been pleasing our customers for years and we know that we can please you.

Now is the time to plant fruit. Labor is in steady demand and at prices never heard of, it is but a logical sequence that the commodities they will use will have to be paid for proportionately. There is no way out of it and we say, get your share while the getting is good. You can make from \$300 to \$1,000 per acre growing strawberries. Good strawberries are always in demand and you can secure top prices by having good fruit.

We are asked almost daily during the plant season, 'How can you sell plants so cheap?' We don't wonder at it when we look at some of the other catalogs, many asking twice as much as we do. There is a reason why Stahelin can sell plants cheap and at the same time give you stock that we guarantee cannot be equaled for quality. We own acres of the best strawberry plant land in this country. We

live in a section where everybody knows and loves the strawberry and other small fruits; where there is more expert help that knows how to dig and take care of plants than anywhere in the world. Also, we do not need to cover our fields with straw to prevent heaving; Nature provides us with a natural covering, snow, which acts as a blanket underneath which the plant is always fresh and green and the roots grow all winter. This is one reason why we have such extra long roots on Stahelin's plants. If we are careful, we sometimes dig plants that have roots ten inches long. These may be cut off before planting.

Nowhere can you see such magnificent fields of plants as we have grown this year. This section practically supplies the planters of the U. S., and Stahelin's plants stand pre-eminent for everything that is desirable for great results. We have been raising plants for over forty years and by Stahelin's superior methods of packing and growing, our business has grown to such an extent that we are today shipping more plants than any other firm located at Bridgman. There must be a reason for this, and there is; our stock is the best that possibly can be grown and we are selling it at right prices. The quality of our plants is our best advertisement, and on this basis we have built our business to its present large point today.

Two Quarts of Cooper and Delicious Berries Grown From Stahelin's Plants

Above picture was taken by one of our customers near Pittsburgh, Pa., and represents two quarts of berries, Cooper and Delicious, grown from our plants. Please remember that these boxes are over four inches square and that three berries were about all he could get in a row, making the berries measure fully one and one-third inches each way. It is easy to see that it takes but few berries to fill a one-quart measure. A berry of this kind will sell on any market at higher prices than others. This kind of fruit is what you raise by planting Stahelin's hardy grown strawberry plants.

READ WHAT MR. BODUE, OF TOLEDO, OHIO, THINKS OF THE COOPER STRAWBERRY.

Bridgman Nursery Co.

Dear Sirs:—

Are enclosing photo of Cooper, taken in our garden last summer. I think your Cooper strawberry is by far the finest berry I have ever seen grow. It surely is the largest, sweetest, prettiest, and most productive berry I have ever seen and it seems to me that one acre of them would supply a whole city, as they seem to have an unlimited amount of berries. I surely like your Cooper,

Toledo, Ohio.

August 1, 1923.

Yours truly, R. J. BODUE.

Stahelin's Garden Collections

Grown along the shores of Lake Michigan where we always have moisture, sunshine and fresh air, where you get real plants grown Nature's way. The roots are long and fibrous, full of vitality and plant life. These Lake Shore plants have become world famous. We are making a few collections for your home needs at real bargain prices. For larger lots, see our catalog.

Stahelin's Small Garden Collection No. 1

By giving this collection good care and good soil it will produce from 300 to 400 quarts of berries. At 30 cents per quart, will save you quite a bit of money. All of the following for \$3.45.

- 50 Champion
- 50 Eaton
- 50 Marvel
- 50 Cooper

We are going to make this Prize Garden to you, postpaid to your door, for only **\$3.25**

Our Mr. E. Frier in His Garden Patch of Strawberries. Mr. Frier Has Complete Charge of the Planting of All Our Fields of Shrubs and Plants. Rows in foreground are Eaton and Cooper. They Netted Him Over \$60.00 This Season.

Stahelin's Everbearing Garden Collection No. 2

We are making you a garden collection here that will give you a crop of fruit this summer. Plants that are set the coming spring will bear fruit heavily in August and continue to do so until snow flies. Our Champion is one of the best and besides them we are going to give you 25 Perfection, a fine fall-bearing variety. Anyone who has a garden should be interested in this selection, and we are making you a real price on same.

- 200 Champion
- 25 Perfection

Our special price to you, postpaid to your door, is only.. **\$4.00**

Stahelin's Money-Making Garden Collection No 3

This collection is for those who want a little larger garden, and is made up of four of our very best sorts. Very Early, Early, Medium, and Late Medium varieties, so that you are assured of a full crop of fruit during the entire strawberry season.

- 100 Premier
- 100 Eaton
- 100 Gibson
- 100 Delicious

Our special price to you, postpaid **\$3.50**

Large Garden Collection No. 4 Prepaid

Perhaps you would like to know what a real garden would cost you. This consists of 1000 plants and will take a piece of ground about 7 rods long and 3 rods wide. We have looked over our list carefully and have made this a wonder collection. It consists of the very best varieties. No such lot has ever been offered. It is our own best and consists of

- 200 Bun Special
- 200 Gibson
- 200 Eaton
- 200 Premier
- 200 Cooper

Postpaid to your door for up to and including the fourth zone. Add 65c for each additional zone. **\$8.85**

Sunbeam Rose Collection

Everybody likes a small rose garden. The climbers to cover your porch or any out-building and the Hybrid Tea for your cut flowers. We make you a special offer on ten of the choicest of our hardy northern grown roses, all two-year stock at a very low price. One each of the following:

- Frau Karl Druschki
- Paul Neyron
- Red Radiance
- Gen. Jacqueminot
- Bessie Brown
- Ulrich Brunner
- Gruss an Teplitz
- Caroline Testout
- Paul's Scarlet Climber
- White Dorothy Perkins

Our special price for the entire lot, postpaid to you **\$5.10**

IT WILL PAY YOU TO PLANT **PREMIER**

The Best Early Variety From Which Many Growers Are Making \$1,000 Per Acre

Without a doubt Premier is the best all around early berry grown. We wish that our patrons could have seen this wonderful berry in fruiting this year. The vines were a mass of fruit, all went as extra fancy, commanding almost double the price of other sorts. The fruit ripens early and has the longest fruiting season of any variety. It is very firm and an extra heavy yielder. Is a perfect flowering variety and may be set alone or with some others. Plants are large with light

green foliage, thrive and do well in all parts of the country. **Practically frost-proof when blooming.**

The fruit is crimson red clear to the core, perfect in shape and stands shipment to distant markets. **We have the genuine Premier.** So great is the popularity of this wonderful berry that last season we turned back many orders.

If you want the true Premier place your order early. In growing berries for home or commercial uses you should not be without them; we guarantee this variety to please and give you perfect satisfaction. Our prediction of Pre-

Premier

A quart of berries that will appeal to the most critical buyer.

For price see page 39.

A photo of one of our fields of Premier, taken on September 20th, of this many expert strawberry growers from all sections of the United States. Look at the field carefully and note its wonderful regularity of growth, before. Woods in distance will be cleared this winter for next season's

mier as the very best early berry ever introduced has been verified to the fullest extent by the many letters and testimonials received during the past year. We can only publish a few of them. These will tell you of the success our patrons have had.

Look at the quart of berries you see on our front cover. They are beauties, and an actual photograph of a box of Premier strawberries about five or six hours after they were picked. Look at it closely and see the fine condition they are in, perfect in every way. A quart of berries that would appeal to the most critical buyer. Berries that are good enough for a millionaire. A berry that will

sell itself in any market. One that will stand up and keep this appearance for days. Customers that have become acquainted with it will take no other.

We are so thoroughly convinced that **Premier** is the greatest of all early berries that we have planted and taken care of the largest strawberry field in the northern states and have several million **Premier** plants for our customers. This supply will not leave us any surplus and we would ask you to order them as soon as you can and we will reserve and ship same whenever you are ready. We are absolutely certain the **Premier** will be one of the best berries you have ever seen and we back it with our reputation.

\$1,000 PRIZE

We believe Premier, Eaton, and Cooper are three of the very best sorts of strawberries grown. To encourage the production of better varieties, we will give \$1,000.00 for any variety better than any of the above kinds. If you have anything promising, send us in 250 of them for trial, it may mean that you will win this prize.

year. Rows one quarter of a mile long. This field has been visited by who state it is the finest field of strawberry plants they have ever seen. These plants are grown in soil that has never had a strawberry on it crop.

TWO BIG PRODUCING VARIETIES THAT WILL MAKE YOU MONEY

Howard No. 17

A comparatively new variety, which has been growing in a few of the strawberry sections of the East for several years. For some reason it has been kept under cover, and not offered to the strawberry growers. By chance we saw this berry in full fruiting, and were so impressed with it that we immediately bought all the plants that we could which was not very many.

We now have a remarkably fine stock of them, which we know will be enough to allow each one of our patrons to try them out.

Bun Special

We are banking on Bun Special to become very popular. It is one of the early beauties in strawberries, one that is worth while to see, it is a good shipper to near markets, the canning companies like them and make a special bid for them, and even send their own

A Strawberry Whose Producing Qualities are Wonderful.

"The Howard 17 is a berry of the Premier type, staminate, and yields at times 15,000 quarts to the acre. Plants very vigorous with perfect foliage. Berries large, firm, very beautiful and of delicious flavor. Season is very early to late. A strawberry without a fault, one that will solve the variety question for both home use and market. This berry was produced after thirty years of scientific plant breeding, and after 25,000 seedlings had been originated."

A Variety That is Becoming Very Popular.

trucks into the fields to gather them up. We also have a stock at much lower prices, than last year. Be sure to get some, at least one quarter of your new spring setting. If you have local trade for your berries, Bun Special will fill the bill.

The Marvel

Will Succeed Where Others Fail

IS a cross between the Dunlap and Warfield, which should be its best recommendation. The plant is exceedingly vigorous, making a fine picking row on any kind of soil. The plants stand up very tall and somewhat resemble the Dunlap. Is marvelously productive and the enormous size to which the plant grows, with its large crowns and roots, makes it able to

stand the most severe dry weather. Is a male variety. Berries are red clear through and are very firm, making it a very fine variety. The fruit presents an exceptionally fine appearance in the box. Marvel plants are not plentiful, and there are very few who have them at our price. Do not wait too long, or we may be out of them. For price see page 39.

*We Sincerely Believe the Cham-
pion to be the Best of the
Everbearing Sorts*

*F. C. Stahelin
& Son*

The Great New Everbearing Strawberry

CHAMPION

We first offered this wonderful strawberry two years ago, being assured by the originator that this Champion Everbearing Strawberry fulfilled the bill in every particular, that it would out-yield any Everbearer with which the public has ever come in contact, that the berries were larger than any he knew of or ever heard of, that the amount of berries they produced made them the most successful commercial berry. Its nearest competitor in the line of production is the Progressive, which has been

and still is a favorite with many growers, but to those that know and have seen the Champion as we now grow it, the question of supremacy is easily established in favor of same.

Mr. Lubke's statement, made in 1920, which has never been challenged or questioned, and in which he says it broke the United States record by producing from one acre, 352 sixteen quart cases, bringing the grower, in 129 days, \$2057.20, proves it to be the most profitable and prolific Everbearing strawberry. This was

CHAMPION—Continued

done by the originator on a sandy loam soil without irrigation.

We bought our original stock of plants from this heavy growing strain and can guarantee every plant of this wonderful variety to be true to name, healthy and strong. We can see no reason why you cannot do the same, as we have tested and compared this variety with all varieties of known merit and find it absolutely the one very best Everbearing berry, which will commence to bear paying crops about the middle of July, ten weeks after setting.

Just think of it—you will get ripe strawberries just as soon as your first garden truck comes into use. Formerly when we set out strawberry plants we had to wait fourteen months at least, but now they will mature as soon as your peas, tomatoes or most any early truck you usually grow in the garden. Further-

more, these berries produce very plentifully of fine large sized berries, of splendid color and of delicious flavor. As a commercial berry they are desired and recommended.

Any good garden soil will grow them and because of their great productiveness they should receive plenty of help in the way of fertilizers. Prepare your ground for a hundred bushel corn crop and your berries will grow accordingly.

We know you will like this variety better than any you or your friends have ever tried.

We have a large and splendid stock of them for this year's planting and have put forth our best special efforts to produce a plant that will do you and us credit. We have the largest and best stock of them grown anywhere and have put the price within reach of all careful buyers.

You Can Do Likewise

500 Champion Everbearing Strawberry Plants Produced at the Rate of \$812.00 Per Acre this Fall

Read what Mr. Whitlock did with our Champion plants. These produced at the rate of \$812.00 per acre. Had he planted a full acre, the cost of which would not have been over \$100.00, he would have cleared \$712.00.

Naturally he had read our catalog and statements in regard to Champion. His experience has proven that what we said was true. We print his whole letter in full. We have a great many similar letters but are unable to print them through lack of space.

F. C. Stahelin & Son,
Bridgman, Michigan.

Ohio.
November 7, 1923.

Dear Sirs:—

You fellows didn't ask me to write you a friendly sort of letter but I just guess I will do it anyway. I sent my order to you for Cumberland Raspberries one year ago last February and trimmed about 10 feet off of them according to orders; then they put out such a heavy growth they went flat to the ground, but with all of that I sold \$12.00 worth and had all we needed for house use, and now at the present time, they have put out runners 10 to 12 feet long. Now next spring I would like to have them stand up on end after they are trimmed but I don't know how to coax them to do it, do you? There are about 300 of them to coax. Now last spring I got an order of strawberries from you—500 Champion, 500 Gibson, 200 Dunlap. I set them the next day after they arrived and there were just six plants out of the 1200 died, and they hated to. Well they made a wonderful growth and the everlasting bearers, as I call them, commenced fruiting the last of July, and up to November 1st I had picked 120 quarts, then the ground froze three nights in succession just enough to make it stiff and at that time they were still full of green berries and blooms, but they are recovering now from the chill and I think I will get at least enough to make four bushels off the patch. They have proven out all that you said of them in your catalog. My trade spoke highly of them as being so large and sweet for an everbearer. Now honest to goodness, don't you think that was a good yield? I tell my patrons the price will be 40 cents per box through November and 50 cents during the holidays. Why are you going to have them at Christmas? they say. Oh yes! but of course I meant I would have the plants then. Now, Gentlemen, I just wanted you to know direct from me that I am highly pleased with the plants I received from you and hope to be able to send you future orders. I would like to know how to manage those obstreperous raspberry vines. So wishing you in advance a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year in your business, I am

Yours respectfully,

N. C. WHITELOCK.

THE COOPER STRAWBERRY

More Popular Than Ever This Season

See Color Display on Following Page

**This Variety is the Greatest Sensation in the Strawberry World.
Nothing Like It has been Offered to the Public in Years.**

A new variety but lately introduced which has created a great sensation in the strawberry world. It has met with tremendous success from the very start, so much so that the few that were offered last season did not last long on the open market and the demand for plants exceeded the supply ten to one. The COOPER berry is the largest berry grown and a box of them can be easily distinguished at a distance, both by its remarkable size and its wonderfully pretty color, a very dark crimson, with prominent yellow seeds and a nice green calyx.

The flavor of this berry cannot be described faithfully; it is melting and sweet beyond comparison, as a table berry it has no competitor, one that satisfies the most exacting palate, a splendid berry for finest trade. The plant is a strong, vigorous, upright grower and can easily be distinguished from any other. Even the novice can pick out the COOPER plants, which are 10-12 inches high. They look like small stalks of pie plant.

Productiveness

When the berry is ripe it is one solid mass of red berries and a quart of berries can be picked from a very few plants. You don't have to get up and down to fill a few quarts, but can pick them easily within arm's reach. They produce more and larger berries than any we have ever seen. Sixteen quarts from a sixteen foot row is no unusual occurrence; just a few hundred plants will fill all your strawberry wants for both summer and winter.

Season

It is also a medium early berry. Ripens with Dunlap, Bun Special, Haverland, etc., and carries and ripens its immense crop gradually, making its season fairly long. The price of COOPER berries has always been much higher than ordinary kinds on account of its size and fine flavor.

Cooper Plants

The exacting buyer should insist on getting his COOPER plants from the source of its original introduction, which is here. Others may list them, but you run a certain chance of not getting what you order, as the sale and propagation of same has been restricted.

We Know Our Stock is True to Name and You can Rely on Same.

Cooper

*The Biggest
Berry Grower*

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Largest Berries *Fine Flavor Beautiful*

The above illustrations are actual photographs made from the new Cooper strawberry. Note the large plant growth and the productiveness of a single plant of Cooper, also the beautiful color and size of fruit, ten berries completely filling the top of a quart box.

To those who want fancy berries for your trade, we advise that you plant Cooper.

Price reduced this year to \$1.75 per 100; \$12.00 per 1000. For smaller quantities see page 39.

A Box of Cumberland Raspberries. Note the Large Size and Perfect Shape of the Fruit.

Black Raspberries

We grow several kinds which we fully describe in our catalog. All raspberry plants we ship this year will have an inspection certificate showing that they have been thoroughly inspected. This inspection is genuine and real, as the State horticultural college sends out its own graduates, who with plenty of help go up and down each row and if they find a plant that has any symptoms of disease it is at once removed.

These raspberries are gone over twice in this thorough manner insuring absolute freedom from any disease.

As the raspberry industry is threatened in some localities it is predicted that in but a few years of thorough inspection, and planting certified stock, all trouble will be eliminated.

For your own safety and that of others you cannot afford to set stock from diseased fields. We would say to you order your raspberry plants as early as you can. Have them get to you while the soil is moist and cool. We will do our very best to get them to you.

Our soil is ideally perfect for the growing of raspberry plants. You will find the roots long and fibrous, all in splendid shape for re-setting.

We had a splendid growing season with plenty of moisture at all times, which has enabled us to lay down the black raspberry tips

a little earlier than usual and insures plenty of strong plants, in fact we have the best and largest amount it has ever been our good fortune to grow.

There has been an embargo on all shipments of Raspberry plants into the states of Ohio and New York. This has been removed, so all our customers living in these states may order from us now. Every Raspberry shipment that we make carries an inspection certificate, which shows that a double inspection of our stock has been made and that same has been found free from disease.

We have about 400,000 raspberry plants this year. This seems to be quite a lot but when you realize that we ship to forty states it only means 10,000 to each one.

Black Raspberries should have a nice, warm, dry piece of land. One that is quite sandy is best. It requires a light soil to keep black raspberries healthy and to make them bear. As soon as the new growth has attained a height of 2 feet, pinch out the tip of the new growth; hack them off as near the top as you can, cutting off about two inches of new growth. Then in the following spring, just after they show life, trim all of the laterals or new shoots that have come out, so they will be about six inches long. Then you will have a cane that will support itself, and the berries will be larger and of best flavor.

Winfield — The King of Black Raspberries

This great new blackcap after ten years of testing, has proven itself to be one of the greatest varieties ever introduced. Through all these years of testing it has never winter-killed, and the strong cane and root system which it grows, makes the plant a fine drought resister.

In hardiness and productiveness it is unexcelled by any other sort that we know of. The fruiting season is a few days ahead of Cumberland, making it an ideal one to use in connection with this sort, thus extending your picking season over a longer period. The fruit is of enormous size, the plant producing five to

seven great clusters on each cane, and averaging from four to six quarts per bush.

The canes are thrifty, and practically immune from all diseases. The bush is stocky and robust, easily supporting the heavy loads of fruit which they will bear.

To all those who are planning on setting Blackcaps, whether for home use or market, we earnestly urge you to give the Winfield a trial, for it certainly is an exceptional sort. We are one of the few offering Winfield and owing to the scarcity of plants, and wishing as many as possible to try them, we are limiting each order to 250 plants, which is all we can supply to any one party.

Cumberland

The most popular black cap at the present time, because of its great size, firmness and productiveness. The fruit is the largest of the raspberry family, often measuring seven-eighths of an inch in diameter, and is of such handsome appearance that it is sure to bring the top of the market. Cumberland is very hardy and will stand many degrees below zero without injury. We have fruited all of the other varieties, but they all fall away behind the Cumberland. If you trim them back so the stalk will not be more than 2½ feet high and cut the laterals off to six inches in length, you will get fruit that will surprise you and give you the largest picking season of any black raspberry. Cumberland sets so many berries that it is absolutely necessary to give it a severe trimming. It could not hold up the immense load if they should all attain their proper size. See the illustration in color, showing the perfection which the Cumberland attains. The illustration on this page is made from a photograph of our own plants.

HOOSIER. This new variety is one of the finest and most profitable black raspberries on the market. Hoosier will please you and make you big profits. The plants are hardy, do not winter kill, and will mature a good crop. Canes are strong and are proof against anthracnose and other raspberry pests. Hoosier ripens with Cumberland, midseason.

PLUM FARMER. A good cropper of nice large berries. Ripens a few days ahead of the Cumberland, and lengthens the season of shipping. Plants are exceptionally healthy and strong. Berries are of splendid flavor and color. Many growers are planting the Plum Farmer, and are highly pleased with it.

Purple Cap

COLUMBIAN. Are neither red or black, but seem to be half of each. The berries are covered with bloom and present a very enticing appearance when picked. Of very pleasing flavor, good size, and prolific bearer; fairly hardy; succeed on all soils; have met with great favor here. The purple caps produce an enormous quantity of fruit, and since they are becoming better known, are selling well in the large markets.

St. Regis
Everbearing
Raspberries.

A Bunch of Our Cumberland Black Raspberry Plants.

Red Raspberries

EARLY KING. This variety has replaced the Cuthbert berry in all sections where the former has become known. Being a perfect beauty when picked, coming early and fruiting long, it is an immense cropper. The bright red berries, as large as a copper penny, very firm and fine flavored, pick nicely and do not crumble. Becoming too ripe does not affect the color at all. They are indeed a showy fruit, perfectly hardy and healthy in every way. There is more money in raising King Red Raspberries than any cane fruit we know of. We certainly cannot recommend the King too highly.

Early King will outsell any variety with which it comes in competition. Its bright fiery red color, its large uniform size, and its firmness, make it the most desirable raspberry grown. It is a wonderful producer, and has a long season, and is one of the very earliest berries on the market.

CUTHBERT. Late market variety, strong grower, immensely productive fruit, firm, large size, of finest quality; season medium to late; hardy, yielding immense crops. A general favorite.

Everbearing Raspberries

ST. REGIS EVERBEARING RED RASPBERRY. One of the most valuable of all the late introductions in the line of red raspberries; the habit of growth is of a bushy nature; will produce berries the first year in the fall, and a full crop the following spring and again in the fall.

FRSKINE PARK. New Everbearing Raspberry. A good new variety of everbearing Red Raspberry. Is very hardy and large in size. Probably a seedling of Cuthbert, which it resembles in a great many ways. Very desirable for a fall cropper, and our customers should give it a trial.

Cumberland Raspberries.

Cumberland Black Raspberries

The best black raspberry grown. We ship plants safely to every section of the country. Cumberland plants are hardy everywhere. Berries jet black, very large, prolific, fine quality.

Eldorado Blackberries

The Hardy Berry That Withstands
the Severest of Cold Weather

We have grown them for the past ten years, during which time they have never frozen back, or failed to produce a large crop of berries. The berries, which are a beautiful jet black, ripen in large quantities, without red seeds, green tips, or the hard pits in the center found in inferior berries. Eldorado will bear continuously for many years, and even in spite of neglect produce good crops. They respond well to careful culture and repay the grower many times for his care and attention.

Each plant in our fine lot of root-cutting blackberry plants has a well-developed root system of its own. You are certain to get a liberal picking from them the first season after planting. The culture of blackberries is a very simple matter. It is important that they be placed in the ground, at just the depth at which they were grown, preferably in light soil. Trim to a height of two or three feet the following season. It is well to pick out the centers of the plants while they are growing to increase the number of branches. The root-cutting blackberry will cost a little more than the ordinary blackberry, but will more than repay you for the added expense. We have a limited supply of these plants, so advise you to place your orders early.

Eldorado
Blackberries.

Victory Red Raspberry

Coming from the north woods of Michigan, where it originated, makes this berry one of the most hardy of Red Raspberries. It will stand very severe weather, will grow and succeed where many others fail. This remarkable berry is not only hardy and strong, pre-eminent points in its favor, but among other qualities it is a great producer of exceptionally large berries, many of which are nearly an inch in diameter, and is readily shipped to distant markets where it always commands very high prices. On account of its healthfulness and great productiveness, you should get started with this splendid new variety. For price see page 39.

Currants

Currants should be planted in good fertile soil, with liberal manuring, and the tops should be cut back nearly to the crown, allowing only three or four canes to grow the first year. Plant in rows five to six feet apart and three feet apart in the row. Prune more or less every year to get rid of the old wood and keep the bushes open.

FAY'S PROLIFIC. The leading market variety. Extra large stems and berries, uniform in size, easily picked; productive. The demand always exceeds the supply.

LONDON MARKET. A particularly valuable variety for northern climates as it is planted extensively in Michigan and is regarded as one of the very best for that state. The plant is extremely hardy and vigorous and retains its foliage throughout the season. Beautiful in color, large in size and a very heavy cropper. Ships well and is excellent for market, either near or distant.

PERFECTION CURRANT. The latest introduction created by crossing Fay's Prolific with White Grape, combines the best qualities of both parents. In color it is a beautiful bright red and of a size larger than Fay; the clusters average longer and size of berries is uniform.

WILDER. Clusters above medium length and berries large, bright red, of excellent quality, with mild, sub-acid flavor; ripens early and is a good keeper. For price see page 39.

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London Market,
Currants, 39 9/13

Blackberries—Two Best Varieties

Our transplanted blackberries are better than ever this year. They are sure to prove satisfactory and are meeting with great success. They fill the bill, where you want blackberries soon. Most every plant bears some the first year and it takes but a little while until you have a field in full bearing. They succeed on most any soil that is not water soaked. They do fine in hilly places and a sandy soil seems to be their choice.

We have a splendid lot this spring, and are offering these plants to you at very low prices considering such fine stock. These plants should give you a full crop the second year from planting. Get a good start in blackberries this year.

Blackberries should be planted about 4 feet apart and with rows 7 feet wide, requiring about 1,800 plants per acre. The blackberry root likes to get down in the ground away from the surface, where it gathers those elements that are necessary for a crop of berries. If the soil is wet, its roots can only be on top, and a little dry spell cuts the crop. Can be grown without much trouble; are very easy to start. Simply make a hole with a spade and set the plant; put it in the ground fully as deep or a trifle more than it had been. For nice, fancy fruit it is quite necessary that you do not leave too much wood.

Eldorado

Stands at the head of the list. They never freeze back in Michigan, and we hardly know how cold it will have to be to

kill them. They do well in the cold Northwest, where the cold is intense. They have replaced the Snyder being twice as large and wonderfully productive. Are of fine quality, firm and good shippers, and for cold regions have no superior, doing equally as well in the warmer sections. Need no winter protection. An acre of Eldorado blackberries will thrive for many years and realize from one to three hundred dollars.

There are but few firms that are offering Eldorado plants of any kind. This berry is very scarce and on account of its many splendid qualities it is a favorite berry to plant. When eating this berry you are reminded of those luscious large berries you sometimes come across when you are picking wild blackberries. It has no pit or core, can be eaten out of the hand without any sugar or fixings, makes a splendid pie, a healing cordial for colds and so on. It picks easily and has a wonderfully long picking season. If you have never had the pleasure of eating a dish of ripe Eldorado Blackberries you certainly have missed something great. **DO NOT DELAY YOUR ORDER FOR BLACKBERRY PLANTS.**

Blower

Mammoth early ironclad blackberry. Exceptionally sweet, rich and luscious. Canes of strong, upright habit, always strong enough to support the great crop of berries; bears regularly every year in any climate. A midseason berry, following the Early Harvest.

Lucretia Dewberry—A Big Money Maker

The only real good Dewberry on the market which is good for all purposes, it being very productive, of extra large size, earlier than any of the rest, will grow and thrive on very light soil and live for many years. If you live in a locality where your thermometer registers seven degrees below zero, you can easily prevent the vines from winter killing by laying them down on the ground and covering them with straw, which can be held in place with just a few shovelfuls of earth. Then in the spring they can be taken up and tied to wires which are

fastened just like a grape trellis, but not as high, something like three feet high is about right. Dewberries make a good addition to your blackberry list, you will like them as well or better for all uses than the common run of blackberries, and, ripening early, you get the advantage of higher prices; as the berry is much larger you can pick a crate quicker. They are practically free from all diseases. Our plants are fine and Michigan grown. Add to your income by planting Dewberries.

Asparagus

MARTHA WASHINGTON. We recommend this variety very highly to our customers. A complete description and color engraving on next page.

PALMETTO. Standard among the asparagus shippers is the Palmetto. This strain grows to mammoth proportions, and very even in size; the shoots are slightly tinted with pink, and are tender to an unusual length. No one will be disappointed with the productiveness and fine edible qualities of the Palmetto Asparagus.

CONOVER'S COLOSSAL. This sort is one of the largest and most extensively used green varieties. Short bright green, sometimes tinged with purple at the top, very tender and of the best quality.

NOTE. Asparagus roots are very peculiar; when we ship them we do not aim to put any packing on them. They will keep for months laid out on a shelf exposed to open air without a bit of moist packing material. Anybody can make them grow.

Gooseberries

As to the soil, cultivation, etc., all that we have said concerning the currant applies to the gooseberry. Who, that is acquainted with its different uses and knows the delights of a gooseberry pie, would ever again willingly be without this most healthful of all fruits? Plants are two years old.

DOWNING. Originated at Newberg, N. Y. Fruit much larger than Houghton; roundish, light green, with distinct veins; skin smooth; flesh soft, juicy and very fine flavored.

HOUGHTON. Vigorous American sort; very productive; free from mildew; fruit medium, roundish, smooth, pale red color; tender, sweet

and of a delicious flavor; very profitable for canning and catsup. See prices, page 39.

Please Notice

Owing to Federal restrictions we cannot ship Currants or Gooseberries into the following states:

Arizona	Nevada	South Carolina
California	North Dakota	South Dakota
Colorado	Nebraska	Texas
Idaho	New Mexico	Georgia
Kansas	New Hampshire	Utah
Louisiana	Oregon	Washington
Montana	Oklahoma	West Virginia

SEE PAGE 39 FOR PRICES.

GRAPES ARE NOW IN GREATER DEMAND THAN EVER

Our Mr. C. A. Stahelin showing the root system of our Concord, One-year, XXX, Grape Plants. See Page 39 For Prices.

We have grown Grapes successfully for a number of years. When we first commenced to grow commercially, we were warned not to go into it very heavily, as our vines would have to compete with the New York product, which had become famous through its possession for many years of an undisputed market. Their plants were known and the general consensus of opinion was that only New York could successfully grow a fancy grape plant.

Things have changed materially in the past five years. Today Michigan is supplying as many or more grape plants than any other state, and Berrien County grows them to perfection. Many New York buyers come here to get their supplies.

We have at this writing nearly one-half million of fancy grape plants for our spring trade. The plants are fine with splendid roots. We dig them with tractor power which goes deep into the ground and gets all the roots intact.

If you wish we will cut them off for you to the right length, about 15 inches for general planting. In shortening the roots the plant becomes quite a bit lighter and can be packed in a much smaller box, which means the saving of some express charges.

Most experienced growers trim the roots before planting same, claiming they will do better thereby.

We can ship grape plants in the fall if you need them, but most vineyards are set in the springtime.

In propagating grape plants we grow the hardy varieties, those vines that do not winter-kill, under ordinary circumstances.

There have been but very few new varieties introduced successfully in late years and we predict that Concord will be popular for all time to come.

The demand for grapes is getting better every year. Should be planted eight by twelve, requiring about 456 vines per acre. Grapes are very tempting fruit, and can be grown in any locality. Should receive regular trimming, cutting off all the new growth but four laterals, two each side of the main stalk, and these trellised on the wire so they nearly meet the laterals reaching from the next vine, making it one continuous line, one on each wire; no side shoots of any kind. This is the Michigan way, and we raise many thousand carloads of grapes in this (Berrien) county. The grape will make jelly, jam, preserves, cordial, vinegar, and grape juice, besides being valuable for other table uses. It responds readily to good cultivation and fertilizing. See varieties and descriptions on next page.

CONCORD

Best of the Blue Grapes

A large blue-black grape, ripens in the northern states about the middle of September. A vigorous grower, the standard of productiveness and hardiness all over the country. We advise setting Concord for main crop. They are an excellent grape and will please you. They will outbear any other variety, and when ripe are of best flavor; stand shipping to long distances, and many carloads from here go to Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, and other states.

The Concord grape is the most popular grape grown today. Succeeds everywhere. Is the hardiest and most prolific of bearers; bunches are compact and extra large. The berries are large, round, almost black with a beautiful blue bloom; juicy and very sweet. Nine-tenths of all commercial plantings are of Concord.

Concord grapes will grow anywhere, rock, sand, clay, any soil that is not too wet. Anywhere any tree will grow, a grape will grow and thrive and in a few years will be in full bearing and will live and thrive for the ordinary man's lifetime. We predict that the acreage can be trebled and still the demand will exceed the supply. You can grow any hoed crop among your grape settings the first year.

We have an immense stock and can supply both one- and two-year plants for commercial planting. Our price is right for we are growers and not jobbers and can furnish the best for the least price.

THREE-YEAR CONCORDS.

We have a nice lot of Concord grape vines that have been replanted several times for those that want quick results. These vines should bear quite a crop the first year after setting. These are nice, large, thrifty vines. Price, 75c each; \$8.00 per dozen.

Concord Grapes.

MOORE'S EARLY.
The earliest good, sweet grape grown. Berries and clusters very large, of jet black color. Will sell

in any market above ordinary kinds. A splendid grape for table use. Succeeds well in most localities. Does not winter-kill and needs no special protection.

SALEM (Red). A splendid grape with clusters often weighing one pound or more. Greatly resembles the California grape. Clusters firm and compact; a most splendid table grape. Vines are very healthy and hardy, the fruit ripening about one week ahead of the Concord.

DELAWARE (Red). A choice table variety, and deserves a place in every vineyard or garden. Bunches and berries small but compactly set; light red with violet bloom; sugary and delicious. Early.

NIAGARA (White). The most popular white grape in existence. Fruit large and very productive; a good grower; ripening same season as Concord; equally good.

Martha Washington

The New Rust-Resistant Asparagus.

This new pedigree rust-resistant Asparagus is the result of breeding by the United States Bureau of Plant Industry which co-operated with the Massachusetts Agricultural Experimental Station in perfecting and producing this wonderful variety. These experiments covered a period of fourteen years before they succeeded in getting a sort which they thought was the acme of perfection. The stalks are extra large as to size and purple in color. The heads are very solid and compact, this always commanding a better price than the common sorts. This new variety grows very fast and comes up exceedingly thick in the rows, producing a very heavy crop.

We want every lover of Asparagus to try the Martha Washington Asparagus.

Warning! A great many are offering this variety cheap, if so, it is not the true Martha Washington. Buy your plants of a reliable dealer, pay a fair price and get what you are ordering.

Martha Washington Asparagus.

Hardy Ornamental Shrubs

We are offering a fine lot of ornamental shrubs and vines to our customers this season, owing to the large number of calls that we have for them from customers who have been buying Stahelin's plants. Our ornamentals are all of the finest quality and grown under the same conditions that has made our fruit plants famous all over the world. We have the soil and climate that make good stock and our northern location makes the very hardiest of shrubs. A few dollars spent for vines, trees, or roses will add hundreds of dollars in value to your property, simply by improving the appearance; and we know of no investment where the putting in of a little money will give more complete satisfaction than in purchasing a few shrubs and vines that will beautify your home or surroundings. The items that we list are of the finest quality, fully guaranteed and in buying your wants from Stahelin you are sure of getting only that which we know to be the best.

NOTICE. If stock is wanted in larger lots than we have them priced, write us and we can furnish all stock listed in large quantities at better prices.

ALTHEA (Hibiscus or Rose of Sharon). 6 to 10 feet. This is one of our best known shrubs and is a general favorite because of its free-flowering habit, and because it blooms late in the season when most of the other shrubs are through flowering. It is also valuable as a hedge plant. Furnished in white, purple and red. (See color picture, page 33).

BARBERRY, Thunberg's or Japanese. 3 to 4 feet. Small yellow blossoms in May. Foliage small and very dense, turning to brilliant hues in the fall. Red berries following blossoms hang on bushes all winter. A very desirable shrub for mass planting or hedges.

BUDDLEIA (Butterfly Bush or Summer Lilac). 4 to 6 feet. Produces an abundance of showy, fragrant flowers from August to October. Flowers rosy-purple with deep orange eye. Quick, bushy growth. One of the most popular shrubs. (See color picture, page 33).

DEUTZIA, *Pride of Rochester*. 6 to 8 feet. Blooms in May before the others. Flowers large, double and white with back of petals tinged with rose. Very free-flowering. Hardy

and deservedly popular. (See color picture, page 33).

DEUTZIA, *Lemoinei*. 2 to 4 feet. A very good, low-growing shrub. Large flowers of pure white, borne in panicles on stout branches. A very vigorous grower and heavy bloomer. Makes a nice flowering hedge.

FORSYTHIA (*Golden Bell*). 6 to 8 feet. The first of all shrubs to blossom in the spring. Blossoms appear before the leaves and literally cover the bush with golden yellow. A very striking picture when in bloom. (See color picture, page 33).

HYDRANGEA, *Arborescens Grandiflora* (*Hills of Snow*). 3 to 4 feet. Very large round blossoms of pure white. July to September. Excellent for borders and foundation work. (See color picture, page 33).

HYDRANGEA, *Paniculata Grandiflora*. 4 to 6 feet. Large cone-shaped panicles of bloom. Creamy white turning to pink, reddish and green in the fall. August to late fall. Fine for tall hedges and should be severely pruned every year as the bloom comes on the new growth.

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LONICERA, Fragrantissima (Chinese Fragrant Bush Honeysuckle). 3 to 4 feet. Bright and pretty pink flowers in early spring followed by showy berries that last through the fall. Very attractive and desirable.

LONICERA, Morrowii (Japanese Bush Honeysuckle). 4 to 6 feet. A shrub with wide-spreading branches; leaves dark green above and grayish beneath; creamy white flowers in May and June, followed by bright red berries. Very decorative.

PYRUS, Ioensis Bechteli (Bechtel's Flowering Crab). 10 to 12 feet. Large double flowers, resembling roses, delicate pink and very fragrant. A very large shrub, almost a tree. Blooms in early spring.

PHILADELPHUS, Grandiflora (Syringa—Mock Orange). 6 to 10 feet. Foliage particularly pleasing. Dark, roundish leaves. Large, showy white flowers with yellow centers.

PHILADELPHUS, Lemoinei (Lemoine's Mock Orange). 4 to 5 feet. This is a choice variety, very graceful with slender branches. Fragrant, pure white flowers in clusters in June. A very desirable shrub for home plantings.

Leaves and Fruit of Japanese Barberry.

Bechtel's Flowering Crab.

SPIREA, Van Houttei (Bridal Bower). 4 to 6 feet. The grandest of all the Spiraea and perhaps the most popular of all shrubs. In May and June this shrub is a mass of white blossoms and attracts great attention. Should be pruned after blossoming to secure the finest bloom the next year. Handsome bluish-green foliage on gracefully arching branches. Makes a handsome flowering hedge. Absolutely hardy.

SPIREA, Anthony Waterer 2 to 3 feet. A dwarf shrub, very free flowering, with bright crimson flowers. Foliage somewhat variegated with crimson, white and yellow. Blooms about July. Especially valuable as it blooms when most of the shrubs are past the flowering stage. Makes a desirable low-growing hedge.

Mock Orange—Philadelphus.

Spiraea Van Houttei.

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Diervilla—Weigela Rosea.

SPIREA, Billiardii, 5 to 6 feet. Erect growing bush with dense heads of bright pink flowers in July and August. Desirable for dry situations or hillsides.

VIBURNUM, Opulus Sterile (Old-fashioned Snowball). 10 to 12 feet. Popular and well known. Blooms a solid mass of white in May.

VIBURNUM, Plicatum (Japanese Snowball). 6 to 8 feet. Erect and very compact. Purple tinted foliage with flowers of snowy white in June. Surpasses the common snowball in both foliage and flower. (See color picture, page 33).

VIBURNUM, Lantana (Wayfaring Tree). 10 to 12 feet. A very large and healthy shrub. Foliage large, silvery beneath. Large clusters of white flowers in May, followed by red berries turning to black in autumn.

WEIGELA, Eva Rathke, 6 to 8 feet. A charming shrub with bright crimson flowers of a beautiful distinct shade. Blooms practically all summer.

WEIGELA, Rosea, 6 to 8 feet. A tall-growing, vigorous sort, having beautiful pink flowers in June and at intervals during the summer. A very popular shrub.

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Parcel Post Rates

Figure the Postage on Your Order from This Table

FOR EACH 100 PLANTS OF—	Michigan Ohio Indiana Illinois Iowa Wisconsin	Minnesota Pennsylvania Missouri New York Kentucky West Virginia	All Other States East of Rocky Mountains	All States West of Rocky Mountains
Strawberries	\$0.10	\$0.20	\$0.30	\$0.40
Red Raspberries	.15	.30	.40	.50
Black Raspberries	.20	.40	.50	.65
Blackberries	.20	.40	.50	.65
Dewberries	.20	.40	.50	.65
Asparagus	.10	.20	.30	.40
For Each Dozen—				
Grapes, 1 year	.10	.20	.30	.40
Grapes 2 year	.15	.30	.40	.50
Currants	.20	.40	.50	.65
Gooseberries	.20	.40	.50	.65
Rhubarb	.25	.45	.60	.75

The Splendid Effect Gained by the Use of Spirea Van Houttei, Japanese Barberry, and Other Plants as a Foundation Planting.

Clematis Paniculata.

HALL'S HONEYSUCKLE VINE. A vigorous grower and continuous blooming Honeysuckle. Flowers very fragrant, opening white, changing to cream. Foliage remaining green throughout the winter.

Clematis

Of all the different vines used, either for decoration or shade, there are none that can compare with Clematis in its many forms. For garden walks, for training on arbors, or massing on rocks, it has no rival among the flowering plants.

PANICULATA. One of the best and most beautiful of the hardy garden vines. Flowers of medium size, fragrant and pretty. A luxuriant grower and heavy bloomer.

HENRYI. Flowers large, of a beautiful creamy white. A fine and continuous bloomer.

JACKMANII. Very popular for general planting. Heavy bloomer; flowers intensive violet-purple color, 4 to 6 inches in diameter.

ANDRE. Flowers bright velvety red, blooming constantly and freely.

Berberis Thunbergii—Japanese Barberry.

Hardy Climbing Vines

This class of plants is used for the purpose of covering any unsightly objects, as a fence, old outbuilding, or for the purpose of beautifying your home, arbor, summer house, or other places, and we know of nothing else that will give the pleasing effect that these creeping vines will give to bare walls or other places as they will. These plants are very hardy and do not need to be taken down during the winter. When planting to cover some object, put them about 2 to 3 feet apart, cutting back the plant severely. The varieties that we list are the best and our stock is of extra fine quality and size.

ENGLISH IVY. An excellent, rapid-growing vine. Glossy green in color. Excellent for covering walls in shady or cool places.

BOSTON IVY. This beautiful vine is best for clinging to smooth brick walls. Leaves small and overlapping each other, and form a dense sheet. Foliage changes to brilliant orange and red in fall.

AMERICAN IVY. Has large heavy leaves, making fine shade. Of great beauty when changing to scarlet in the fall. One of the best to grow on stumps or rocks.

CHINESE WISTARIA. Has long clusters of pale blue flowers in May or June. Grows 15 to 20 feet in a season. Very rampant grower.

Hall's Honeysuckle.

Ornamental Hedges

BERBERIS THUNBERGII (Japanese Barberry). Perhaps the most popular of hedges where the effect of beautiful foliage is desired. Is dwarf-growing, uniformly bushy and rounded in form. Foliage changes with weather conditions; the fall paints the leaves scarlet and loads the branches with countless red berries.

CALIFORNIA PRIVET. A quick growing, strong shrub, yet is very easy to control by the use of shears or knife, to any desired shape. Very easy to grow in any soil; will grow in partial shade. Rich leathery green foliage, turning to purple in autumn.

AMOR RIVER PRIVET (North). Glossy, green foliage; half-evergreen. Will grow to great height if not trimmed. Is absolutely the hardiest hedge grown.

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Hydrangea Arborescens.

Althea—Hibiscus, Rose of Sharon.

Deutzia, Pride of Rochester.

Forsythia—Golden Bell.

Spirea, Anthony Waterer.

SHRUBS

Will Make Your Home Attractive and Increase Its Value

THE permanent value and beauty of Deciduous Shrubs were never better understood and appreciated than at the present time. The charm and grace they lend to the home grounds is invaluable, and, if judicious selection is made, it is possible to have a continuous succession of bloom from early in April, when the Forsythia displays its brilliant golden flowers to welcome the returning birds, to the days when the frost again nips the flowers of the very latest to bloom. In our descriptions we endeavor to indicate the height of the bush at maturity, the time of its blooming, in this latitude, and the color of its flowers.

Buddleia—Butterfly Bush.

Japanese Snowball—Viburnum Plicatum.

We are prepared to fill large orders for all kinds of shrubbery at prices that are right. Our stock is the very best, it is hardy and well acclimated. Judiciously planted and taken care of, it will prove a good permanent investment.

Peonies

For some time past we have been devoting a great deal of our time to this line of flowers. The Peony will give the largest returns with the least care that we know of, but if taken proper care of the results are well worth all the extra attention given to them. Our line of varieties, while not the largest, consists of most of the best, although we have a number of extremely high priced sorts that we are not listing, feeling that the moderate priced varieties will do just as well as the higher ones and be more satisfactory to the buyer. Peonies should not be planted where water stands in the spring, plant in places where they may get the full benefit of the sun. Use good soil, fertilize every two or three years, being careful not to let any manure come in actual contact with the crown, as this will cause decay to set in. Set plant so that the small pink buds are about two inches under surface of soil. Keep well cultivated until middle of July.

If desired by parcel post, add 5c for each plant to pay postage, if no postage is sent they will be shipped by express.

FESTIVA MAXIMA. One of the best whites in existence. Blooms often 6 to 8 inches in diameter with very long stems. Very fragrant. Undoubtedly the best early white. 50c each; 3 for \$1.35; 10 for \$4.00.

DUCHESSE de NEMOURS. Sulphur white blossoms fading to pure white. Blossoms early and a good cut flower variety. 50c each; 3 for \$1.35; 10 for \$4.00.

ALBERT CROUSSE. Very large. Salmon-pink, flecked with crimson. Late blooming. 60c each.

DUCHESSE d'ORLEANS. Medium to large. Dark pink guards, center soft pink interspersed with salmon. Midseason. Fragrant and a profitable cut flower. 50c each; 3 for \$1.35; 10 for \$4.00.

FELIX CROUSSE. Rich ruby-red, bomb type. Midseason. Blooms freely. 50c each; 3 for \$1.35; 10 for \$4.00.

Festiva Maxima.

EDULIS SUPERBA. Dark pink; large and of good form. Crown type. Very early, strong, vigorous; blooms early. 50c each; 3 for \$1.35; 10 for \$4.00.

M. JULES ELIE. A beautiful lilac-pink, said to be the largest of all Peonies. A very fine variety, which we highly recommend. 75c each; 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.50.

LOUIS VAN HOUTTE. Bright red. Blooms semi-double on large, upright stems. 50c each; 3 for \$1.35; 10 for \$4.00.

BOULE DE NEIGE. Very dainty and beautiful, white flecked crimson. Midseason. 75c each; 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.50.

QUEEN VICTORIA. A white variety of large size, with broad outer petals; center petals marked with red. Medium early; good cut variety. 50c each; 3 for \$1.35; 10 for \$4.00.

Edulis Superba.

Bridgman Nursery Co. Jericho, Vt.
Dear Sirs:— May 17, 1923.

Received strawberries O. K. Thank you very kindly. No. 2633.

Yours truly,
C. H. VASTERLING.

Bridgman Nursery Co., Frankfort, Mich.
Bridgman, Mich. May 10, 1923.
Dear Sirs:—

I received the raspberry and strawberry plants on the 17th, and am pleased with the healthy-looking plants; not a poor one in the bunch. The strawberries I got from you in 1922 are in fine condition, none better in the country.

Best wishes for your future.

Yours truly,
GEO. S. DAVEY.

Gladioli

This class of flowers is today the most popular of the summer-flowering bulbs. Gladioli will last longer than any other cut flower that we know of and when in full bloom certainly are a sight. They need no special care or attention to come into their fullest perfection and once planted are a constant source of pleasure and delight. In the northern states we advise planting any time from the middle of April on, and if planted a week apart will give the grower flowers until snow flies. Gladioli will bloom about sixty days after planting. Any soil which is fertile and not too heavy will grow them. Should be set 2 to 4 inches deep and 4 to 6 inches in the rows. Plantings may be made in single rows or beds, just as the planter wishes.

Gladioli are especially desirable, as they alternate very nicely with Cannas, Roses, or Dahlias. We are listing only the most popular and better known varieties, feeling that our customers would rather have the known and tried kinds in preference to the newer sorts. Any of the varieties that we have listed are good and will succeed and produce very fine flowers if given ordinary care.

If desired by parcel post, add 10c for 12; 40c per 100 bulbs.

MRS. FRANK PENDLETON. A magnificent variety, producing large, well expanded flowers; light pink, heavily blotched with blood-red in throat. 8c each; 75c per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.

SCHWABEN. Extremely showy. Color a pure canary-yellow, shaded sulphur. The golden yellow throat slightly blotched with aster purple tongue on lower petal; flower spikes are tall and strong, numerous and well set. 10c each; \$1.00 per doz.; \$7.50 per 100.

PEACE. A grand white flower, very large with pale violet feathering on inferior petals. Flowers grow on tall, graceful spikes. Should be planted early, as it blooms late. 8c each; 80c per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.

MRS. FRANCIS KING. A very beautiful flame pink. Immense flowers, growing on spikes sometimes four feet high. A magnificent variety. 7c each; 75c per doz.; \$5.00 per 100.

HALLEY. A very attractive early blooming sort, similar in type to Mrs. Francis King. Flowers are large and of delicate salmon-pink. 8c each; 75c per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.

AMERICA. Perhaps one of the most popular of Gladioli. Flowers are of immense size and of wax-like texture. Color beautiful soft flesh-pink, slightly tinged with lavender. 6c each; 50c per doz.; \$4.00 per 100.

PANAMA. A somewhat darker pink than America; flowers larger with wax-like appearance. Very popular. 8c each; 80c per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.

ROEM VAN KENNEMERLAND. True rose in color. A wonderful flower of highest quality. 8c each; 80c per doz.; \$6.00 per 100.

MRS. WATT. Most beautiful kind, displaying many open flowers at one time. Color glowing American Beauty shade of red. Very fine sort. 10c each; \$1.00 per doz.; \$8.00 per 100.

CHICAGO WHITE. A comparatively new variety. Tall, straight stems. Blooms very early with flowers of pure white with faint lavender streaks on lower petals. 10c each; \$1.00 per doz.; \$7.50 per 100.

L'Immaculee.

PRINCE OF WALES. Very attractive, very popular for early cutting. Color of petals is of apricot buff, with throat markings of a deeper tone. Eight or ten blooms open at one time on extremely long spikes. 10c each; \$1.00 per doz.; \$7.50 per 100.

BARON JOS. HULOT. One of the very finest blue Gladioli. Really a very fine sort, being the only true blue Gladiolus known. 10c each; \$1.00 per doz.; \$8.00 per 100.

WILBRINK. Very early flowering. Immense blooms of finest flesh pink upon a graceful spike. A variety which we recommend to everyone. 10c each; \$1.00 per doz.; \$8.00 per 100.

LE MARECHAL FOCH. Early pink. One of the very best of the newest Gladioli. Many giant flowers open at one time. Color is of finest salmon-pink on very strong stem and plant. 10c each; \$1.00 per doz.; \$8.00 per 100.

L'IMMACULEE. A pure white variety, having long, full spikes of well set blooms. A very fine sort. 15c each; \$1.50 per doz.; \$10.00 per 100.

STAHELIN'S GOLD MEDAL COLLECTION FOR \$1.00

To consist of one each of gladioli illustrated on this page and six others of our selection. If wanted by mail add 10 cents for postage.

Mrs.
Frank
Pendleton

America

Baron
Hulot

Mrs. Frances
King

Chicago
White

Schwaben

MRS. DR. NORTON. The sensation among Gladioli. Has very large flowers, creamy white or tinted soft pink. End of petals showing a slightly deeper shade. This variety has been the sensation at the American Gladiolus Society Show the last six years. 20c each; \$2.00 per doz.; \$15.00 per 100.

EVELYN KIRTLAND. Flowers rosy-pink, dark at edges and dimming to shell pink at center. Brilliant scarlet blotches on lower petals. 12c each; \$1.25 per doz.

MARY PICKFORD. An extraordinary flower with spike of most delicate creamy-white. It is an easy forcer, a splendid bouquet type.

Has very good cutting stems. 25c each; \$2.50 per doz.; \$20.00 per 100.

HERADA. Large blossoms of beautiful mauve, very striking. Blooms of immense size on tall straight spikes. 15c each; \$1.50 per doz.; \$12.00 per 100.

ANNA EBERIUS. A new variety that is coming into great popularity. Deep velvety purple, throat deeper shade with large flowers on tall spike. 25c each; \$2.50 per doz.

WAR. A deep blood red, shaded crimson-black with wide open flowers. We recommend it very highly. 10c each; \$1.00 per doz.

1. Clio.
2. Los Angeles.
3. White Killarney.
4. Alexander Hill Gray.
5. Radiance.
6. Bessie Brown.
7. Ulrich Brunner.
8. Paul Neyron.
9. Gruss an Teplitz.
10. Frau Karl Druschki.

See next page for description and prices.

Roses

See Color Plate on Preceding Page.

Our Hardy Northern Grown Roses Will Bloom the First Year

Classification: (T.) Tea; (H. T.) Hybrid Tea; (H. P.) Hybrid Perpetual.

Among all of the flowering shrubs that make for beauty, ornamentation or grace, we know of none which is better than the Rose. There are Roses for every purpose, hedges, borders, arbors, and porches, and Hybrid Teas and Perpetuals for the garden. Roses require a great deal of sunlight and should be planted with this in mind, also in some sections a little protection is needed, and for this purpose leaves, straw or strawy manure may be used. Prune before planting and cut back every spring before the buds begin to swell.

Roses will thrive and do well in any fertile soil, and if given an occasional soaking with weak manure water during the blooming season, the effect will soon be shown.

When plants are received, if they seem dry, they should be well soaked in water before planting, being careful not to have the roots come in contact with the air any more than can be helped, as a little neglect at this time may mean the loss of the plant.

Our Roses are all field grown, 2-year No. 1 stock, and are not to be confused with the small potted stock, grown in greenhouses.

If desired by parcel post, add 5c per plant to pay postage.

ALEXANDER HILL GRAY. (T.) Of deep lemon color. A very fragrant variety and a Tea Rose of remarkable beauty. 60c each; 3 for \$1.65; 10 for \$5.00.

BESSIE BROWN. (H. T.) Flesh pink, almost white. Flower of good size, borne on long stems. Very fragrant and a most desirable Rose. Healthy and vigorous. 60c each; 3 for \$1.65; 10 for \$5.00.

CAROLINE TESTOUT. (H. P.) One of the old favorites. Very seldom out of bloom. Light salmon-pink with edges of silvery-rose. 60c each; 3 for \$1.65; 10 for \$5.00.

SUNBURST. (H. T.) Orange-copper or golden orange, all of very bright shades. A giant Rose, long stems, vigorous and healthy. 75c each; 3 for \$2.00; 10 for \$6.00.

CLIO. (H. P.) A flesh pink with a light shading of rosy-pink at center. One of the most vigorous growers. Very hardy. 60c each; 3 for \$1.65; 10 for \$5.00.

FRAU KARL DRUSCHKI. (H. P.) Considered one of the very best of white Roses. The distinctive form and expression of buds when in maturity is a revelation of exquisite charm and beauty. Is the largest and most beautiful of all the white Roses which can be grown in a northern climate. 60c each; 3 for \$1.65; 10 for \$5.00.

GEN. JACQUEMINOT. (H. P.) This variety is one of the old and reliable reds, being crimson-scarlet in color. One of the greatest Roses, being noted for its very rich color. 60c each; 3 for \$1.65; 10 for \$5.00.

PAUL NEYRON. (H. P.) This variety is perhaps the largest good hardy Rose in cultivation, furnishing a quantity of uniformly-shaped flowers four to six inches across. Has an extremely long blooming season, from June until November. Color is a bright fresh ruby-pink. 60c each; 3 for \$1.65; 10 for \$5.00.

MARSHALL P. WILDER. (H. P.) Deep velvety crimson. Extra strong, hardy bush. 60c each; 3 for \$1.65; 10 for \$5.00.

GEN. McARTHUR. (H. T.) Crimson-scarlet. Perfumed very heavily. A good red for cutting or bedding. 60c each; 3 for \$1.65; 10 for \$5.00.

Marshall P. Wilder Rose.

ULRICH BRUNNER. (H. P.) Light red. Large cup shape flowers. A very good hybrid perpetual. 60c each; 3 for \$1.65; 10 for \$5.00.

LOS ANGELES. (H. T.) We offer this splendid new Rose for the first time and as our stock is limited, we urge our customers to order early. We give the originator's description as follows: "Los Angeles is by all odds one of the finest Roses ever introduced. Growth very vigorous, producing a continuous succession of long-stemmed flowers of a luminous flame pink, toned with coral and shaded with translucent gold at the base of petals. In richness of fragrance it equals in intensity the finest of Roses. The buds are long and pointed, expanding into a flower of mammoth proportions." \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50; 10 for \$7.50.

RADIANCE. (H. T.) Color is of carmine-rose, shaded with opal and copper. Very hardy and prolific, making it one of the best all-around garden Roses. 60c each; 3 for \$1.65; 10 for \$5.00.

RED RADIANCE. (H. P.) Hardy, vigorous and very prolific. A brilliant crimson. One of the best garden Roses. 60c each; 3 for \$1.65; 10 for \$5.00.

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