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Descriptive Catalog
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STRAWBERRY PLANTS
ASPARAGUS ROOTS, ETC.

MASTODON
THE WONDERFUL NEW EVERBEARING STRAWBERRY

BASIL PERRY
GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE

STRAWBERRY PLANTS

PREMIER—Extra early. In Premier we offer you the greatest extra early strawberry of all time. However, the early ripening of this variety is only one of its many good features. It is immensely productive and unlike other early ripening strawberries the fruit produced by Premier is of the very finest quality, color, texture and flavor and last but not least every berry is large in size and uniform in shape. For every purpose that a strawberry is wanted Premier is supreme—eating, canning, preserving, local or distant market—no other variety can give you any more pleasure, satisfaction or profit. Premier succeeds everywhere and never fails to give a big crop of the very finest berries. It is frost-proof, drouth-proof, and even fool-proof—producing its customary big load of fruit even under the most unfavorable conditions. The foliage is tough and healthy and grows tall and rank, covering the blossoms and berries and protecting them from frost and scalding sun. Premier can stand more frost at blooming period than any variety we have ever grown during our whole life experience in growing strawberries and due to this fact it is known by many as a frost-proof strawberry.

HOWARD NO. 17—This berry is exactly the same as Premier. We have kept our original stock separate for those who wish to try it for themselves, but we know it is the same in every respect. No higher place can be given it.

BIG JOE—Also known as Joe Johnson. One of the best, if not the best, of the mid-season to late varieties, and the kind to plant if you want a big crop of fancy berries. The plants are exceedingly vigorous and make fine fruiting beds on any soil that will produce strawberries. Makes good under nearly all conditions. Berries are firm, bright red in color, almost perfect in shape, of very large size and produced in great abundance for so large a berry. Sells for top prices. It is a fine table berry, and I can recommend it for home use or for distant market. For profit, plant Big Joe; it is distinctly a money-maker.

CORSICAN—Mid-season. Very large and productive, of a rich melting flavor, plants strong and well rooted. Extensively grown in the northern states.

SUCCESS—Mid-season. One of the best mid-season varieties. Makes wonderful yields on any soil that will produce strawberries of any kind. Fruit is large to extra large, bright scarlet color; flavor is mild, sweet and rich.

LUPTON—Late. One of the largest and most handsome berries we have ever seen. The plant is a vigorous grower and produces strong, healthy foliage. They are very productive and as stated above the berries are beautiful—they are uniformly large, bright red in color; with a large green cap which makes them doubly attractive. The berries are firm and will carry as well as any variety we have ever seen.

CHESAPEAKE—Late. One of the handsomest and best flavored varieties. Nearly as late as Gandy, larger and just as firm, much more productive and without green tips. Berries are uniform in size and shape and are bright crimson in color.

PARSON'S BEAUTY (Gibson)—Mid-season. The varieties are identical, being grown in some sections under one name and in others, under the other name. They produce large quantities of high quality berries which are deep red in color and part easily from the cap, making them very fine for canning and preserving.

RIDGELY—A very fine early variety. The plants are splendid growers. Large and healthy, with tall bluff, coarse foliage and heavy rooted. In productiveness it equals the most productive varieties and the fruit is large and very firm. The color

is a rich dark glossy red and the fruit of excellent quality. This berry is only three or four days later than the Premier in ripening and I believe the Premier is going to have some strong competition in a very short time for a berry of its season bringing the highest prices that are paid for fancy Gandy is sure to cause competition for any variety. The fruit is so much like the Gandy that you will have to examine it closely to see the difference.

FALL OR EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES

Everbearing Strawberries have been produced successfully wherever spring-bearing varieties are grown. The plants are set just like other strawberries; they are hoed, cultivated and fertilized just as other varieties. For best results, the blossoms should be kept pinched off until the last of June, or middle of July. About August 1, you can commence picking fruit and continue to get it until freezing weather. The second year, the plants will fruit in the spring and if seasonable, will continue to fruit all through the summer and early fall months. If you neglected to set some plants last Spring, so as to have some fruiting beds this Spring, the everbearers, planted this Spring will bear you a crop of berries the first year, **ONLY A FEW WEEKS AFTER THE PLANTS ARE SET**. If the ground is rich and moist, these can be allowed to commence fruiting earlier than August 1, so that you can have strawberries all through the season, as well as in the fall. No investment you could make will give the whole family more satisfaction and pleasure than a plot of these berries.

Under good conditions one everbearing plant set in spring should produce about one quart of berries during the summer and early fall.

MASTODON

Mastodon is the only everbearing variety that has much chance of being profitable, commercially. It is the only one that produces **lots of large berries**. Superb, Peerless and some others produce **large berries** but not enough. Progressive produces **lots of berries** but not large enough for commercial purposes. Mastodon does both. It is also a strong grower, making larger and stronger plants than the Progressive. The quality of the berries is good but not quite as good as Progressive and Champion, and it is superior in all other respects. The fruit is of good size and attractive. They eat well, will sell well, and are firm enough to ship. Mastodon is the most remarkable everbearer yet known, and some should be included for every home garden. For growers who are favorably situated as to soil and market, we recommend a thorough trial for Mastodon, with a view to adding a good cash **money crop** to the list of things you grow.

PROGRESSIVE—The first Everbearing variety that bore enough berries to really make it worth while. Progressive is a good grower and very productive. The berries are of medium size, a rich red clear through, and excellent in quality, fully as good in this respect as most of the spring bearing varieties. You do not have to sacrifice quality when you eat Everbearing strawberries.

CHAMPION—This variety is hailed by many as the real Champion of all the Everbearing varieties. We find, however, that it is very similar to Progressive if not identical. There is no difference to be noted in the size, shape, appearance and quality of the berries. The plant growth of one cannot be distinguished from the other. The introducer and other berry and plant growers claim that it is more productive than Progressive. Over a period of several years, we have seen very little difference in this respect or any other. We have had somewhat larger crops at times from Champion than from Progressive, but this was practically always traceable to some advantage in setting and handling the plants. Our stock of Champion was obtained directly from the introducer, so we have it pure.

Phoenixville, Pa.—Received strawberry plants and asparagus roots in good condition and thank you for extra plants and prompt delivery—H. K. Griffith.

PRICE LIST OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS

	25	50	100	500	1000
Big Joe	\$0.35	\$0.60	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$ 6.00
Chesapeake	.40	.60	1.10	3.50	7.00
Corsican	.40	.60	1.10	3.50	7.00
Champion (Everbearing)	.50	.80	1.50	5.00	10.00
Gibson	.30	.50	.90	2.50	5.00
Howard 17	.30	.50	.90	2.50	5.00
Lupton	.30	.50	.90	2.50	5.00
Mastodon (Everbearing)	.75	1.30	2.50	7.50	15.00
Progressive (Everbearing)	.50	.80	1.50	5.00	10.00
Parson's Beauty	.30	.50	.90	2.50	5.00
Premier	.30	.50	.90	2.50	5.00
Ridgely	.40	.70	1.25	4.00	8.00
Success	.35	.60	1.00	3.00	6.00

PLANTS BY PARCEL POST

We strongly recommend that Strawberry Plants be ordered shipped by Parcel Post; extra-large shipments by Express.

If plants are wanted by parcel Post pre-paid, add to above price list:

First and Second Zones—10c per 100; 25c per 500; 50c per 1000 plants.

Third Zone—12c per 100; 44c per 500, 84c per 1000 plants.

Fourth Zone—20c per 100; 85c per 500; \$1.60 per 1000 plants.

Fifth Zone—25c per 100; \$1.20 per 500; \$2.40 per 1000 plants.

Sixth Zone—32c per 100; \$1.60 per 500; \$3.20 per 1000 plants.

Seventh Zone—40c per 100; \$2.00 per 500; \$4.00 per 1000 plants.

Eighth Zone—48c per 100; \$2.40 per 500; \$4.80 per 1000 plants.

SWEET POTATO PLANTS

YELLOW JERSEY—Ready from May 10th to July 1st. Price 60c per 100; 500 for \$2.00; 1000 for \$3.50. Postpaid.

ASPARAGUS ROOTS

MARY WASHINGTON—Washington asparagus is generally recognized to be the best variety—and Mary Washington the best strain of that variety. Leading asparagus growers say that it starts earlier, produces more and larger stocks, possesses the highest rust-resistance and will net more money per acre or more satisfaction in the home garden. Price of good strong roots: 50c for 25; 75c for 50; \$1.25 per 100; \$8.00 per 1000.

RHUBARB ROOTS

MYATTS LINNAEUS—The earliest and best variety, the stalks grow very large and often 2 inches wide and are light green and scarlet. Requires less sugar than other kinds. Price of good strong roots: 20c each; \$2.00 per dozen. Postpaid.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—I have had good success with your strawberry plants.—Theodore Witte.

Kent, Conn.—The strawberry plants reached me safely and in very good condition.—Mrs. J. E. Casey.