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WHOLESALE CATALOGUE
For Fall, Winter and Spring, 1895-96

My plants are pure, freshly dug, packed with moss in light baskets and will carry fresh across continent. Extra Low Express Rates.


O. W. BLACKNALL,
KITTRELL, N. C.,
Grower and Shipper of Choice Strawberry Plants.

STANDARD VARIETIES, $1.25 PER 1,000.

(WOOLVERTON.)
A thoroughly practical treatise on berry culture free to buyers. See page 2.
If not interested in berries, please hand this catalogue to someone who is.
Please send me the names of your friends who grow or would like to grow berries.
Testimonials.—I could fill a volume with letters covering every State east of the Mississippi River, and also Texas, Arkansas, Missouri and California, testifying not only to the excellent condition in which my plants were received, but what is even more important, that they were pure, vigorous and made a splendid growth and bore heavy crops. As it is impossible to print even a fiftieth part of these, I give the testimonials of intelligent and observant men from all sections of the country. (See foot of illustrated pages.)

My Shipping Facilities.—My plant farm is situated thirty-five miles north of Raleigh, N. C., and immediately at a station on the through and fast Seaboard Air Line, which gives express and freight facilities not surpassed and hardly equalled by any road in the country.

Express Shipments.—Being one of their largest shippers the Southern Express Company gives me a rate 30 per cent, or nearly one-third under regular charges. Adams Express 20 per cent, or one-fifth off. This arrangement, which I have taken great pains to effect, will save my customers many hundreds of dollars yearly, and will, I am sure, be duly appreciated. From Sept. 15th to April 15th plants will go safely by express to any distance.

Delivered Anywhere at Cost or 10c. to 25c. per 1,000 Plants.—From Nov. 15th to March 1st, freight shipments no matter how far are perfectly safe. Plants are then in a dormant state and will keep in the moss-lined shipping baskets for weeks. Last season I shipped by freight as far as Southern Louisiana, Western Texas, Missouri, Central Illinois, Northern Indiana, and Massachusetts. Many shipments were on the way during the terrible cold of last January and February. Not a plant was lost. It is a great mistake to think that any degree of cold can injure strawberry plants while in a dormant state of properly packed. Dec. 1st, 1894, as an experiment, I packed a basket of plants exactly as if for shipment, and left them in an open building exposed to all changes of temperature. Feb. 1st they were examined and found in perfect condition, except that the moss was getting dry. They were removed from the basket, the moss thoroughly dampened and then repacked and left as before. The winter was one of severe and prolonged cold, the thermometer going down to about zero several times. April 1st I opened the plants and set them out. They lived and grew off finely. I made this experiment to prove that plants can be safely shipped by freight even to the extreme North, where, owing to cold weather it might be necessary to keep them awhile in the baskets.

To Northern Buyers who do not care to plant as early as March 15th, let your plants be shipped by freight about March 1st. They will arrive about the 5th to 12th, according to the distance. If the ground is frozen when they arrive, remove the bundles of plants from the basket, dampen well their roots and also the moss and repack. As soon as the ground thaws, bury the bundles in moist ground just deep enough in a trench to cover roots well. If very cold or very dry weather threatens, cover lightly with straw or litter. When the plants begin to grow it is a proof that planting time is at hand, so set them out. This plan has two advantages. First, the freight is almost nothing; secondly, the plants are on hand to set just when the soil and season is right, and it is as good as if you had the plants growing on your own place. Years of experience has convinced me that this plan is perfectly safe. I manage that way every spring with the thousands of plants of new varieties which I buy to set myself. I ship millions that way.

Plants by Mail.—I send plants all over the United States, from Maine to California, and also to Canada and England by mail with perfect safety.

My Plants.—I planted by first strawberries twenty-one years ago. For the past eleven years I have devoted my whole time and attention to the growing, improving and shipping of plants. It is a life time business with me and my children after me. I am more anxious to have my plants do well than the buyer can possibly be. For if they should fail he loses a few dollars and is done with it. I lose him forever as a customer and his neighbors and everybody that he comes in contact with. Better one dollar and a friend than ten dollars and an enemy.

All plants well rooted and true to name. To avoid even a possibility of selling mixed plants, I never plant different varieties close together for the purpose of pollination as is almost invariably done. I grow mainly for the plants and not the fruit.

By selecting and marking in bearing time individual plants conspicuous for car-
liness, productiveness and general excellence and raising plants from these to set young fields. My plants are bred up instead of being allowed to run down as is the constant tendency of all kinds under neglect.

**No Plants are ever Dug from Old Beds,** but only from young, highly manured and thoroughly cultivated fields. Nor are they raised from plants which are allowed to weaken themselves by bearing. None of the plants, from which I raise young plants are allowed to bear except a few of the most promising ones, which are selected to breed on. On these, berries are allowed to form and grow large enough to show what they are, but are always pulled off before they ripen and mature seeds which is the process so exhausting to the strawberry plant as to all others.

**A New and Perfect Mode of Packing.—** All plants are dug with forked hoes so as not to cut or injure the roots; carefully protected from sun and drying winds; carried at once to the packing house; straightened; counted and tied up in neat bundles of 50 each; dead leaves and surplus weight clipped off, packed in an upright, natural position in strong, but very light square baskets with the roots thoroughly protected by damp moss and the tops well ventilated, and shipped immediately. Thus packed they will carry across the continent fresh as when dug.

**Situated where even the Wild Strawberry Grows to Perfection**—Many Northern and Western people, because North Carolina is known as a Southern State, think of it only a region of hot suns and thirsty sands, and are dubious of plants raised in such a sub-tropical region. There never was a greater error. I am situated in a hilly region, where the soil is part sandy loam, part clayey loam, on both of which the Strawberry, Blackberry and Dewberry, even in a wild state, attain great vigor and productiveness. Many varieties like the old Wilson, which has run out nearly everywhere else, still do well here provided they are raised from home-grown plants. Repeated test of Wilson from plants grown elsewhere were all disappointing, the berries proving hardly as large as buckshot. Of course I do not recommend the planting of Wilson, for I have far better varieties.

So far from being sub-tropical spring comes late here. Plants remain in a dormant state nearly a month later than they do in the eastern part of the State, 150 miles distant. In fact berries ripen so much later here than at points lower but farther North and nearer the great Northern markets, that I give my whole attention to plants.

As it does not pay me to keep the plants to bear berries, and as I have long made the growing and shipping of plants a specialty, I can deliver you good stock so low that it will pay you to buy them to set your new fields rather than dig out your bearing ones.

The berry crop being an important item with most who have plants for sale self-interest forces them to keep the largest and most vigorous plants to bear a crop and to sell the small and puny late plants from the alleys or middles. I endeavor to have as few of these later plants as possible, running a narrow cultivator down the middles to tear up all runners that take root too late to make good plants. And when I dig I take all the plants as I go except the parent plant and the small ones, which are thrown out in counting.

Unless the grower is wholly incompetent plants grown under above methods cannot fail to be far superior in vigor and purity to the vast bulk of haphazard stock offered for sale. Whether or not I am incompetent the thousands of testimonial from all parts of the country tell in tones that cannot be mistaken.

**Payment**.—Express money orders or New York exchange are preferred. Money can be cheaply and safely transmitted in this way and any bank will receive them as cash. If these cannot be obtained send money by Post Office Order, Registered Letter or by Express. Prices quoted are wholesale cash prices. Orders can be entered on payment of one-fourth of amount down, balance to be paid before shipment, unless it is preferred that the plants should sent with the other three-fourths of amount C. O. D. (collect on delivery). Plants can be sent C. O. D. either by freight or express on payment of one-fourth of bill. Be sure to give exact directions as to how plants are to be shipped.

My plant farm is within less than 200 yards of Southern Express office, Western Union Telegraph office, Freight Depot, and Money Order post office.

Please state whether in case any of the varieties ordered should be sold out I can substitute others which I think as good or better for your section. Unless so instructed I shall not substitute. It has been my custom to substitute in rare and
unavoidable cases, where time was all important to the buyer, but substitution is a practice that has been so much abused by careless or dishonest men that all reputable nurserymen are forced never to resort to it unless expressly ordered.

**Time of Shipment.**—Plants can be safely shipped by Express any time from Sept. 15th to April 15th; and with equal safety by Freight from Nov. 15th to March 1st.

**When to Plant.**—Some Florida growers prefer to get their plants and set in Sept.

This is, I think, a mistake. Plants that stay in the ground till October are far larger, better rooted and sooner to come into bloom. September setting is more or less uncertain. October planting is almost sure to be successful. Even as far North as Virginia, plants can be set on sandy soil in almost any suitable weather during fall or early spring. On stiff, clayey soil which heaves with freezing, no setting should be done between Nov. 15th and Feb. 20th, for the reason that the plant might be lifted and left with roots exposed. The cold itself, except the low temperature of the North, doing the plant no harm. The surest time to set in all soils and climates is in very early spring—for this latitude about the last of February: for Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Illinois, &c., 10th to 25th of March, according to location.

**Selection of Varieties.**—This is by long odds the most important point in berry growing. Nearly all failures are caused by planting varieties which are either wholly bad or else unsuitable to the soil and climate. Whether the yield shall be 3,000 to 10,000 quarts per acre of large, finely colored berries which will command the highest price on any market, or 300 to 500 quarts of small unsuitable ones, depends largely on the variety. With proper varieties and proper culture and manuring the strawberry can be profitably grown on any soil. No other fruit crop gives as large returns, nor gives them as quickly. Ripening early as it does ahead of all other fruit; bearing a color, and fragrance which is irresistible after the long abstinence from fresh fruit, its great popularity must ever grow greater. It is in demand everywhere. Besides the large demand in every town and city, there is hardly a country neighborhood in which large quantities of really good strawberries could not be sold.

There is no calling more congenial to a Lady or in which her superior taste and skill can be turned to such good account as in berry growing. Many a hard pressed woman could lighten her burden and derive what to her would be a large income from an acre or even less of highly manured, well cultivated and neatly gathered and packed strawberries. Almost any town or village would afford her a ready market. If on a railroad affording facilities to ship to a larger market both the acreage and income can be largely increased.

How is a beginner or even an old grower who has not tested everything, to know what variety is best to plant? With most nursery catalogues, I must confess that this is a hopeless undertaking. Every variety is so superlatively large, handsome and prolific that bewildered by an array of prodigies he selects at random and almost surely something wrong; for there are ten bad varieties to one good one.

**How to Grow.**—I never saw a soil on which strawberries would not succeed if properly enriched. Other things being equal, a moist but well drained sandy loam is best. Still the largest crop I ever raised—over 11,000 quarts per acre—was on clayey loam. Plow the land deep and well. Stable manure can be used liberally, although it makes more weeds and more hoe work. If used it should be broadcasted and plowed and harrowed in. Then run off the land in rows three feet apart; sow in this furrow 300 to 500 lbs per acre of good commercial fertilizer and mix with soil by running a harrow down the furrow. Throw up a “list” with one furrow from each side. Knock this list down low with hoes. (In parts of Florida and of other Southern States a very wet soil necessitates planting on much higher beds). Set plants 15 to 18 inches apart and just the depth they originally grew and no deeper. Cultivate often enough to keep clean and clip all runners as soon and as long as they come out.

This gives a large, vigorous “stool” plant which is sure to bear a heavy crop of fine berries the following spring. There has been much written to prove that matted rows are best. But if the soil is at all infested with weeds—and there are few soils that are not—matted rows entail an endless amount of tedious, expensive hoe and hand weeding or weeds will smother plants. The richer the soil the greater the danger. You get more berries from the matted row but they are
smaller and do not measure as much per acre as the yield from stool plants. Then if drought comes in the ripening season, which it is more than apt to do, the smaller, shallower rooted plants in the matted row suffer far more than the stool plants. In fact I have known them to dry up entirely while the berries on stool plants still remained good. This is no theory, but the result of many years careful tests of both methods.

A Thoroughly Practical Treatise on Berry Culture.—To every purchaser of plants to the amount of $5 or more I will give free my pamphlet on berry culture. This contains plain and practical directions as to selection of soils; best varieties for certain soils; the merits and demerits of all leading varieties of strawberries (over 100 in number) and best mode of culture for each; how to plant and cultivate efficiently and cheaply; how to prepare at moderate expense a fertilizer that will give heavy crops of finest berries on any fairly good soil; a cheap and efficient mode of protecting early blooms from frost and thus saving your early and high priced berries; useful suggestions as to winter protection (where needed), mulching, picking, packing and shipping or selling. This information given fifteen years ago would have been worth many thousands of dollars to me. And I am sure that it will be of advantage to every man who puts a dozen Strawberry, Blackberry, Dewberry, or Raspberry plants in the ground. For it is chock full of facts learned in the school of experience, where tuition comes high, but which cannot be learned elsewhere.

References.—Dr H. B. Battle, State Chemist and Director N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, Raleigh, N. C.; National Bank of Raleigh, Raleigh, N. C.; Citizen’s Bank, Henderson, N. C.

In writing to references on such business it is customary to inclose a stamped envelope for reply.

TESTIMONIALS AS TO THE MERITS OF MY PLANTS.

The post office address of any of the following gentlemen will be gladly given to any one who in good faith wishes to investigate as to quality of my plants and their success in different localities. I do not give it here for the reason that I am not getting up a directory of fruit growers for the benefit of the thousands of nurserymen to whom the catalogue is sent.

Words of Commendation from Far Away Minnesota, 1,500 miles away.—The three large baskets of plants arrived Thursday night. In fine condition, after their four or five days’ journey. The express charges were $4.50, yet they were cheaper than I could have gotten them from nearer growers.—C. A. BOSTON, Supt. Public Schools, Watowpan co., Minn. April 24, 1875.

Plants sold this prominent educator in 1874, were so satisfactory that he bought again last spring. The three baskets would have gone safely by freight from Nov. 15th to March 15th, for $1 or less.

Strong Words from Illinois, 1,000 miles Distant.—The plants came in fine condition and are well pleased with them, never saw better from any one. (The fists are huge.) Your soil is especially adapted to raising choice plants. After paying express charges the plants are cheaper than I could buy them anywhere in Michigan. . . . Gandy does splendidly here. Have sold two crops at home, netting me $50, a box (quart). Shall remember you in future.—L. S. WRIGHT, Lee co., Ill.

A Voice from the Far South.—Plants are doing splendidly.—GEO. M. SIPLE, Tangipahoa co., La. Jan. 28, 1875.

These plants were shipped by freight and were three weeks on the way. They not only arrived in good condition, but as seen grew splendidly afterwards.

Even Better from the Far West, 1,500 miles Distant.—The seven baskets of strawberry plants reached me on the 9th in fine condition. Do not think I will lose a plant.—J. D. RAY, Smith co., Texas, March 3, 1875.
Alabama.—Not tested here yet. 25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

Aroma.—This variety possesses a quality which is the safest proof of vigor and excellence. It succeeds equally well in climates and soils of the widest possible variation—Canada, Kansas, Ohio, North Carolina, Tennessee, New Jersey etc. The plant is wonderfully vigorous and healthy in any soil, and one of the most productive. Berries of the largest size to the last picking. Shape perfect throughout. Excellent table berry. The most valuable late berry in existence. It will, I think, take the place of Gandy as a late market berry; being as late, larger and more productive. It is hard to over-praise Aroma. Excellent pollenizer for large late pistillate varieties. 50c. per doz.; $1.00 per 100.

Auburn.—This berry is said to do well in some places. Here it is one of the poorest. 25c. per doz., 60c. per 100, $3 per 1,000.

Barton’s Eclypse.—So vigorous that it defies drought and frost. I have seen it while in full bloom killed, plant and all, to the ground, and then recover and bear a good crop. A splendid grower even on poor, thirsty soil. Exceedingly productive of large, fine berries, which ripen medium early. Originated in Kentucky, the central part of the country, and succeeds everywhere, North, South, East and West. If money is your object, plant largely of Barton. Pollenize with Tennessee. Prolific. Philip or Lovett. 25c. per doz.; 40c. per 100; $2 per 1,000.

Belle.—This splendid variety has received the highest praise from such able and widely reputed culturists as Samuel Miller, of Missouri: E. P. Powell, New York; M. Crawford, Ohio; E. Kellner, California Experiment Station, proving it to be no mere local variety, but one of great vitality and adaptiveness to different soils and climates. Here it was threatened with rust the first year, but soon rocovered, and has since ranked among the very first in vigor of plant and size, productiveness and excellence of berry. A valuable variety of perfect bloom. 50c. per doz.; $1.50 per 100.

Beder Wood.—This is fast becoming a standard early berry everywhere. Few have been so generally tested North, South, East and West with as much success. As near drought proof as a berry can be. It will not only stand, but bear a good crop of berries, through a drought that would kill many varieties outright. Very prolific of early, perfectly shaped, good size berries, which grow large on good soil. Being a strong staminate, or perfect bloomer, it is of great value to pollinize early to medium pistillate varieties. 35c. per doz.; 60c. per 100; $3 per 1,000.

Beecher.—The plant evidently belongs to the royal order of berries, being large, vigorous and of deepest richest green. Not fully tested here yet, but reliable growers have ranked it among the largest berries grown. Judging from the berries on young plants, it is certainly worthy of extensive trial. 50c. per doz.; $1.50 per 100.

Beverly.—Some years and on some soils this variety has given splendid results. Again it has been not so good. 35c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

My Plants Growing Finely in Texas.—Plants sent me last Sept. are growing finely. Please send me at once the plants ordered herein.—J. E. LAY, Lavaca Co., Texas, Nov. 1, 1881.

Pleased with the Excellent Packing and Low Express Rate.—Plants came to hand in fine condition. I was agreeably surprised at the low express rates on account of your handling them so carefully, washing roots and having no unnecessary weight to pay for. When I discover what is best suited to my wants will give you a good order.—M. C. SCOTT, Montgomery Co., Ala., Jan. 24, 1882.
Bissell.—A new variety. Plant exceedingly healthy and vigorous. After thorough trial it has been pronounced to have all the qualities of a profitable market berry—productiveness, size, shape, color and firmness. There is such wonderful and rapid progress going on in propagating new varieties, that the intelligent grower will not fail to test those promising new varieties. 50c. doz.; $1.00 per 100.

Brandywine.—This new variety, after thorough tests, receives the most unstinted praise. Plant vigorous and healthy. Berries large, perfect in shape, color and firmness, and plenty of them. A decided success here and wherever tested. No grower can afford to ignore the Brandywine. It is by close and intelligent observers pronounced to possess more good points than any variety known. I never saw handsome berries. 50c. doz.; $2.50 per 100.

Bubach No. 5.—This after many years’ trial stands a crowned queen in the strawberry world. Large, prolific, splendidly colored. Pollinizes with Gandy Belle or Woolverton, planted every fourth row. 25c. doz.; 40c. 100; $2 1,000.

Chairs.—This may be Chair’s favorite, but it is certainly not mine. It is by no means a worthless variety, but so far inferior to the best that I keep it only for a few customers who seem to find more good in it than I do. 25c. doz.; 60c 100; $3 1,000.

Clyde.—This variety represents the crowning achievements of the veteran propagators. Stayman & Black, with whom it has proven not only the very earliest, but the best berry in all respects that has ever come under their observation. He pronounces it immensely productive of large to very large berries of most excellent quality, and as a shipper is second to none. This variety has been held back for several years until thoroughly tested, although there have been many attempts to buy it before. Judging by the fruit of young plants, it is all they claim. Perfect bloom. $2 doz.; $10 100.

Cloud.—A standard market berry all through the South and South-west, though it is claimed that Columbian, a similar and superior variety, is supplanting it. 25c. doz.; 40c. 100; $2 1,000.

Columbian.—A Southern market variety which bids fair to supplant Cloud, being a firm, perfectly shaped, highly colored berry, and a profitable shipper. Rust and drought proof. Thrives wonderfully, despite drought and every drawback. Will grow on poorest land. 25c. 100; $1.25 1,000.

Crawford.—A fancy berry for gardens or fancy growers, who can give it a rich soil and perfect culture. With these it is superb. The Apple of strawberry kind. With me it bears a second crop a month or more later than the first. In this respect it is unique. Both crops are fine berries. 35c. doz.; $1 100.

HURRAH FOR THE BLACKNALL PLANTS AND PRICES.—Plants arrived on 27th ult., O. K. Everybody well pleased (several orders together, which is a good plan as express and freight is so much less in proportion on a large lot). Express charges only $1.05, which we think low enough. Today they are showing green all over the patch with not one missing. We all say hurrah for the Blacknall plants and prices. MRS. JNO. MONTGOMERY, Webster co., Ky., April 1, 1891.

The above lady is making a success of berry growing, a cullin in which the deftness and neatness of her sex gives her such an advantage over the elder methods of man. This is especially true when they grow fancy varieties for market.
Crescent.—The old standard of world-wide fame. Called the “Lazy man’s berry,” because no amount of neglect can keep it from bearing a crop. Yet it responds to high culture as readily as any berry grown. It is a heavy and a sure bearer, and never fails to bear a good crop. Can be pollinated with Michel, but Cyclone or Rio is much better. 25c. 100; $1.25 1,000.

Cumberland.—This is a thoroughly tested variety of marked characteristics. Being a strong staminate and of large size, it is valuable to plant as a pollinizer with large pistillate varieties. It is a productive and thrifty variety, which seems to succeed everywhere. Many growers will use no other kind as a pollinizer for large pistillates. 25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

Cyclone.—This variety originated in Kansas, and has proven almost universally suc-

Edgar Queen.—This is another variety that must have high culture. With this it has proven not only very productive, but in size, color and general excellence, among the best known. Pollinize with Lady Thompson. 25c. per doz., 60c. per 100, $3 per 1,000.

Enhance.—This is one of the most powerful pollinizers known. Pistillates planted with it never fail to bear heavily. The Enhance itself is a heavy bearer of large, firm, irregular shaped berries. Is strictly a market and not a good table berry. 25c. per doz., 60c. per 100, $3 per 1,000.

Says that I Sell Plants Cheaper than He can dig them.—I received my plants on March 24th. They are fine plants and in good order. I handed your catalogue to a fruit grower and you may expect an order from him. Your plants are so cheap that I thought I would send another order. I will sell plants cheaper than I can dig them. Please send me the following list by Adams Express: 5,000 Crescent, 1,000 Babach.—JOHN KINGSBURY, Vanderburgh Co., Ind., April 6, 1895.
Evergreen.—This is a highly praised western variety, of which I personally know nothing. 50c. per dozen.

Gen. Putnam and Farnsworth.—Same words will apply to these. 50c. per dozen.

Enormous.—Rightly named as far as my experience goes. Such colossal plants as it grows into I never saw before. And as far as I could judge, from spring-set plants the berries are in keeping with the plants. Growers who fruited it on old plants give it the highest praise. Its tremendous root growth renders it comparatively independent of the severest drought. Progressive growers cannot afford not to give this variety a trial. The successful growers are those who, by testing the new varieties of promise as they come out, discover and profit by the real bonanza of which the unprogressive man knows nothing till too late. 50c. per doz., $1.50 per 100.

Gandy.—This is the standard very late berry everywhere. It grows to the largest size, is magnificently colored, ranks as a strictly fancy berry and commands the highest price on every market. Men have made, and are making, fortunes on this variety alone. Does not do well in the far South, nor does any other very late berry. 25c. per doz., 60c. per 100, $3 per 1,000.

Gandy Belle, Isabella, or No Name.—Entirely distinct from Gandy, with which it has no kinship whatever. It has three names, and merit enough to justify three times as many. Plant growth, vigor and health itself. One of the most productive varieties that I have ever seen. Berries of the very largest size and magnificently colored. The firmest large berry grown. Being a strong staminate, it is unsurpassed as a pollenizer for Bubach, Haverland, Greenville, and other large pistillates. It is as much a king as they are queens, and it not only matches them in size, but blooms and ripens just with them, being in all respects the ideal pollenizer for them. The vigor and hardiness of this variety is attested by the fact that it does well on all soils and in all climates from Canada to Florida, and in the far West. It is a variety which a man can afford to praise, for he will never have to explain it away. Like Woolverton, it has come to stay. 25c. per doz., 60c. per 100, $3 per 1,000.

Great Pacific.—This is a berry of the Crescent type, but larger, firmer, better shaped, and better colored, more productive especially in dry seasons. It is an extremely handsome berry and will sell well on any market. Pollenize with Saunders or Lovett. 25c. per doz., 60c. per 100, $3 per 1,000.

Plants Carry Across Continent in Good Growing Condition.—Your plants received in good growing condition.—S. L. WATKINS, Grizzly Flats, Cal.

From the Opposite Corner of the United States.—The plants came to hand in good condition, are satisfactory in every respect.—JOHN M. STEWART, Cumberland co., Me., Oct. 26, 1894.

The 3,000 plants we planted are good, and I am pleased with them. They were the Greenville, Haverland and Crescent, and were in excellent condition notwithstanding their extra trip, as they were shipped to the wrong place, there being two express offices of the same name in the State.—J. J. MEARS, Clermont co., Ohio, April 8, 1895.
Greenville.—This is also one of the crowned queens of berry kind. Very productive of largest size berries, which are beautifully colored. Medium early, ripening with Crescent. Whoever wishes a berry of mammoth size, and which will be a glory and a wonder, should hasten to get stocked with Greenville. It gets better and better every year with me. For either table or market it is unsurpassed. My Greenville plants are pure and first-class. Pollenize with Woolver-ton, Gandy Belle, or Tennessee Prolific. planted every fourth row. 25c. per doz., 60c. per 100, $3 per 1,000.

Haverland.—One of the universal standard, noted for the size and quantity of the berries it bears. It is not a good table berry, but its great productiveness makes it popular for market. Pollenize Haverland with Phillips or Lovett, planted every fourth row, and you will get heavy crops of large, uniform berries. 25c. per 100, $1.25 per 1,000.

Hoffman.—The standard early Southern berry. One of the earliest, firmest and most beautiful berries that ever grew. It is not a good table berry, but its brilliancy of color and capacity to stand transportation to the most distant markets, make it a valuable market berry. It stands shipment from Florida to Boston, arriving firm and fresh. Being an old standard, most of the Hoffman have become so badly mixed as to have but little of the virtue of the genuine variety. I have the absolutely pure Hoffman bred up by selection of plants that bear largest and firmest berries. 25c. per 100, $1.25 per 1,000.

Holland.—This variety originated in the West, where it has proven enormously productive of the largest size berries. While I have not yet fruited it, the plant growth is splendid. All growers should give this promising variety a trial. 50c. per doz., $1.50 per 100.

Mayor's Office, LaGrange, Mo., April 4, 1895.—Dear Sir: The three baskets plants duly received in perfect order and condition. Have planted all of them and they are starting a nice growth. Your prices are so low I was afraid to place my order with you, but I want to deal justly with all men, and I must admit I am happily disappointed in the five varieties of plants you sent me; they are up to the average of plants usually received from nurserymen, and only cost me about ½ to ½ as much. You deserve great success and liberal patronage for your bold stand for hard-time prices.—W. M. THOMAS.

MUST SAY THAT YOU KNOW THE RIGHT PLAN FOR SHIPPING PLANTS LONG DISTANCES.—Plants received in good condition. I must say you know the right plan for shipping plants long distances.—G. C. BORCHERDING, Jackson co., Ind., March 30, 1895.

“DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN SELL SUCH PLANTS AT THE PRICES.”—Received the plants the 11th alright. They came in good condition and are fine plants. I thank you very much for filling my order so well. I don't see how you can sell such plants at the price. I shall buy from you hereafter.—C. LLOYD MILLER, Monongah co., W. Va., April 13, 1895.

DID WELL AND MADE A SPLENDID GROWTH.—Plants you sent me did well and made a splendid growth.—J. T. DAMERON, Madison co., Miss.

The strawberry plants came this morning in fine shape. The extra plants you sent me far exceeding my expectation. Many thanks. Please remember me when you send out your next catalogue, and you may expect another and a larger order.—A. W. TOTMAN, Plymouth co., Mass., March 28, 1895.
Ivanhoe.—This is a new variety of very great merit. I have tested it fully. Plants flawless in productivity, vigor and healthiness. Berries very large, firm, magnificently colored. Taken altogether, I do not know of a finer variety, and I can safely advise all to plant it. 50c., per doz., $1.50 per 100.

Lady Thompson.—This is the new North Carolina variety which, by the astonishing prices the berries brought on the Northern markets, created such a stir among fruit growers. Owing to its large size and strong points as a shipping berry, it brought from 30 to 40c., a quart, while other kinds were selling at less than half that price. The fortunate man who got it first grew 10,000 quarts an acre, and cleared $13,000 on it in one season. I have not yet tasted it, except on young plants, but I have taken much pains to correspond with disinterested men who have, and they consider it to have a distinct place of its own as a great market berry. Of 100 or more varieties on my place, it is the most independent of drought and the quickest and fastest grower of all. It will thrive and do well on any soil. A staminate and good pollenizer of itself and other kinds. 25c., per doz.

Louise.—This is a grand berry on rich soil, and under high culture. With this it grows to the very largest size and bears heavily. For a gardener or fancy grower it is superb. Even a small piece of rich soil near a town or village planted in Louise, Crawford, Ivanhoe, Aroma, Saunders or Edgar Queen, could be made to yield a lady a handsome income. I have fully tested and can safely recommend them all. Staminate or self-pollinizer. 35c., per doz., $1 per 100.

Lovett.—A peculiarity in this variety is that instead of deteriorating as so many berries do, it grows better and better every year. The berries are larger, firmer, finely colored, well shaped and plenty of them. Being a strong staminate it is a valuable pollenizer for Havranand and other large pistillates. 25c., per doz., 60c., per 100, $3 per 1,000. (See cut on envelope.)

Marshall.—This is a giant among berries. Both plant and berry of mammoth size. But it cannot stand neglect and slovenly culture. Under

An Approving Word from a Veteran Horticulturist.—The strawberry plants came to hand in good condition, and were satisfactory.—S. M. MILLER, Bluffton, Mo., Oct. 15, 1896.

A Michigan Man's Testimony.—The strawberry plants arrived to-day and are in first-class condition. (The italics are his.) I am well pleased and will send you a large order in future.—G. M. AYARS, Kent co., Mich., Oct. 8, 1894.
good treatment Marshall is one of the wonders of the berry world, and is usually the first of the very large berries to ripen. It has yielded over 9,000 quarts per acre of fancy berries. The Marshall does not succeed in Florida nor the far South. 50c. per doz., $1.50 per 100.

Mary.—According to the reports of leading horticulturists, this is also a member of the giant tribe of berries. With Mr. M. Crawford it grew larger this year than any other berry on his place. He also pronounces it as near frost-proof as a berry can be. The plant growth is a wonder of vigor and luxuriance. Not the least sign of rust or disease. No fruit grower should, fail to give it a trial. 50c. per doz., $1.50 per 100.

Meek’s Early.—A good table berry, and so far a valuable extra early market variety. It is decidedly the earliest berry that I ever saw, with the exception of West Lawn, ripening about all of its crop before Crescent begins. Berries of fair size, dark red and of excellent flavor. 35c. per doz., $1 per 100, $5 per 1,000.

Michel’s Early.—The standard early market berry throughout the West and South. Noted for the great vigor and healthiness of its plant growth, and the beauty and shapeliness of its fruit. Not prolific over much of the North. 25c. per doz., $1.25 per 1,000.

Middlefield.—Better let it stay in Middlefield. To those who want it—and some do. 25c. per doz., 60c. per 100, $3 per 1,000.

Muskogum.—Vigorous plants, very productive of large, highly colored berries, which run large to the last picking. Being a stamineate or self-pollinating variety, it can be planted alone or used to pollinate pistillate sorts. A valuable market variety. 25c. per doz., 60c. per 100, $3 per 1,000.

Improved Noonan or Newman.—The standard Florida berry, long noted for its earliness, firmness and productiveness. In many sections it is the surest and most profitable of all berries. The few North Carolina growers who have the pure improved Newman have made a great deal of money on it in the past few years. Like the Westbrook, Meek’s Early, and most very early berries, it seems in this climate to do best on old beds, all being able to stand much neglect. My stock is of the purest strain. 25c. 100, $1.25 1,000.

Parker Earle.—On rich, moist soil there seems to be really no limit to the wondrous productiveness of this variety. It is creditably reported to have borne at the rate of 45,000 quarts an acre. The berry is very large and will bear shipment several hundred miles, but is not firm enough to grow in the far South for Northern shipment. Nor do I consider it a good table berry. It is too insipid. But if you have the right soil and a nearby market a patch of Parker Earle is equal to a gold mine—the ideal gold mine I mean, not the real one. 35c. doz.; $1.00 100; $5.00 1,000.

Not One Dead.—The 6,000 plants were about a week getting here, though if there is a dead one among them, I have not seen it, and they have been set about three weeks. All O. K.—J. R. JOHNSTON, Washington co., N. C., April 15, 1895.

"You Certainly Know How to Pack Plants."—Plants received in good condition. I was not at home when they came, and it was a week before they were set. They have been set a week, and I believe that 99 out of the 100 will live. You certainly know how to pack plants or they could not have lived, for it has not rained since they were put out.—Z. D. HARRILL, Rutherford co., N. C., April 2, 1895.
Phenomenal.—This is a seedling of Hoffman which originated in Florida, and is very much like its parent, only several days earlier. Plant exceedingly vigorous, even surpassing Hoffman in this respect. Worthy of trial by growers in search of an extra early berry. 50c. doz.; $1.50 100.

Phillips.—This is a large, long stamineate berry which is just the thing to plant with Haverland, as it matches so well in shape, size and color. The Phillips is a vigorous grower, very productive, and a valuable berry. As a pollenizer of the widely grown Haverland it has a distinct value. A thrifty grower and productive of firm berries which are good shippers. 25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3.00 1,000.

Princess.—A round, firm, beautifully shaped berry, and if soil is rich, a good sized one. On thin soil it is too small. Where good soil can be given it is valuable on account of great productiveness of fine berries which are firm enough to ship the longest distances. Pollenize with Cyclone. 25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

Princeton Chief.—This is a large long, very productive berry. It has one peculiarity which will make it of value to many growers: the fruit is borne on such long, stout fruit stems as to stand well up out of the dirt. Where mulching is scarce this is a valuable quality, as the berries will be kept free of grit without mulch. The plant is exceedingly healthy and vigorous, standing drought well and growing finely on even very poor soil. It is a delicious table berry and very beautiful. 25c. doz. 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

Rio.—A very early berry. Plant growth among the most vigorous I ever saw. Even on very poor or very thirsty land on which many varieties fail to grow, or die outright, the Rio not only grows but flourishes. Yet it loves good land as well as any. The berries are somewhat irregular in size; most of them very large. To do well and bear heavily this variety should be heavily fertilized with wood ashes or some fertilizer rich in potash. Not much ammonia is needed. Thus fertilized it is a valuable early market variety. Most nurserymen are selling them exorbitantly high; I put the price within the reach of all. 25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

Saunders.—Saunders needs just the opposite treatment from Rio. It is a grand and beautiful berry, but it takes a soil rich in ammonia to give it a good plant growth. Stable manure is excellent for it, especially when it can be supplemented with wood ashes. For this reason I recommend it for the garden or fancy growers. There the berries will grow to a large size, are beautifully shaped and colored and excellent for the table. With the right treatment I know nothing finer than the Saunders.

25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

Sharpless.—This is still another variety which must have a rich soil and high culture. Don’t plant it on poor land, let the weeds and grass run riot over it all summer and then anathemize me and the Sharpless next Spring because the patch is not piled knee-deep in berries as large as “horse” apples. But plant it on rich soil, keep it rich, and work it well, and gather mammoth berries. It is huge. I have the pure Sharpless, raised with special care for fancy garden growing.

25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

Shuckless.—Strictly a garden berry. Unique in one respect; when fully ripe

I need hardly say that I was very well pleased with the plants, (I had sold him often before) all of which are growing off nicely.—(DR.) E. ROSE DORSETT, Rowan co., N. C., Nov. 24, 1894.

Plants by Freight, and Over Two Weeks on the Road.—Received the plants. They were over two weeks on the road. I am satisfied that they are O. K.—WM. SCHUMAN, Callman co., Ala., Dec. 80, 1894.

“Good as I Ever Saw.”—Plants are here and set. They are as good as I ever saw.—J. E. LAY, Lavaca co., Texas, Nov. 4, 1894.
the cap adheres to the stem, the berry coming off ready for the table. Ripens very late, grows to a good size and is sweet—just right for most tastes. Valuable for the table or to sell close by. Being already capped and ready to eat they will of course sell at the highest prices. Every gardener should plant Shuckless. 50c. doz.; $1.50 100.

Shuster's Gem.—This is a highly valuable market variety of the Crescent type but under fairly good culture decidedly superior to that widely known standard. Under such conditions it is larger and more prolific than Crescent. But if you purpose placing your crop under the command of "Gin'ul Green" (as the darkey, with his usual aptness, dubs crab-grass) then plant Crescent. If you expect to remain in command yourself, then plant some improved variety, Shuster's Gem or Great Pacific. 25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

Splendid.—This variety seems to be complete master of drought. Plants exceedingly healthy and vigorous and so deep-rooted as to thrive on any soil no matter how poor or thirsty. Mr. M. Crawford recommends this variety highly. By all who have planted it it is pronounced large, prolific and an exceedingly valuable berry. In flavor it is the best. Its strong points are productiveness, capacity to stand drought, and perfection of flavor. Wherever superior quality is desired, plant Splendid, which is true to its name. 50c. doz.; $1 100.

Standard.—No standard of mine. To those of a different mind, 25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

Swindle.—Last year I said this was no swindle, for which I am very sorry, and I take it back—every word. It is very late, very prolific, but small and so ill flavored that it would pucker the face of a poor relation. 25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

Tennessee Prolific.—This is a seedling of Crescent and Sharpless; inheriting great productiveness from Crescent and very large size from the Sharpless. No variety has ever before become so widely and quickly popular. The sight of it in fruiting time is all that is needed to convince one of its value. 1: is a member of the great triumvirate of staminates, of which Gandy Belle and Woolverton form the other two. These three surpass in size, productiveness, beauty and general excellence any of the medium early staminates. For a grower not to have them is "not to be in it." In some sections and on some soils one is a little better and at different place another is better. But all are good everywhere so far as tried, and I have taken special pains to get the facts in regard to them from every part of the country. This is not "the coming berry" for the simple reason that it has already come, and come to stay. 25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

Thanks from Texas.—Plants arrived in apparently splendid condition. I was surprised to see such fine ones. Your plants, prices, method of packing, &c., I can recommend to any one.—S. A. HAINES, Ellis co., Texas, Jan. 1, 1885.

These plants went by freight, and were three weeks on the way.

My A Splendid Way of Packing Plants.—The other plants (third order) arrived all right. Your way of packing is certainly a splendid one.—H. A. PENNOCK, Wayne co., N. C., March 6, 1885.

Plants reached us Monday, in perfect condition. Thanks for liberal count and the extra bunch of Shuckless.—J. B. McKAY, Henderson co., Kentucky, April 3, 1885.

Your plants arrived in good condition, about 250 more than I paid for.—H. HEITSMUELLER, Cullman co., Ala., Dec. 14, 1884.

Plants were entirely satisfactory.—G. H. MILLER & SON, Floyd co., Ga., Dec. 6, 1884.
Tennessee Prolific.
The widely and favorably known the best extra early berry ever for the North and West it is the early berry to plant. At the South it has done well in some places, in some places not. I would advise Southern growers to test it on account of its extreme earliness, but to depend more on Hoffman, Newman, &c. 25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

Warfield No. 2.—This is the great medium early market berry of the North and West. Very productive of large, perfectly shaped berries famous for their firmness and beauty, and excellence as a table berry. Many of the restaurants in large cites advertise Warfield strawberries as a special feature on their bills of fare. The plant growth is exceedingly vigorous on all soils and in all climates. I have a large stock of pure Warfield. Pollenize with Van Deman, Beder Wood, Lovett or Cyclone. 25c. 100; $1.25 1,000.

West Lawn.—This is a new variety not yet introduced to much extent. I have planted it one season with the following results: Berry about size of Crescent, as productive, and similar to it. Ripened extremely early. In fact had all ripened and gone before the first Crescent or any other variety, with one or two exceptions, had a berry to turn. Should the West Lawn hold out at this rate it will surely be a most valuable variety. The extra early berry—which this seems to be—has two paramount advantages: It ripens when berries are scarce and high and brings in the dollars fast; it is ripe, picked and sold before the medium early berries come in, thus enabling the grower to pick just that much larger acreage. This is no small advantage as will be clear when it is known that most growers are forced to limit their crop to their picking force. A man might be able to net $500 an acre on ten acres, but if he had pickers for only five acres he could grow only five, unless he had varieties which ripened at different times. 35c. doz.; $1.00 100; $5.00 1,000.

Timbrell.—This is the latest berry yet produced. Plant healthy and vigorous, and very productive of good sized berries. The berry has one peculiarity which has elicited nearly enough talk to run a session of congress. That is its color. Instead of coloring all over evenly, it ripens dappled red and pink. I see no great objection to this. Some do. Some don't. It's fine flavor gives it a distinct value as a table berry. With the qualities of extreme lateness, prolifeness and excellence of flavor it should be tried by all. For very late berries are rare, and productive, well flavored ones exceedingly rare.

50c. doz.; $1.50 100.

Van Deman.—This ranks among the very earliest berries. At the experiment stations of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Wisconsin, Indiana and Minnesota it received the highest praise for size and produciveness and was nearly everywhere the earliest of all. Mr. M. A. Thayer, the great fruit grower, recommends it as the best of all pollenizers for Warfield, matching it in all respects. Mr. L. J. Fawver, considers it in all respects introduced. This seems to be conclusive proof that for the North and West it is the early berry to plant. At the South it has done well in some places, in some places not. I would advise Southern growers to test it on account of its extreme earliness, but to depend more on Hoffman, Newman, &c. 25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3 1,000.

Sorry he bought elsewhere.—My plants came to hand in good order and did you credit. Unfortunately I had ordered 7,000 Gandy before I got your catalogue, and am duly sorry that I did.—J. J. Grindall, Baltimore co., Md., April 21, 1895.

The plants I bought of you are doing finely. I lost scarcely a plant. I was surprised to find the expense of sending them so little.—J. H. Everingam, Caroline co., Md., April 20, 1895.

Strawberry plants came to hand yesterday in best possible condition. They are excellent and were well packed.—L. W. Hart, Bergen co., N. J., Sept. 28, 1894.
**WOOLVERTON.**—This is a member of the Great Triumvirate which bids fair to rule the world of stamineate strawberries—Gandy Belle or No Name and Tennessee Prolific being the other two. Plants are, of the most vigorous and independent of drought. Easiest of all to live and grow. Berry large, firm, well colored and plen- of them. Use this, Gandy Belle or Tennessee Prolific to pollinate Bubach, Greenville and the other royal pistillates. Woolverton has always done well with me and this year it surpassed even its own grand record. I have tested nearly all of the many hundreds of varieties introduced in the past ten years, and I unhesitatingly place the above three at the head of the staminates or pollenizers of the large pistillates. They bloom just with them, and being very rich in pollen, pollinize them thoroughly, enabling them to develop and mature every berry. Then, what is almost as important, these three staminates match the great pistillates in size and color and can be picked and sold with them without lessening their value. One may grow ever so large pistillates, but if he unwisely plants small staminates with them as pollenizers, the result is that his berries being mixed large and small, sell for but little if any more than if all were small, causing a loss of from five to ten cents a quart. If a grower wishes to grow altogether staminates or self pollenizers he can find among the fully and widely tested varieties nothing better than these three. 25c. doz.; 60c. 100; $3.00 1,000.

All plants came to hand (the second lot sold him), on the 6th. They were all in excellent condition, well packed, well rooted and altogether first-class plants. Every one in this section is highly satisfied with your plants. I wish I had bought a couple thousand more Haverland. They are a great berry up here.—**J. Mcgregor, Marion co., Ind., April 16, 1895.**

**PLANTS DOING WELL EVEN IN DROUGHT.**—The 9,000 plants received April 7th, in good condition. Although it has been very dry up till June, I have not lost any plants. They are growing finely, putting out newer runners and making plants.—**J. E. STREET, Dade co., Missouri, June 24, 1895.**

**FINE, IN SPLENDID ORDER, NOT WILTED EVEN IN SEPT.**—Plants were fine and came in splendid condition, not wilted a bit. I am perfectly satisfied.—**J. Allen, Bradford co., Fla., Sept. 9, 1894.**

Must say I was very well pleased with the plants. They were good and in very good condition.—**C. J. HARTMAIR, Alleghany co., Pa., April 5, 1895.**

**PLANTS SO FINE AND WELL FLAVORED, WANTS MORE.**—Plants arrived in fine condition and were first-class. Inclosed please find check for $17.50 for which send me following plants (7,000 in all). I like your way of packing. The basket carry plants so nicely, and weighing almost nothing, save so much in freight.—**S. J. KENNARD, Jr., Alauchua co., Fla., Sept. 28, 1894.**

**ALL LIVED AND GROWING FINELY.**—Please send me 1,000 Lady Thompson. Plants received from you (in November) all lived and are growing finely.—**W. PORTER, Marion co., Fla., Jan. 8, 1895.**

Plants arrived allright and are satisfactory in every way.—**W. BONTHION, Conecuh co., Ala., Jan. 22, 1895.**

Plants arrived in due time and in first-class condition. They are another lot of fine plants (the third or fourth lot I had sold him.)—**ROBT. GALLAGHER, Bedford co., Tenn., March 23, 1895.**

Plants received allright. They came looking nice.—**L. L. CRONK, Genesee co., Mich., April 20, 1895.**

Plants received in fine order and I am highly pleased.—**J. S. HARRINGTON, Shelby co., Ky., April 6, 1895.**

Plants came to hand allright, am well pleased with them.—**J. S. BOLTON, Howell co., Missouri, Oct. 11, 1894.**
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