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RASPBERRY—STRAWBERRY—BLACKBERRY

PLANTS

1892.

SLAYMAKER & SON,
DOVER, DEL.
Our Location, near Dover, the State Capital, on the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with Banks, Money Order Post Office, Adams Express, and Telegraph and Telephone Offices, gives us every facility for the prompt transaction of business with all parts of the country.

Our Stock is of our own growing, large and full, of pure, strong, healthy plants, of over 70 different varieties. We make Berry Plants our specialty, giving them our personal care, with no large nursery stock to distract or divide our attention.

Payments must be made in Advance, but orders will be booked and held a reasonable time, and sent on receipt of remittance.

C. O. D. orders will be accepted and promptly forwarded, but when for a large amount a part of the money should accompany the order, or satisfactory reference be given.

By Freight we have shipped plants to Minnesota, Kansas, and other Western points, giving entire satisfaction. This, though somewhat slow, is much the cheapest way of obtaining plants in large lots. Order early, and we can reach you in good order by fast freight.

By Express. We have only the Adams Express Company, but in cases where they do not reach the desired point, they transfer the goods to such other Express Company as does reach the destination. Our boxes are so light as to add but little to the actual weight of the plants. We usually ship by Express when not otherwise ordered.

By Mall and Express Paid we have delivered plants in large and small lots during the past year to all parts of the country, including California. These have gone to hundreds of customers and given entire satisfaction. No one need now hesitate to buy plants on account of unknown Express charges. No extra charge at dozen rates on any plants offered, nor on Strawberry plants at hundred rates. To the price per thousand we add only fifty cents to prepay charges to any point.

Our Shipping Season begins with September and ends about June. Our light, sandy soil, open Winters, and warm packing rooms, give us special facilities for filling Winter orders to Southern planters, and for starting plants to Northern and Western customers early enough in the Spring to allow for plenty of time to reach them by Freight, thus reducing the cost of transportation.

Packing in the best manner, and delivery at office in Dover, is included in all prices named. Small orders receive every care. All orders and enclosures will be promptly acknowledged and questions relating to our business carefully answered. We use light and strong packages, put in plenty of moss, and carefully separate and mark each different variety with printed tags.

Our Customers may depend on getting full count of live plants, true to name. Should any one fail to get such plants from any cause not the result of their own neglect in sending proper shipping directions, they can, upon prompt notice, with proof, have plants replaced or money refunded.

Send Full Name, distinctly, with Post Office, County, and State, to every communication of any kind. Failure to give the name of County often causes delay and sometimes loss.

Personal. We print, by permission, the following letter from Hon. N. B. Smathers, President of the First National Bank of Dover, and its endorsement by Dr. Henry Ridgely, President of Farmers’ Bank.

Dover, Delaware, January 24, 1888.

Messrs. Slaymaker & Son, Small Fruit Growers, near this town, are gentlemen of high character, and in their business operations may be relied on for honest and fair dealing. I have purchased from them, and entire satisfaction was given me.

N. B. SMITHERS.

I fully endorse the above.

H. RIDGELY.
Respected Friend:

We congratulate you as a berry grower on the unusually favorable results of the Season of 1891. Good crops and prices are reported from nearly every berry section, and hundreds of thousands of growers have cause to rejoice over their prosperity in this their chosen field. "The danger of overdoing this industry is in the distant future, and from observation and reports," says Dr. Collier of the New York Experiment Station, "it has been universally found that those who grow the strawberry and other small fruits for a livelihood, are those whose farms are paid for and whose bank accounts foot up on the right side."

We began the small fruit business on our Camden farm 27 years ago, along with other farming, but we have found it best to cut off all other interests and devote our whole attention to this one specialty—berry plants. Our business in this line has shown a healthy growth every year, and the large increase of last year warns us to prepare for a yet greater one this year.

To meet this demand we have grown an unusually large stock of plants, and so increased our facilities that we can dig and handle one hundred thousand plants every day, thus supplying all orders promptly with good fresh stock and every improvement in method and package.

We have one price for all customers ordering at any given date and in similar quantities. All new varieties will be furnished at lowest price of introducer, whether on this list or not. We buy enough of all such plants for our own use and the supply of any customer who may want them.

Our offer to send plants C. O. D., to be examined before they are paid for, kept open this year, shows that we have confidence in our goods; and the fact that we sent scores of orders in this way last year and did not fail to receive our money by return express in a single case is a very remarkable instance of good work on our part and good faith on the part of our customers.

We are always ready to answer any correspondence and will quote prices on any lot of plants delivered, when list is submitted to us for estimate.

We have to thank old customers for their continued support and the special interest shown by many in helping us to extend our business and in bearing testimony by many hearty letters to the satisfaction given by our plants. Very respectfully,

SLAYMAKER & SON,

DOVER, DELAWARE.
To plant Strawberries, spade or plow early and at least two weeks before planting. After making the soil as fine as possible, plants may be set 18 inches each way, if for garden, or fourteen inches in rows three feet wide if for field culture. One row out of every four must be of a staminate variety. Dip each bunch of plants in a bucket of water, deep enough to wet all the roots but not the leaves, just before setting out. Plant in narrow trench about five inches deep, spreading the roots somewhat and covering so that the crowns will be level with the surface of the bed. Firm very carefully. Large beds should be rolled as soon as set out. Cultivate or hoe soon after setting, and often enough to keep all weeds down. Let enough runners take root to make the rows twelve inches wide, with plants standing six inches apart each way; then carefully remove all other runners, and remember that the success of your bed depends largely on the care with which this work is done. Keep this treatment up until stopped by Winter, then mulch with straw, and you have only to wait for your crop, one of the most certain, profitable, delightful and interesting that can be grown. Bone meal, ashes, or well rotted manure, may be applied any time in the early Summer to advantage.

SPECIAL OFFERS.

1. 3 dozen of three good varieties, prepaid, $ .25
2. 300 plants of four varieties, from early to late, prepaid, 1.00
3. 1 dozen each of Enhance, Eclipse, Mrs. Cleveland, Parker Earle, Bessie, Westbrook, Great Pacific, Daisy, Felton, and Bomba (10 varieties), prepaid, for only, 2.00
4. 5 varieties, 12 Beder Wood, 12 Burt, 12 Daisy, 12 Eclipse, and 12 Enhance, prepaid, for 1.00
5. 10,000 Warfield and 100 Enhance, express paid, 18.00
6. 5,000 Crescent, 5,000 Haverland and 100 Eclipse, express paid, 18.00
7. (Judge Biggie collection) 300 plants of each of five varieties, Cumberland, Crescent, Haverland, Bubach No. 5, and Gandy (1,500 plants), prepaid for 3.50

This collection is recommended for every garden for family supply by Jacob Biggle, the popular author of "High Farming at Elmwood," in Farm Journal for December, 1891.
STRAWBERRIES.

We pack in light, uniform boxes, using only young, well-rooted plants, from which all dead leaves and runners have been removed. After being carefully straightened they are placed in upright position in box, with roots in mass and leaves exposed to the air. The boxes are then so slatted and secured that they can neither heat nor be broken in handling. Strawberry plants, so put up, will keep, in perfect condition, for at least two weeks. They should not be wet or unpacked until ready to be used.

Those varieties marked (P) are pistillate, and need at least every fourth row to be planted with some staminate sort. Those marked (S) are especially good for use as staminates.

The descriptions following are a careful showing of the behavior of the different kinds under ordinary field culture on our farms and in other localities where they have had trial. The date given indicates the time of first picking in 1891.

ACCOMACK. A new variety from the southern part of this Peninsula. "Plant, a vigorous grower, somewhat inclined to stool. The fruit is large, approaching Sharpless in size, of good color, excellent flavor and perfect bloom. As productive as Bubach (No. 5), ripens five days after Hoffman and ahead of Crescent and holds up well through the season." This is the description of originator, and we believe it a careful statement of its behavior at its home, Virginia. Not yet tried at Meadow Brook. $1.50 per dozen; $6.00 per 100.

ALABAMA. Not very productive in Delaware last year. Fruit of fair size and excellent quality. 25 cents per dozen; 50 cents per 100; $3.00 per 1,000.

ATLANTIC, BIDWELL and BELMONT. 40 cents per 100; $2 per 1,000.

BESSIE. New from Maryland. Very strong growing plant with us. Originator says: fruit is of good size, borne in large clusters, and ripens nearly all of its crop in a week along with the first Crescent. 75 cents per dozen; $1.00 per 100; $5.00 per 1,000.

BEDER WOOD, (S) This has proved the most productive newly-tested variety fruited at New York Experiment Station last year. Fruit produced in large clusters, not extra large berry, but of good market size and hold their size through a long picking season. Ripens early and berries are conical; showy scarlet. Comes from the West, but maintains its vigorous growth in Delaware. 50 cents per dozen; $1.00 per 100; $5.00 per 1,000.

BOYNTON, (P) We sold this sort in good faith last year, relying on description of originator. It proves not to be a staminate as claimed, and not to differ from Crescent in any way that we can see at this writing. 50 cents per dozen; $1.00 per 100; $5.00 per 1,000.
BURT, (S.) First picking, May 23. An excellent variety to plant where a staminate is wanted that will bear lots of fruit, as well as furnish pollen for near-by imperfect blooming varieties. Berry of good market size, bright scarlet color and good carrying qualities. In the test by the Experiment Station of New York, Burts, in matted rows, exceeded all old and new varieties in productiveness, yielding at the rate of over 11,000 quarts per acre. The plant is of the most vigorous type. 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $2.00 per 1,000.

BUBACH, No. 5. Noted for very large berries and heavy bearing qualities. Began to ripen May 25. Yields its fruit very fast. Well known and needs no further description. 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per hundred; $2.00 per 1,000.

BOMBA, (S.) This variety has now had several years trial in our beds and it has never failed to give excellent results. Good market size, good quality, firm and productive. As a staminate of so much merit we believe it must become popular, and have grown a full stock of plants. 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $2.00 per 1,000.

BUBACH, No. 132. 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $2.00 per 1,000.

CALIFORNIA, (S.) May 25. "Of low stocky growth, fruit long conical with a distinct neck; color, dark scarlet; average in size and firm, quality good" (description by N. Y. Ex. Station bulletin for 1891.) 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $2.00 per 1,000.

CRAWFORD, (S.) May 25. Specially adapted to the wants of amateurs and such growers as can give high culture. Under such treatment this is an almost ideally perfect Strawberry. Has few equals in appearance in basket and no better carrier; quality first-class, productive only under high culture. 25 cents per dozen; 60 cents per 100; $4.00 per 1,000.

CRESCENT, (P.) May 21. This good old sort did its best under the favorable conditions of last year and shows that it retains all its old time vigor. It is the standard in productiveness, easy to grow, and lowest in price. 15 cents per dozen; 25 cents per 100; $1.00 per 1,000.

CRYSTAL CITY. May 13. Earliest of all, berry small but sweet and good, sometimes injured by frost. 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $1.50 per 1,000.

CUMBERLAND, (S.) May 21. Well known as an excellent sort to plant with imperfect varieties. Gives plenty of large, uniform, light red berries. At its best last year. 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $1.50 per 1,000.

CHARLES DOWNING, (S.) May 21. A good old sort, well known and reliable. 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $1.50 per 1,000.

CHAMPION and GLENDALE. 25 cts. per dozen; 40 cts. per 100; $2 per $1000.

DAISY, (S.) May 23. Has had two years trial and is giving general satisfaction. The plants are healthy and productive, while the berries are quite large, uniform in size, and of good color. 25 cents per dozen; 50 cents per 100; $3.00 per 1,000.
STRAWBERRIES.

ECLIPSE, (P.) A new and very promising variety, originated in Kentucky. A large, firm, high-colored, delicious-flavored berry. We have fruited it in our trial bed and find it to be all that has been claimed for it by Mr. Barton the originator, Mr. Matthew Crawford and others. Ripened about May 22, and gave a heavy crop. We regard it as one of the best of the new varieties, and freely advise its trial by all.
75 cents per dozen; $2.00 per 100; $6.00 per 1,000.

ENHANCE, (S.) New, but fruited in our trial bed. Plants set very full of berries, some very large and all came to a good size; bright color all over, firm and handsome. Ripened with Bubach and seemed to fulfill its claim of being as productive as that variety and at the same time a perfect bloomer. Should this berry continue to do as well it will become very popular to plant along with the Bubach to furnish the necessary pollen.
75 cents per dozen; $1.50 per 100; $10.00 per 1,000.

EUREKA, (P.) June 6. Large, late and productive.
25 cents per dozen; 50 cents per 100; $3.00 per 1,000.

FELTON, (S.) Long season. Fruit of good size through picking. Showy, firm and of fine flavor. A promising new sort. 25 cents per dozen; 50 cents per 100; $4.00 per 1,000.

FLORENCE. 50 cents per dozen; $1.00 per 100; $8.00 per 1,000.

GANDY, (S.) June 8. Large berry, firm and looks well in basket. Gives only a few heavy pickings. 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $2.00 per 1,000.

GYPSY, (P.) May 18. This is our favorite berry for home use and also for distant market, as it is possessed of superior quality and extra firmness. As an impartial description we quote from the report of Horticulturist of New York Experiment Station for 1891: "This variety is low and stocky in growth, produces well in stool row but is fairly productive in matted rows. Berries of medium size, firm and of good flavor. Only exceeded in productiveness in stool rows (hills) by Beder Wood and Phillips' Seedling, in a trial with all new and old varieties." Preferred to all other berries by Wilmington syrup men at Wyoming last year.
25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $1.50 per 1,000.

GREAT PACIFIC, (P.) May 23. Plant and fruit stem very much like the Crescent. Berry darker in color and firmer in texture. Productiveness not yet determined.
25 cents per dozen; 50 cents per 100; $4.00 per 1,000.

HAVERLAND, (P.) May 23. This was the most productive Strawberry grown in our beds last season. Berry large and long and of bright color. Needs mulching and likes good treatment and plenty of wood ashes during the preceding Summer. It is almost the only sort from which we have never heard a bad report. Exceeds in size and productiveness, also in vigorous growth of plant. 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $1.50 per 1,000.

HOFFMAN and HENDERSON.
25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $1.50 per 1,000.

HYSLP. Early as Crystal City, which it resembles very much; but as grown in our beds it is a larger berry and better bearer. 50 cents per hundred; $2.00 per thousand.
STRAWBERRIES.

JESSIE, (S.) May 21. Suffered in many places from late frosts of last Spring. In locations where protected, such as gardens and southerly exposed beds, it gave its usual crop of early, large, firm berries of the best quality. Blossom perfect.

25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $1.50 per 1,000.

LOGAN (S.) and LUELLA. 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $2.00 per 1,000.

LOUISE, (S.) An extra large, bright red berry that has given us favorable results for a number of years. Season rather late, quality good and good carrier. Needs good care and pays well for extra attention. 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $2.00 per 1,000.

LINCOLN. New, of Sharpless type, without white tips, of brighter color and apparently more productive. 40 cents per dozen; $1.00 per 100; $4.00 per 1,000.

LADY RUSK, (P.) 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $2.00 per 1,000.

MIAMI, (P.) Late. 25 cents per dozen; 60 cents per 100; $4.00 per 1,000.

MT. VERNON (P.) and MANCHESTER, (P.) 40 cents per 100; $2.00 per 1,000.

MAY KING, (S.) May 21. An early variety that is much used as a staminate. Always gives good crops except when allowed to grow too thickly in matted rows, it will not produce well under such crowding, but is always good to fertilize imperfect sorts.

25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $1.50 per 1,000.

MONMOUTH. May 18. 25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $1.50 per 1,000.

MICHEL'S EARLY, (S.) May 16. Good for the South where earliness is the great consideration. Ripens its crop very fast. Small size, bright and attractive color and excellent quality. The vigor of this plant makes it mat the rows so thickly with plants that unless this tendency is checked they are not productive. When properly thinned out we think it will prove of great value for early market and table use.

25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per hundred; $1.50 per 1,000.

MRS. CLEVELAND, (P.) May 23. New from Ohio. One of our strongest growing plants, berry large, shapely and good. Productiveness not yet proven.

25 cents per dozen; 60 cents per hundred; $4.00 per 1,000.

MIDDLEFIELD, (P.) New from Connecticut. Described by originator thus: "Growth of plant all that one could wish. Foliage dark green and free from rust, making runners freely. Season medium, fruits conical, very showy, glossy scarlet, firm, and holding large through the season.

60 cents per dozen; $2.00 per hundred.

ONTARIO. 50 cents per dozen; $1.00 per hundred; $8.00 per 1,000.

OREGON EVERBEARING. "Continues the Strawberry season until Fall, bearing a good crop of berries after all other varieties are gone." Such is the testimony of numbers of reliable growers who have tried it.

$1.00 per dozen; $3.00 per hundred; $25 per 1,000.

PEARL, (S.) PINEAPPLE (S.) and PARRY, (S.)

25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per hundred; $2.00 per 1,000.
PARKER EARLE, (S.) June 1. One season’s trial gives this first rank among late stamine sorts. Plant large and perfect in growth, sets lots of fruit, and ripens large, distinct berries, of glossy scarlet with prominent yellow seeds. Quality up to its fine appearance. Has received unqualified praise wherever tried.

60 cents per dozen; $2.00 per hundred; $15.00 per 1,000.

PRINCE OF BERRIES. 25 cents per dozen; 60 cents per hundred; $4.00 per 1,000.

SHARPLESS, (S.) An old variety of largest size and best carrying qualities. Much liked for home use and under favorable conditions one of the best for market. Season late.

Plants of large size and very fine appearance.

25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per hundred; $1.50 per 1,000.

STEVENS. May 18. Ripens very early, larger than most very early sorts, plants rather small but fruit stems strong enough to hold the berry well up from the ground.

25 cents per dozen; $1.00 per hundred; $4.00 per 1,000.

SURPRISE. 50 cents per dozen; $1.00 per hundred; $8.00 per $1000.

STAYMAN’S No. 1, (P.)

25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per hundred; $1.50 per 1,000.

TIPPECANOE. Berry of largest size and showing many good qualities. New and promising. 50 cents per dozen; $1.00 per hundred.

WARFIELD, No. 2, (P.) May 25. This, like the Haverland, has become very popular in a short time. Resembles the Crescent in vigor of plant, and excels it in its good carrying capacity, better color, and more uniform and shapely appearance. Extra culture and high manuring makes this one of the most showy and profitable berries for later markets. Will not stand neglect like its parent the Crescent.

25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per 100; $2 per 1,000.

WESTBROOK, (P.) From the South, where it is regarded as an excellent early variety, good carrier, and said to be more productive than most early sorts. Has been shipped to market with favorable results for 3 years though now first offered to the Northern grower.

50 cents per dozen; $1.00 per hundred; $4.00 per 1,000.

WILSON’S ALBANY, (S.) May 23. Old and well known as the standard of firmness, color and shape for Strawberries. Not always as productive as some of the newer sorts. We have a fine stock of Wilson plants.

25 cents per dozen; 40 cents per hundred; $1.50 per 1,000.

New varieties, not in the above list, will be furnished at lowest price of introducer. Write to us for any berry plants wanted of whatever kind.
Raspberries are best planted in hills, about 4 by 6 feet, and arranged so as be cultivated both ways. Set the plant in furrow about an inch deeper than it stood in nursery; firm very carefully, and cultivate clean and well. Canes should be pinched back in July, but no lateral branches should be cut before March, when the plant should be trimmed to such dimensions as will enable it to hold up its fruit. Bearing beds should be worked well, but shallow until fruit begins to ripen. A good bed of these berries should last from six to ten years.

Red berries grow from suckers which put up from the roots. In bearing beds these suckers should be kept down by cultivator and hoe, allowing only about four good strong canes to each hill.

Plants of all the cap raspberries are grown from tips of branches, which take root in the soft soil.

BRANDYWINE. An old red variety that does not lose by comparison with its younger competitors. Early and specially suited to heavy soil and high feeding, bears well, carries and sells with the best. 40 cents per dozen; 75 cents per hundred; $4.00 per 1,000.

CUTHBERT. Late red, very large berry, heavy bearer and best quality. Strong growing canes. A favorite berry with all buyers. 50 cents per dozen; 75 cents per hundred; $5.00 per 1,000.

GOLDEN QUEEN. A yellow berry, much like Cuthbert in other respects. 50 cents per dozen; $1.50 per hundred; $12.00 per 1,000.

HANSEL. Red berry, good size, very early; but not strong in cane and therefore not productive, except when very highly manured. 40 cents per dozen; 75 cents per hundred; $6.00 per 1,000.
RASPBERRIES.

TURNER. Red berry, ripens with Brandywine and about five days after Hansel, medium size and productive when not too much crowded with suckers.
  40 cents per dozen; 75 cents per hundred; $5.00 per 1,000.

SHAFFERS. Purple cap, late and enormously productive.
  50 cents per dozen; $1.50 per hundred; $8.00 per 1,000.

CROMWELL. New black cap. Earliest of all.
  50 cents per dozen; $1.50 per hundred; $12.00 per 1,000.

JOHNSTON’S SWEET. Black cap.
  50 cents per dozen; $1.00 per hundred; $8.00 per 1,000.

PALMER. Most productive early black cap. Strong grower and large berry.
  40 cents per dozen; $1.00 per hundred; $10.00 per 1,000.

PIONEER. Early black cap. 40 cents per dozen; $1.00 per 100; $8.00 per 1,000.

SOUHEGAN. The standard early black cap.
  40 cents per dozen; 75 cents per hundred; $5.00 per 1,000.

JAPAN WINEBERRY A fine novelty from Japan. Valuable not only for its large crop of berries, but for its unique growth and ornamental character. Every garden should have it. 25 cents each; $2.50 per dozen.

BLACKBERRIES.

Plant in early Spring or late Fall. Should be in rows each way so as to cross cultivate, 4½ by 6 feet apart. Set carefully and firm well. Cultivate and trim like Raspberries. Manure ground abundantly and don’t let more than three canes grow to each hill. Remove old fruit canes any time after picking and before cultivating season the following Spring.

ANCIENT BRITTAIIN. Best late Blackberry as grown in Delaware.
  50 cents per dozen; $1.00 per hundred.

EARLY HARVEST. Earliest Blackberry. Sure bearer, small, sweet berry of fine uniform shape, bright color and good carrier.
  30 cts. per dozen; 75 cts. per hundred; $5 per 1,000.

WILSON’S EARLY. Most popular Blackberry. Large, handsome berry, good quality and heavy bearer.
  40 cts. per dozen; 75 cts. per hundred; $5 per 1,000.

LUCRETIA DEWBERRY. Every year growing in favor in all parts of the country. Large black berry produced on running canes that are tied up to stakes. Immensely productive, healthy plant, easy to grow and very satisfactory to gather. Season same as Early Harvest.
  40 cents per dozen; $1.00 per hundred; $8.00 per 1,000.
TREES AND VINES.

Peach Trees, grown below yellows' line, first-class, $5.00 per 100; second size, $3.00. Apple, Pear and Plum Trees, and Grape Vines, at lowest prices.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.

We keep pure Plymouth Rocks on our Dover place, and pure Light Brahmas on our Camden place, and, by keeping only one breed on a farm, we can give them plenty of room to range about, and yet keep the stock pure. Eggs from hens at large are admittedly better than from ones kept in close quarters, as is necessarily the case where several breeds are kept on one place.

Price, per setting, in basket, ready to ship: 13 Plymouth Rock, 50c; 13 Light Brahmas, $1.00; 11 Pekin Duck, 50c. One setting Light Brahma and one of either of the other kinds, $1.25.

Address,

SLAYMAKER & SON,
DOVER, DELAWARE.