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To my patrons everywhere, I extend a hearty greeting. In this 16th annual list I desire to remind them that I am still in the business at the same place and am ready and most anxious to give them the best service of which I am capable. Growing strawberries and the plants for more than twenty years past, it is quite natural that I should think I have acquired some experience in the growing of the berry as well as to the manner of caring for the interests of those who buy my stock, and also have some decided notions as to the value of varieties, having grown and tested hundreds of different sorts, only to finally discard them. So the conclusion I have reached is that out of the enormous number of sorts that have been propagated and sent out during the time I have been in the business, there are but few, probably scarcely above a dozen varieties that will give general satisfaction, or will pay for the time, money and labor expended. Of course locality has much to do with the case in a given variety, but those of the smaller, minority class with a minimum of care in properly enriched soil will give a reasonable crop in a majority of seasons. And most growers haven’t the time, patience or inclination to “pet or fuss” over a fruit however handsome if the outcome isn’t worth the dollars and cents thereby. For these reasons the list I always recommend is a very limited one, for I feel sure that in nine cases out of ten the result will be more satisfactory. For instance, for a really productive, early berry I doubt if the Mitchell’s or Miachel Early, or the more tart Excelsior have ever been equaled at their season. Each are very productive, of medium to small berries.
Bubach No. 5, follows in about a week and is known and always admitted as
the standard in size and productiveness by which newer claimants are measured.
Or take Tennessee of about the same season. More money has been made with
this variety on this peninsula than with any other variety.
Parson's Beauty follows and a worthy follower. Large berry, and plenty of
them. A heavy loam or moist situation suits it best.
Lady Thompson likes the same situation.
Brandywine is a gem if the foliage doesn't rust.
Seaford or Lloyd is a splendid home fruit on light soil, but not very attractive
Bismarck and Cumberland Triumph are light colored, soft, productive sort,
sweet and good eating out of hand.
Climax, a very pleasing grower, productive, rather soft, much like Clyde.
Haviland or Haverland seems to have lost its prestige with me.
Texas I think well of, fruit plenty and of good size and shape
Uncle Sam, no good on light soil.
Crescent will bring an enormous crop of sour, medium to small berries in sea-
on, with less care or attention than any one sort I am acquainted with, but will
repay good culture and cutting out of plants in the growing season.
William Belt, has some nice large fruit, but there are many smaller ones.
Nick Ohmer has the same disadvantage, but is a delicious fruit.
Sample is a very reliable, good variety of fair size.
Chellie, soft, too many small berries.
Joe has done remarkably well for four seasons with me.
Jessie, liable to late frosts.
Pride of Cumberland, difficult to secure a good stand, but an excellent fruit.
Lady Garrison, productive, medium size, quality good.
Senator Dunlap, much like Crescent, runners must be restricted.
Superior of about the same order, very productive.
Now, I have tried in my humble judgment to give you an idea of my opinion
of some of the leading varieties, still I am growing many others and mean still
to continue so doing. Who knows when a real prize may be originated that will
eclipse some of the sorts we now extol? That is what we are all watching and
waiting for, but for the reasons I have expressed I always advise intending pur-
chasers to choose only those varieties of known value and reliability.
The plants I have to offer this season are particularly well grown, healthy,
heavy rooted, guaranteed true to name, have a clean certificate from the State
Inspector, will be tied in bunches containing 25 plants, properly labeled and well
packed in moist live moss, and delivered by freight or express promptly on order.
I have placed a flat price that will, I think, appeal to your pocket, and can war-
rant that if you purchase my plants you will be served as faithfully as elsewhere
and if proper care and labor is afterwards given they will give as satisfactory
results as others at any price.
My terms are cash with order. C. O. D., only when the amount accompanies
the order. Money orders must be drawn on Lewes, Del.
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Cabbage plants—Premium Dutch June 1st to July 15th.

Tomato plants—Stone, Paragon, Matchless.

$1 per 1000 F. O. B.

References—Sussex Trust & Safe Deposit Co., Lewes, Delaware.