

A NEW STRAWBERRY.



FIG. 1255.—NICK HOMER.

Mr. M. Crawford, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, sends us an engraving of this straw

berry, which he says was originated by Mr. John F. Beaver, of Ohio. Mr. Crawford describes it as follows :

The plant is very large and stocky, sending out plenty of very strong runners. It is probably not surpassed in healthy, vigorous growth and great productiveness by any variety. It has a perfect blossom. The fruit is of the very largest size, a giant among strawberries. It is never misshapen. Its only departure from the regular, roundish conical form is when, under high culture, it is somewhat triangular. It is dark glossy red, firm and of excellent flavor.

WHITEWASHING PEACH TREES.

A RECENT bulletin of the Missouri Experiment Station discusses the winter protection of the peach. One of the most promising methods of preventing the buds from swelling, rendering them liable to destruction from cold weather, is whitewashing. It was found that the whitened buds remained practically dormant until April, while unprotected buds swelled perceptibly during warm days late in February and early in March. Eighty per cent. of the unwhitened buds escaped winter killing. Whitened buds blossomed three to six days later than unwhitened ones. Thermometers covered with material the color of the peach twigs registered, during bright, sunny weather, from ten to over twenty degrees higher than ther-

mometers covered with white material of similar texture, thus indicating that whitened peach twigs might be expected to absorb much less heat than those that were not whitened.

The whitewash used was four parts of water, one part of skimmed milk and enough freshly slacked lime to make as thick a wash as could conveniently be pumped through a Bordeaux spray nozzle without clogging. This wash was sprayed on the trees by means of a bucket spray pump. The first application was made the last of December, and three subsequent sprayings were necessary to keep the trees thoroughly coated until spring. The cost for material and labor is about 10 cents per tree, when done on a small scale.