

ground, the better. All this rubbish ought to be gathered up and burned, if any reputation is wanted as a tidy cultivator.

STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

We hear a great deal about potted plants, and no doubt that for removing a long distance, they are very desirable; but on one's own place, in a wet time, young plants may be removed quite as successfully without any pots. They may be lifted with a spade and a ball of earth, in such a manner as to be almost unchecked in growth, and if done before the end of August, they will bear a fair crop the next year. Wm. Falconer says in a late number of the R. N. Y., that from plants set in July or August, he gets a capital crop the following June, and invariably his largest berries.

The *Jessie* receives a great variety of criticisms, both favorable and adverse. Our own were in no way disappointing, being fully up in size to all expectations. But most people are too ready to pass judgment on a new thing, after the very slightest experience. It is not enough to have a few plants in the garden; one needs a large plantation to be able to judge fairly. Secretary Williams, of New Jersey, speaks very favorably of this berry, but prefers the Pearl, because more regular in shape. The *Jessie* is larger, but has a tendency, inherited from the Sharpless, to ripen unevenly, and to lose its flavor soon after ripening.

Of the *Bubach*, he speaks very favorably as follows: "Bubach is the most promising of the newer varieties, fruiting with me this season for the first time. It is early, large, bright-colored, handsome, vigorous and productive, and ripens evenly—all valuable traits in any berry. The quality is hardly up to that of some of the others, but still I think it will do to plant more of it." Secy. Crawford also commends the *Bubach* as being the "largest berry that bears a heavy crop. The plant is faultless. The blossom is pistillate and quite hardy. The berry is not firm enough for a distant market, but it is the berry for a home market.

Little's No. 4., a seedling of our old friend, Mr. John Little, of Granton, is also highly commended by Mr. Crawford. He says "This was the finest berry, all things considered, that I fruited this season. The plant is strong and vigorous, has a perfect blossom, and continues in bloom a very long time. I think it is the most productive very large berry that I have ever seen." This accords with our own experience with it this season. Its free bearing and immense size were points that we noted down especially, but we intended to give it another year's trial before speaking of it.

We have now about fifty varieties under trial at Maplehurst, and we hope to make the results helpful to the members of our Association in course of time.