

above other fruits ; for some years past, seeing the way in which other fruits were being improved, I asked myself the question why not the strawberry? and on making enquiry as to the parentage of some of the new ones, I was nearly always met with the answer : 'A chance seedling just found growing,' or 'I found it in a fence corner,' or on a 'stone heap.' Not very often could



FIG. 986.—CLYDE.

the introducer tell its parentage, and so I thought it strange that some one had not tried to improve it on some systematic principle, and so I have been trying for a few years to do so. I have a few very fine seedlings, I enclose one I have named 'Della K ;' it is a seedling of Sharpless. The picture is the exact size of the berry and bunch."