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## New Fruits.

### THE JESSIE STRAWBERRY.

This is a very pretentious strawberry. It claims to be just the very berry that everybody wants. We want a berry of excellent quality, and we are assured that in quality it surpasses the Atlantic or the Prince of Berries! We want a large berry, and they tell us that it is one of the largest, that thirteen selected ones or thirty ordinary sized ones will fill a quart, and that some of the berries measure eight or nine inches in circumference! We want a productive berry, and we are told that it is twice as productive as the Sharpless; indeed, some of our American friends would have us believe that it will produce from 6,000 to 18,000 quarts per acre! But we Canadians are too slow-going in our notions to swallow that statement whole.

The originator of the Jessie is Mr. F. W. Loudon, of Janesville, Wisconsin, and before purchasing the colored plates for our journal we wrote to him and others to get as reliable information as possible concerning its merits. We give Mr. Loudon's reply in full, leaving our readers to form their own conclusions.

"SIR,—Yours of the 20th November to hand, and in reply I will say that you may believe me when I tell you the Jessie is no humbug. It will prove just as I represented it in any part of the earth where the strawberry is known. It is an immense grower. To-day (Nov. 23) I have dug 2,000 plants that were not in existence till after the 21st of August. Nine-tenths of the plants were extra large, and the size of the berry and yield is in keeping with the growth of the plant. I counted 120 roots on one plant, and of the lot none ran lower than 70 to a plant.

"The Jessie originated in 1880; it has fruited five seasons, always giving