

I have not tested far enough to compare it with the older varieties but consider it very promising."

T. T. Lyon (president of Michigan Horticultural Society) writes: "For all soils and under all kinds of culture, good, bad and indifferent, including ability to bear transportation, I must say *Wilson* still: and omitting transportation, *Crescent*. Under good culture and intelligent management, *Bidwell*, or for near market, *Longfellow*. Best three sorts for market, with thorough culture: Miner's Prolific, Bidwell, Longfellow. Best six, with thorough culture: Miner's Prolific, Bidwell, Longfellow, Champion (or Oliver Goldsmith), Cumberland, Seneca Queen, (or Marion,) where it will bear the sun as it does with me). About an even thing between the Seneca Queen and Sharpless, the former more productive. From a single season's trial, I think *Arnold's Pride*, a new seedling of Charles Arnold of Ontario, likely to exceed all others except in firmness."

Wm. C. Barry (late president of American Nurserymen's Association), says. "I would name Sharpless as the best market berry. During the season it sold here at retail for 15 to 20 cents per quart, while other varieties were selling at 8 to 10 cents. Best three sorts in the order of ripening: Duchess, Cumberland, Sharpless. Best six for all purposes, in the order of ripening: Duchess, Bidwell, Cumberland, Wilson, Sharpless, Golden Defiance. Charles Downing merits a place among the six, and by some persons would be preferred to Cumberland. The best flavored sorts for the table are Duncan, Black Defiance, Seth Boyden, President Lincoln, Sharpless, and the Alpine varieties, Montreuil and Royal Hautbois. Manchester I have not tested yet. Jersey Queen is large and high flavored, and the plant is vigorous."

E. B. Underhill of Poughkeepsie makes the following remarks: "I regard the *Crescent* as the best strawberry for local market. No well-tried sort displaces the *Wilson* yet as the best *shipping* berry. While Sharpless, during its season (late only) is unrivalled for profit, as it is certainly the largest berry of value we have, *Crescent* or *Cumberland* will pick nearly as late and a week or more earlier, and as single varieties are invaluable and preferable to any I think of. It is very difficult to say which are the *three* best sorts; however, I will venture to say *Crescent*, *Miner*, and *Sharpless*,—not without misgiving at leaving out *Mt Vernon*, *Champion* and *Cumberland*, and even our old friends, *Kentucky* and *Charles Downing*. As a promising variety, *Bidwell* stands high, but the trouble with my beds of that variety is that promise and performance are not equal. Its foliage is rather slender, except with highest culture; the berry is of medium size and value. At Mr. Roe's it appeared to lead the van. With me I cannot place it above *Seth Boyden*. For very early, *Crystal City* will pay here, and *Mt. Vernon* I picked for market when *Kentucky*, *Miner* and *Sharpless* were gone. In company with *Charles Downing* I looked over Mr. Roe's beds, and we were then all enthusiastic with *Bidwell*. Since then my beds have not accomplished half they seemed ready for."

G. H. & J. H. Hale of South Glendonbury, Ct., sent the following notes.

Another year's experience with the strawberry, testing one hundred or more sorts, and marketing hundreds of bushels from our own grounds, as well as visiting fruit-growers in fifteen States and the Canadas during fruiting season, have not materially changed our opinion of last year, except in regard to one or two of the newer varieties.

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