

The Hubbardston originated in a town of Hubbardston, in Massachusetts, from whence, of course, it takes its name.

The tree is a fine vigorous grower, forms a handsome well branched head, and is quite productive.

The fruit is thus described by Mr. Downing, in his "Fruits and Fruit Trees of America."—Fruit large, roundish, oblong, much narrower toward the eye. Skin smooth, striped with splashes, and irregular broken stripes of pale and bright red, which nearly cover a yellowish ground. The calyx open and the stalk short, in a russeted hollow. Flesh yellow, juicy and tender, with an agreeable mingling of sweetness and acidity in its flavor. Very good to best. October to January.

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THE paper by C. E. Hunn was interesting and instructive, giving a *résumé* of the work done by the New York State Farm in connection with the Strawberry, and giving an idea as to the arrangement of the test grounds, so that clay loam and gravelly soils will be in conjunction, and so be able to give the public a better knowledge of what varieties to plant on a special soil.

In planting for the purpose of comparative testing, they plant two rows, each row containing twelve plants, the rows being three feet apart; one is grown in the stool system, the other being allowed to mat to the width of two feet. Hr. Hunn says: "It is often said that the strawberry sells more by its appearance than from its quality, but I find a growing demand for berries of fine flavor, and buyers are asking what are your best flavored varieties, not, which one yields the most. This leads me to think that the public are slowly discovering that there are strawberries and strawberries.

"I should recommend the following as a good choice for market and kitchen garden:

"Market sorts include Hoffman, Haverland for early; Daisy, Burt, season medium; Bubach and Crawford, for late.

"Garden sorts include Bomba and Haverland, for early; Ivanhoe as medium; Farnsworth and Middlefield, as late."

Concerning the matter of growing seedling strawberries, Mr. Hunn presented some very interesting facts. "There were also fruited on the station grounds upward of 1,000 seedlings, a number being crosses, and out of the whole number only twenty were saved because of showing any indication of being better than the parent plants, but in the study of them I found many interesting facts as regards the variation in pollen bearing blossoms.