

more productive, and fully a week later.

The *Superb*, which originated in New Jersey, was sent out for the first time last autumn. It is described as large, handsome, bright crimson, and having a sprightly sub-acid flavor.

Shaffer's Colossal is a new Cap berry, which originated with George Shaffer, in the town of Wheatland, Monroe county, N. Y., in 1869, and is now being disseminated by Mr. Charles A. Green, of Clifton, N. Y. It is said to be the largest raspberry in the world, and the most vigorous in growth of cane, and exceedingly productive.

Mr. Green is also sending out *Lost Rubies*, a red raspberry, described as large, bright red, with considerable bloom, firm and of fine flavor. The plant is said to be very hardy.

Souhegan, a new Black Cap, is described as being early and of fine quality. Well known authorities give it the highest commendation. *Hopkins* is another which originated at the West, and is said to be harder than the Gregg. *Centennial Black*, from the West, is still another which Mr. E. P. Roe recommends highly.

The Black Cap family has been considerably augmented by these accessions, and it will be interesting to compare them.

STRAWBERRIES.

The list of new strawberries is being constantly enlarged, so that our interest in this fruit is not allowed to flag in the least. The *Bidwell* leads the newcomers, and is introduced to notice with the most flattering recommendations. On the Hudson it has done admirably, and from all accounts possesses so many valuable characteristics that we may reasonably expect a great deal from it. The *Manchester*, which originated in New Jersey, follows,

fairly loaded down with commendations from prominent fruit growers. *Jersey Queen*, one of Mr. Irand's seedlings, is also regarded as promising. Mr. Green mentions the *Moonstone* as a variety which ripens late in the season. *New Dominion*, raised by J. H. Biggar, of Drummondville, Canada, is said to resemble Cumberland Triumph. Mr. Beadle says it possesses all the good qualities of that variety, and is at the same time more productive, of somewhat firmer flesh and better flavor. The fruit which we tested the past season was not as good as Cumberland Triumph. *Early Canada* was originated by A. M. Smith, of St Catharines, and is said to resemble Wilson strongly, but it ripens a week earlier.

We tested fifteen or eighteen new sorts last summer, but were not favorably impressed with any of them. Possibly another season's trial will enable us to form a better opinion of them.

I compared *Glendale* carefully with *Kentucky*, and came to the conclusion that the latter was the more valuable.

CURRENTS.

Fay's Prolific is now in the market, and we hope to give it a trial soon. Mr. Smith says *Lee's Prolific* does not show any points of superiority over the *Black Naples*.

We have endeavored in this report to refer to all the most prominent novelties now under cultivation. You will, I am sure, agree with me that we are making progress; and if the same interest and energy be evinced in the future as in the past, we may look for great advances in fruit culture. By hybridization and crossing the most wonderful results may be accomplished. There is in fact no limit to the novelties we may produce. But let our efforts be directed in such a way as to produce the most useful results.