

they can tell one sort from another at a glance. We know of a prominent nurseryman, who is known to be a reliable man and who stands very high in the horticultural world, that has sold a large quantity of "Wilson's Albany" in with his stock. These plants were obtained from two or three parties whom he believed to be and are honest men. We have seen these plants in fruit that were from the same beds, and found fully *two-thirds* of them *spurious, worthless sorts*. Now these men had bought them from another party in good faith for *Wilson's*, and not being judges of that variety, sold the fruit and plants for such.

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## STRAWBERRIES.

First of the Small Fruit, in the month of June, comes the beautiful, wholesome and appetizing Strawberry. The profits which may result from its cultivation, when properly conducted, are enough to satisfy the highest expectations. On a sandy gravelly loam, the well-known author of the "Fruit Garden," Mr. P. Barry, of Rochester, planted Wilson's Albany, and picked at the rate of almost 300 bushels per acre, averaging about one thousand dollars. This is enormous, but shows what can be done under favorable circumstances. Mr. Adam Waters, of Quebec, paid in 1880, \$750 for strawberries grown on one single acre.

COLONEL RHODES, Quebec, writes, 1st January, 1877:—"I have been cultivating the strawberry for some years, selling on an average about five thousand quarts per annum, which nets us over twenty cents a quart. We generally sell at 25 cents the quart, on account of the Quebec market being overstocked early in the season with the refuse fruit from Rochester, and the local wild fruit."

### HAVE STRAWBERRIES CEASED TO BE PROFITABLE?

#### A. M. PURDY ANSWERS:

We have read many articles, and had the question often asked us, "Have strawberries ceased to be profitable? Will they pay at eight cents per quart? To the first, we answer most emphatically, *no*; to the last, *yes*. In taking this position, we do not wish to be understood as writing