

## NOTES FROM MY STRAWBERRY BEDS.



HE severe frost of May and June, with the continued dry and hot weather, shortened the crop greatly ; but, even had none of the blossoms been destroyed by frost, we would not expect anything like a full crop, with such a dry May and June.

The rain fall in May was not much, and less in June ; which would tend to cut short the most promising crop.

The strawberry is largely water and requires a large amount to do its best. Aside from the drawbacks named, the season was favorable, prices were good, the demand exceeding the supply.

*Loudon's No. 15.*—Introduced by Matthew Crawford, this last spring ; now named Governor Hoard. It is a variety, which I am of the opinion, will give satisfaction. I have fruited it four years and find no weak point in it. It is an abundant bearer of beautiful berries and a good shipper.

*Bubach No. 5.*—This is a grand berry and pleases most people because of its large size and productiveness. It has some faults, at the same time it is very popular, and is likely to continue so, especially for dry seasons.

*Woolverton.*—This variety is named after the genial editor of the HORTICULTURIST. Here is Mr. Crawford's description of it and of the two following varieties : This Woolverton produced nearly a full crop, and is in perfect health at this time, July. Those who have it may increase their stock without fear, as it combines all the desirable points in a high degree. It will be excellent to plant with pistillate sorts, as it remains in bloom about four weeks.

*Martha.*—Although this was greatly damaged, it produced nearly a full crop of firm, bright berries, of fair size and quality. It is a reliable market berry.

*Saunders.*—I have no reason to change my opinion of this variety. There is no fault about the plant, or its habits of growth and productiveness, Its first bloom being killed, it produced scarcely any ill-shaped berries, and is wonderfully attractive in the basket. The size and quality are satisfactory and it is very productive. This variety, in both plant and fruit, is one of decided character, and is sure to make its mark.

*Beder Wood.*—I have fruited this variety once ; it is a very desirable one either for home use or market. It is healthy and vigorous, and an abundant bearer of large berries. The plant is faultless, it makes many runners, and these will be wanted as soon as its value is known.

*Eureka.*—(Originated with Mr. Townsend, Ohio.) I was the means of introducing this valuable variety to the strawberry-loving public. It still maintains its former reputation for fruitfulness, large size, and continuing long in bearing. It is pistillate variety.