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## New Items.

### THE ITASCA STRAWBERRY.

"Run her out o' scar!" we imagine we hear our readers say when they open up the March No. of this magazine, and see still another frontispiece of ripe strawberries. We hope however they may appreciate a sight of the imitations all the more, considering that the real article is three or four months distant.

The past season has brought into public notice several new strawberries for which great things are claimed by the originators, but which have as yet been wholly untested in Canada. Among these the more prominent seem to be the Itasca and the Jessie, the latter of which was described last month in these pages.

The *Itasca* was originated by Mr. J. H. Haynes of Delphi, Indiana, and will be introduced into Canada by our

professor Mr. J. Little of Granton, Ont., who says of it: "I saw the plants on Mr. Crawford's grounds after the meeting of the American Horticultural Society at Cleveland, and he spoke so highly in praise of it, that I thought if the expense would not be too much, I would bring it before the strawberry growers of Canada."

Mr. Haynes in his circular claims for the *Itasca* the following points of excellence, in which we hope he may not be disappointed. We quote his own words:—

"In offering the *Itasca* to the public I feel confident that it will fill a place now vacant on the list of strawberries. I claim for it that it is a rival of the *Crescent* in productiveness, health, vigor, size and beauty, and that it is very superior to the *Crescent* in quality, manner of ripening, and for endurance to the end of the season in ripening its entire crop. It is a seedling of the