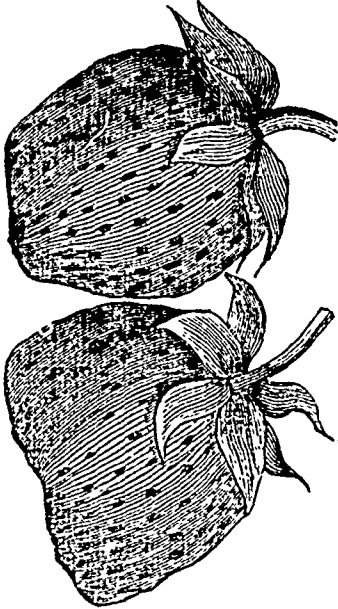
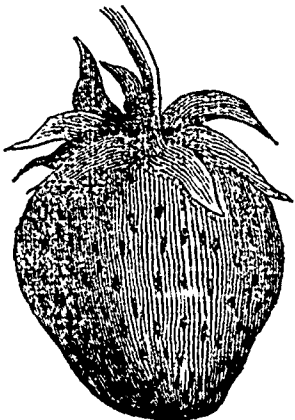


towards the stem. In thick beds, the color is bright scarlet, but dark scarlet when growing more thinly. Flavor rich and fine, much resembling that of the Duke of Kent, but with the addition of a just perceptible shade of astringency. The flowers are always perfect, and it is an abundant bearer.

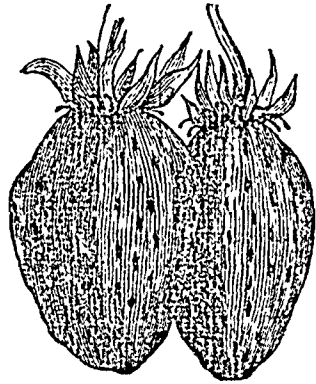


*Ross Phoenix*.—Is large size, fine flavor, perfect hardiness, and great productiveness, may perhaps entitle this variety to rank as high if not even higher, than any other strawberry of large size for the Northern States; though a further and more general trial may be needed. It was raised in 1837, by Alexander Ross, of Hudson, N. Y. Fruit very large; with common culture, four of the berries weigh one ounce, and they are about an inch and a quarter in length, and not far from the same in width. Form generally more or less concomboid or flattened, but not always, varying considerably, and with the surface more or less uneven. Seeds numerous. Color, dark crimson. Flavor and texture very fine for a large variety. It ripens about the middle of sixth month, (June.)



*Hovey's Seedling*.—This is one of the finest of all the large strawberries, and is usually consider-

ed as perfectly hardy for the northern states. Several cultivators, however, in Western New York have had their plants injured or destroyed by winter, especially on moist or heavy soils, when the Early Scarlet and Ross Phoenix have entirely escaped. Hence a covering of straw or evergreens in winter has been found useful, though in most cases they may be unnecessary. Fruit very large, roundish conical, regular in form, sometimes with a very slight neck. Color, dark red. Texture and flavor very fine for a large variety. Ripens about the middle of sixth month (June.) The stamens are small and imperfect, and hence it becomes much more productive if planted near some variety with perfect stamens, as the Early Scarlet or Ross Phoenix, or by the occasional intermixture of rows of these productive varieties. It thus becomes an abundant bearer. The fruit, with common good culture, weighs about a quarter of an ounce, and is about an inch and a quarter in diameter.



*Prolific Hautbois*.—This is considered as the only variety of the Hautbois worth cultivating. Most persons will probably regard it as inferior to the sorts already named, though some esteem its peculiar, rich and musky flavor, as much better than that of any other variety. Fruit large, ovate-conical, light purplish red at first, becoming dark purplish red, surface rather regular, seeds projecting. Weight about one-sixth of an ounce. The leaves are of pale green, and of large size, and the whole plant of luxuriant growth. This variety is a great bearer, and ripens about the middle of the sixth month.—*Alb. Cult.*

Downing says the Plum is naturally a marine tree, and it is surprising how much salt it will assimilate and thrive upon. We have ourselves, given a single large tree a half bushel of salt in a season, applied to the surface of the ground in the spring, over an acre as wide as the extent of the branches. The tree was in a sickly and enfeebled state, and it had the effect of restoring it to a healthy and luxuriant condition. But we consider this an extreme case, and should not recommend the abundant use of salt every year.—*Herd Book.*