

of September, as it might induce a growth of immature wood unable to withstand severe frosts. All blackberry plants should have their terminal buds nipped when three feet high to force them to throw out lateral shoots. The more wood, the more fruit, and by this nipping the amount of wood is at least trebled, and as all canes do not shoot at the same time, repeated nippings, generally two or three will be found necessary during the growing season. A pair of flexible sheep shears is the best implement imaginable for such work. Blackberries should be allowed to remain on the bushes until sweet and ripe, and should not be picked oftener than twice a week, if intended for a home market. When picked the berries should never be exposed to a burning sun—as such exposure changes their colour from black to red, and gives them a bitter flavor. Blackberries are best shipped in two bushel stands. For a home market, the Hallock quart box, in a sixteen or twenty-four quart crate, is perfectly satisfactory.

I have tested almost every prominent blackberry and have found but three varieties hardy and profitable in Central Indiana. They are Snyder, Wallace, and Taylor's Prolific. I have cultivated them for several years and each successive crop has increased my good opinion of them. They are all wonderfully productive, vigorous, free from disease, and of the most delicious flavour. Snyder ripens first, berry of medium size, and of a brilliant black colour, and very attractive in appearance. Wallace is medium in ripening, berries large, plants on old roots more vigorous and stately than any other variety; young plants incline to droop. Taylor's Prolific is as late as Lawton in ripening, and is probably the most delicious blackberry now cultivated, berries rather above medium size and produced in immense clusters; young plants inclined to droop, but strong and erect when fairly established. The only new sort tested in this region that gives indications of being as hardy and valuable as the varieties I have named is Stone's Hardy, from Wisconsin. I fruited one year old plants of it, this season, and was much pleased with it, but must give it another trial before coming to a conclusion concerning its merits. I have tested Early Harvest for three seasons, and have found it too tender for this latitude.

In our own State we have a most successful market grower in Evart H. Scott, of Ann Arbor. It is said of him by growers that compete with him in the markets, that he always gets a little better

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