

culture, and my success has been gratifying in the highest degree. Last year every grower of the Whitesmith in town, except myself, complained that the fruit was not worth picking on account of the mildew. Out of my fifty bushes of that variety not a single specimen could be found that was not as clean and bright as it is possible for a berry to be. This year other growers in town have suffered to a greater or less extent, while I have invited my friends to go through my Whitesmiths, Golden Drop, Industry, Crown Bob, and a large English variety, and find a mildewed specimen if they could. They could not do it. My soil is a clay loam with a western slope, giving it a fair natural drainage. I have my Whitesmiths planted five feet apart and Industry four feet apart, in the row, with six feet between the rows. I dig about the

bushes every spring and apply a coat of ashes immediately underneath them every second year; and for size and thriftiness of bush, for heavy bearing and for the size and perfection of the fruit several experts have told me that my garden excelled anything they had seen.

Now, in this matter I do not claim to have solved any problem. Nature's methods are perfect and if unobstructed in her operations she will give perfect results. Let the sunlight into the bushes; give plenty of room for a free circulation of air; purify the soil with unleached ashes and if the results are not satisfactory I have studied nature's methods and operations in vain, and my faith and confidence in her laws governing the vegetable kingdom have been misplaced.—T. H. RACE, *Mitchell, Aug. 17, 1889.*

A NEW JERSEYMAN'S REVIEW OF THE STRAW-BERRY SEASON.

CRYSTAL CITY came in a week ahead of other varieties. We have tried nothing yet which will take the place of it for the table as it is so early and so good, but it is not sufficiently productive for the market. May King is also a necessity on account of its extra quality, and it sometimes produces paying crops for market, but oftener not over two-thirds as much as Crescent and other market sorts.

Among newer varieties *Warfield* No 2 is most promising for market. It is pistillate, and an immense runner like the Crescent, and like that

makes rather small plants under ordinary circumstances, but the berries are fifty per cent. larger on an average through the season, firmer and of better color, and at least as productive, a small plat of them (1-40 of an acre) having produced this season at the rate of nearly 7,000 qts. per acre with ordinary treatment. This berry is broadly conical with a slight neck, of a bright crimson scarlet as usually picked for market, coloring all over very evenly. When fully ripe it is a dark glossy crimson. It is, however, too acid to eat without plenty of sugar and cream. Decidedly promising.