

Strawberries from Seed.

871. SIR,—Is there any special way of growing strawberry plants from seed? I have got seed of the "Alpine" varieties, from Sutton, of Reading, Eng., two years in succession, and have not been able yet to get one plant to grow. I have succeeded in growing everything I tried, from teaberries up. I thought perhaps the seed I got last year was old, but was assured this spring the seed was fresh, and ought to grow; but up to date have nothing to look at but the ground I put it in. Also, what is the name of the *very latest profitable* strawberry to grow, and the largest raspberry?

J. A. G. CAMPBELL.

Reply by Mr. E. B. Stevenson, of Freeman.

(1) There is no special way to grow plants from strawberry seed. I have never had any trouble with fresh seed. I have grown it in pots in the house in winter, also in shallow boxes, and also in the open ground. It is slow to germinate, taking from four to six weeks before it begins to appear, I should say your seed had lost its vitality. I have now a fine lot of plants from seed sowed from last year's fruit. (2) I would name as the *very latest profitable* strawberry, the "Clyde."

NEW OR LITTLE KNOWN FRUITS.

Whaley's Favorite Peach.

SIR,—I send enclosed in this box a sample of my seedling peaches; they should have been picked forepart of this week; so, being so ripe, they may not show up nicely when you receive them. They are fully two weeks ahead of the Crawfords. I think that they are just what the peach growers have been looking for, however, will leave that to your judgment. If you think that they are worthy of recommendation, would be pleased if you would publish their good qualities, they are named Whaley's Favorite.

MARK WHALEY, *Olinda, Essex Co.*

The above letter was dated August 7th, and the peaches were opened August 9th, when all but one was decayed. We certainly are looking for an early yellow-fleshed free-stone peach, that can compete in our markets with the Elberta and Crawford from the South, which flood our markets in competition with our River's, Waterloo's and Hales'. The latter are clings of the worst order and are not wanted for preserving. The samples sent us by Mr Royce are yellow in flesh, a good color, and fair size, not quite free-stone, but can scarcely be called cling, so that they are well worthy of careful testing.

THE WATERLOO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY has a membership of 125, all members of our Association. Mr. Beall will report concerning it in our next number.

THE FLOWER SHOW of the Grimsby Horticultural Society was appointed for Tuesday evening, September 1st. The first part of the evening will be a *conversazione*, and a very popular occasion, with the flowers as a centre of attraction. The last hour will be improved by a programme of instrumental and vocal music, recitations and addresses.