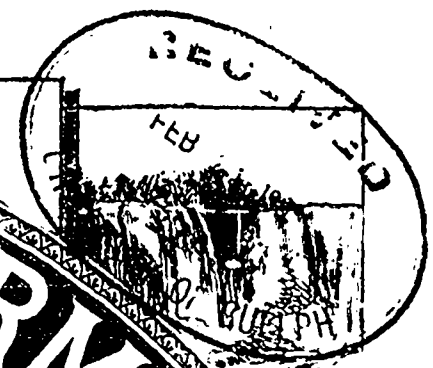


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THE "JAMES VICK" STRAWBERRY.

Report of Pomologists who saw it at the Disseminator's Grounds.

A few Rochester horticulturists were invited to see the new strawberry James Vick, in bearing. The day being rainy, we gave up hopes of their coming, but the noon train brought W. C. Barry, late president of the Nur-

bed with Manchester and Bidwell. The new berry showed twice the fruit of either Bidwell or Manchester, and more vigor of plant. The party were next shown a plot of about one fourth an acre, not manured for many years, common farm soil, in the midst of a field of twenty acres of fruit, on which the new strawberry had been permitted to form wide and thick matted rows for the purpose of multiplying plants, from the whole of which plants had been dug a few months previous, tearing and loosening the roots of those

new strawberries he had ever tested this was the most promising. He described the color as bright scarlet turning to crimson, surface glazed, seeds on surface, season medium, quality good. All the party expressed themselves as highly pleased with the display of fruit, and ate it with a relish. We heard no adverse criticism; indeed, there could be none. The plant was vigorous, with large, glossy dark green foliage, the blossoms hermaphrodite (or perfect), the fruit handsome, large, luscious, firm, and in great abundance.

must have occupied the entire soil. Here a sight met their eyes that they could not have anticipated, and such a display as probably never before made by any strawberry or earth. The stools were large and vigorous, and around each was a pyramid of ripe berries piled one on another like a walled fort, and so thickly together a bug could hardly have crawled into the enclosure made by the fruit without climbing the barricade. Berries on every plant were "uniformly of good size," as was remarked by Secre-



CUT OF STRAWBERRY "JAMES VICK. This represents one plant which bore 280 berries.

seryman's Association; P. C. Reynolds, long secretary of the Western New York Horticultural Society, and horticultural editor of the *American Rural Home*; the Vick Brothers, representing the firm of James Vick; John Charlton, the disseminator of the Pocklington grape, and the veteran fruit grower and propagator, Josiah Salter.

They were first shown rows of the new strawberry from plants set late the previous fall, growing in the same

remaining. The soil was packed hard and very woody, showing evidence of neglect, yet under such adverse circumstances, which would lead one to expect no fruit worth gathering, the plants were thickly studded, and the rows fairly ablaze with large, beautifully and evenly colored, firm and shapely berries of superior quality, and from the bed was subsequently picked the largest yield of fruit ever gathered from any variety on our fruit farm. Mr. W. C. Barry said that of all the

We tested them under this rough treatment purposely. A nursed plant in a manure heap is no test of a variety—place it under hardships and see what it will accomplish has been our theory.

A SURPRISE.

The party returned to Rochester, and were invited to visit a small plantation there of the James Vick fruiting under hill culture, the rows lying between bearing grape vines, not a very desirable position, as the grape roots

tary P. C. Reynolds. The fruit stems were long and stout, but could not sustain the great burden imposed upon them (often 12 to 13 ripe berries on one fruit stem), thus the fruit rested one berry on another in a circle about the plant, as is shown by the engraving made by a careful artist.

The news soon spread among the lovers of fruit of the city of nurseries and early next morning our leading pomologists, men whom we all delight to honor, came to inspect the newest