

Fruit Department.

Having furnished our readers with representations of some of the best stock of Cattle, Horses and Sheep, to be found on this Continent, also of Potatoes, Flowers, Machinery, &c. We will now call your attention to the Fruit Department, by giving you the representation of Napoleon on the III. We have not yet fruited this variety on our farm, but hope to do so the ensuing year. We now give you the account of what is claimed for it by E. J. Evans & Co., of York, Pa. See advertisement. We have tried the Canada Seedling, and will willingly dispose of any part, or the whole of our stock of them at 50c per dozen. It is no use for us to pretend to deny the fact that our American neighbors are far ahead of us in horticulture and floriculture. We have seen this ourselves, and no one need doubt it, and if one thing is better than another, they will have it, no matter what it may cost. That you may easily see in the sales of stock of the best class that are made in Canada. It is a credit to our breeders to be able to draw them to our breeding farm. Still we must go to them for the best fruits, potatoes, & flowers. We were never more convinced of this than when at Rochester at the extensive establishments of Elwanger & Barry, as nurserymen and florists. Theirs is the largest establishment on this Continent. We also paid a visit to Mr. James Vick, the great seedman, also to O'Keefe & Son, who are large importers of German and other seeds. Some of these gentlemen expend from \$20,000 to \$50,000 per annum in advertisements. You may imagine what sales they must make to warrant such expenses. We have made arrangements with these gentlemen, and shall be prepared to supply our readers with anything they may require from these establishments, as cheaply as they will supply you themselves.

We are however, wandering from the strawberry plants, and will now give you a few extracts from other agricultural journals, in regard to some varieties now in cultivation.

Napoleon III. Strawberry.

Fruit large, to very large, irregular, flattened, varying from oval to cockscomb-shaped; color handsome rosy-red, shading

Originated with the celebrated strawberry grower, Mr. Ferdinand Gloede, Sablous, France, and has been fruited experimentally in various parts of the United States, during the past four years, with eminent success.

Strawberries of 1868.

BY ANDREW S. FULLER.

The present season has been a very favorable one for producing Strawberries of large size. In quality they have not been quite equal to those grown in a dry season; but flavor is not so important an element as size and quality, particularly with those grown for market.

Having had an excellent opportunity in the past few weeks to test many of the old as well as new varieties of this excellent berry, we propose to give the results of our investigations.

A GROCER.—This once very popular variety is fast losing its good reputation among those who grow for market. It is very large, and in some kinds of soil quite prolific; but it is of such an irregular form that it is badly bruised in going to market. Besides this, it is of such a dark color that it looks stale while it is comparatively fresh. It is a valuable variety for the amateur who desires a large berry.

BOYDEN'S No. 30.—Mr. Boyden has produced many remarkably fine strawberries, but we think none of them will equal this No. 30. The color is a light crimson, or what some might call a dark scarlet; the form roundish, conical, and very regular,

NAPOLEON THE III.

to darker red in the sun, and waxy-bluish in the shade; flesh of snowy whiteness, firm, and of sprightly high flavor, with a delicate aroma; the plant is very vigorous and healthy, with large dark green foliage, which endures the sun remarkably, and is very productive, in some localities exceeding even Wilson's Albany; flowers perfect. In season it is later than the Wilson, succeeding it and continuing long in bearing.

lar, in this respect quite superior to any of the large berries that we have seen. It is also very firm, and of moderately good flavor. It is the largest native variety yet produced; but as Mr. Boyden understands the secret of high culture, this may account for the immense size of the strawberries which he always exhibits. No. 30 is a comparatively new sort, consequently its adaptation to different soils and localities is yet to be ascertained.

