

when the smaller fruits have scarcely any sale, while the larger bring good paying prices, and when such is the case, the first hardly pay expense of shipping, picking and commission, while the last return good profits. It will be seen we have not figured in the cost of plants, raising and cultivation, or interest or taxes on land, &c., as these would be the same in raising both the small and large sorts. Now, these same prices hold as good on the raspberry, in comparison to the large or firmer sorts, and the smaller or softer kinds, and also with all other fruit; therefore, it is advisable, if one intends to rely on such large cities for shipping most of our fruits, to plant out largely of the *largest, finest* appearing varieties, and give them the *best* culture, and their profits will be large, while those sending in the smaller sorts will hardly pay expenses.

We could fill this little book with facts that have come under our notice, of persons in *all* parts of the country that have been successful, and made enormous sums of money from their strawberries—even in markets where the price was very low; the secret being that they grew the *best* varieties and *large* crops from *small* pieces of ground. We consider what one has done, hundreds of others can do.

But to return to the first question—"Have strawberries ceased to be profitable?" They have, and so has any other crop, provided the raiser does not take enough care or interest in them to *make* them profitable. Suppose a merchant fills his store full of goods, and then leaves them to Tom, Dick and Harry to sell and take care of—he being around a billiard saloon or tavern half the time. Will he find his business *profitable*? Or suppose he pays prodigious rents, expenses, &c., and then has a lot of poor unsaleable goods; will he make it pay?

All that is necessary to *make* strawberries profitable, is to have your soil in good order, well manured, deeply ploughed, well harrowed, plants well and thickly set in the row, and of pure, unmixed sorts. Then keep the ground *well stirred* with the cultivator and hoe, no matter whether they are weeds or not, (and, by the way, we believe it is well for us that weeds do grow, for in working the soil to eradicate them we keep it mellow and pulverized, so that plants are not destroyed by the drouth), and last, but not least, ship them in clean, neat baskets or boxes, and our word for it, you will find them profitable at even six cents per quart, if sold near home, or eight cents if sold at a distance—far