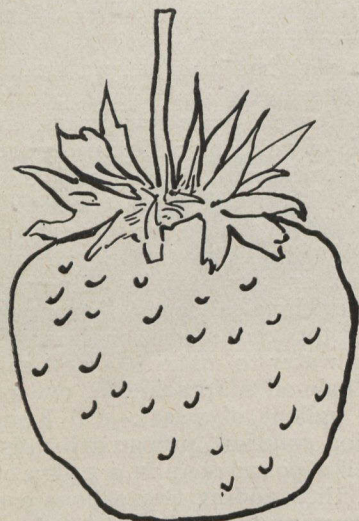


The Best New Varieties of Strawberries

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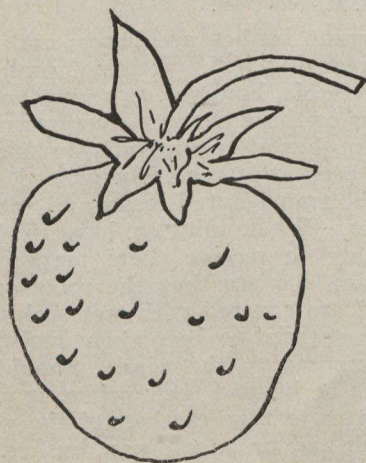
LAST season was one of large berries and good prices. The strawberry flourished. Some varieties are especially responsive to conditions, Sample and Dunlap particularly so. On narrow rows and on light soil, they ripen almost as early as Success or Clyde; while on heavier soil and in wide matted rows, their season is almost as late as Gaudy.

For fancy berries for the market, Kitty Rice, Minute Man, Mead, Auto



Auto

and President seem to be almost perfect; good growers; good yielders; perfect in form, regular; good color, with a shine on them; firm and fair quality. Among the best late varieties is Commonwealth, which ripens about with Gaudy. It is as large and fine as any, and very firm. Cardinal is without doubt one of the best late sorts. The plant is all that could be desired; fruit stalk is large and strong,

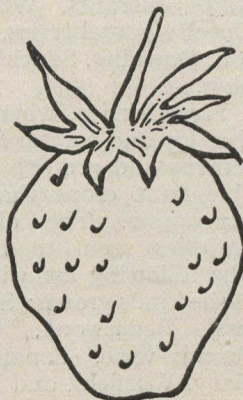


Cardinal

holding the fruit up well; berry, large, glossy, easy to pick, one of the firmest and will carry well. Among the very new ones the best are as follows:

Three W's was a wonder for pro-

ductiveness last year, ahead of everything. The blossom is perfect. At one of the pickings, I picked three boxes of berries without moving; at a later picking, I picked a box for every two feet of row. The plant is large, healthy, a vigorous grower. The berry is large, conical, blunt at the end, fine bright dark scarlet; seeds, yellow; good mild flavor; medium in firmness, but the skin seems to be tough, would rather dry up than rot when kept after picking. I judge from this that it would carry any distance. The size of the berries is uniform, few or no small ones.



Three W's

Mead is another new one that made a great showing of large, handsome berries. The blossom is perfect. It is a fine grower. The plant is strong and healthy, not a trace of rust, and is quite productive. The berry is large, roundish, coloring evenly, firm and good quality. This is a fine variety, and well worth a trial by all growers.

Uncle Sam, perfect blossom, was one of the best in last season's test. The plant is large, strong, healthy, a good runner and productive. The berry is large to very large, if not the largest, fully as large as the largest Clyde or Bubach, roundish in form, scarlet in color with yellow seeds; flesh pink, good quality and flavor, medium in firmness. This variety is worth a trial as a fancy berry for a fancy market.

Reynolds, perfect blossom, originated in Delaware. The plant is large, with thick, leathery dark green foliage, free from rust, a good grower, making plants freely and productive. The berry is large, dark scarlet with yellow seeds; flesh, red to centre, fair quality; a good one.

Minute Man, imperfect blossom, proved itself to be one of the best market varieties. The plant is healthy, a strong grower, and quite productive. The berry is large, roundish-conical, crimson, with yellow seeds; flesh, reddish pink all through, medium in firmness, good quality.

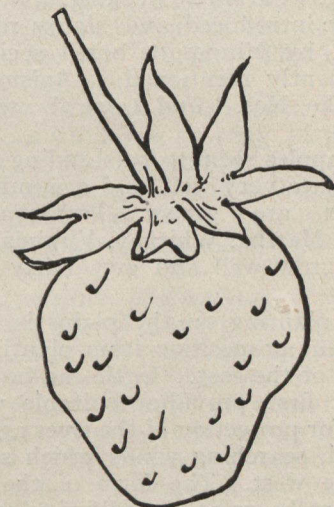
Kitty Rice or Downing's Bride, imperfect blossom, is a healthy grower, making plants freely; it is productive. The berry is large, roundish, good color, with a gloss. For a fancy market berry, Kitty Rice seems to be about the thing. It is of fair quality, and looks well in the crate.

Latest, imperfect blossom, is healthy and strong, stools out, makes few runners, but sufficient for narrow row. The berry is large, conical, good crimson color, flesh red, plant quite productive, good quality and firm. One of the latest and a good one.

Elma, imperfect blossom, is a strong and healthy grower; plant, productive; berry, large to very large, round in shape, bright red, medium in firmness; flesh, pink; nice spicy flavor and good quality, very late; first picking, July 1.

Early Hathaway is one of the best early varieties, perfect blossom. The plant is healthy, a good runner and productive; the berry is roundish-conical; flesh, red all through, acid, fair quality, medium to large in size, scarlet with yellow seeds.

Mellie Hubach, imperfect blossom, will prove a good market sort on ac-



Mellie Hubach

count of its productiveness and bright glossy berries of good size. The plant is healthy, a good grower, making plants freely. The berry is a bright scarlet with yellow seeds, conical, blunt at end, with a slight neck; flesh, pink and white in centre, acid but good flavor. It is an early variety and a good one.

Remedy for Peach Curl.—My remedy for peach curl is to spray the trees thoroughly before April 10, with blue vitriol solution, made of two pounds vitriol to 40 gallons water. This has always given excellent results with me.—J. L. Hilborn, Leamington, Ont.

Do Not Let Trees Go Dry Before Setting.—If not ready to plant when the stock arrives, see that it is immediately taken care of. The best way is to heel it in by packing the roots in a trench and covering them thoroughly with mellow earth well packed about them.