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Pryor's Catalogue
of High-Grade
Strawberry Plants
Dewberry Plants
And Asparagus Roots

Champion Everbearing

M. S. Pryor
Salisbury, Md.
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Another year has passed and it is time again for me to send out my annual strawberry plant catalogue which I take great pleasure in sending you herewith. But I want first of all to thank you for your liberal patronage in the past which enabled my business to grow with each succeeding year until now I have a nice business built on the solid foundation of honesty and fair dealings. I surely appreciate this for it is only thru your help that my business can succeed and grow. Your success is my success and it is just as much to my interest as to my customers interest to see that you get nothing but high quality plants, and service that will please you and I promise you I will always endeavor in the future, as in the past, to give you an honest dollar's value in good live, healthy, well rooted, true to name plants and to give you prompt and courteous service at all times.

I have a fine lot of plants for this season grown especially for plants and are healthy, heavy-rooted, strong and vigorous, and in asking for your patronage again this year I do so assuring you that you will receive plants of the same high grade as in seasons past. To those who have not dealt with me I ask a trial confident in my ability to serve you to your satisfaction.

Again thanking you for past favors and wishing you health, happiness and success thru the coming year, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

M. S. PRYOR

INSTRUCTIONS TO PURCHASERS

Orders—Should be sent as soon as possible after you receive this cata-
logue and I will reserve plants for you and ship when wanted. In ordering
be sure to write your name and ad-
Address plainly and give your post-
Office, county and state every time you write. All orders acknowledged promptly as
soon as received.

True To Name—I use every precau-
tion to have all plants true to name
and will replace any that prove other-
wise but in no case will I be responsible
for any sum greater than that
actually paid me for the plants.

I guarantee—That all orders will
be delivered to the carrier in first
class condition; further than this I
can not guarantee as I have no con-
trol over shipment after it leaves my
hands, and claims, if any, should be
made promptly upon receipt of plants
and if just will be made satisfactory.
If shipment has been unusually long
on the road examine same and if
spoiled refuse shipment and notify me
at once or if accepted have agent
make notation on your express bill as
to condition. Unless you do this you
can not make collection of claim.

Shipping Season—I can ship to
southern customers during mild
weather any time after you receive
this catalogue and I can usually ship
to northern customers until the first
of May. I can fill no orders during
the summer months as I do not grow
dotted plants.

My Plants—are dug fresh for your
order from new beds that have not
bore fruit, trimmed ready for plant-
ing and tied in bunches of 25 and
packed in light ventilated crates with
plenty of damp moss so they will
carry safely. I make no extra charge
for crates or packing.

Reference—The Central Bank, and
the American Railway Express Co.,
both of Salisbury, Md.
STRAWBERRY PLANTS OF QUALITY

STRAWBERRY CULTURE

Soil—Strawberries need a well drained soil, but still land that will retain moisture as strawberries require a great deal of moisture especially at fruiting time, therefore, a moist soil always contribute to success. A heavy sandy loam or light clay loam is preferable for a strawberry patch, however, good results can be obtained upon the lighter soils if springy or if sufficient care is taken to retain moisture. As the strawberry crop is of more value than the ordinary farm crop more care should be taken that the soil is in proper condition and supplied with the proper plant food. Strawberries should follow some truck crop that has been heavily manured if possible, or after cowpeas. Strawberries should not be planted on an old sod as it is likely to be infested with grubs; such land should at least receive one cultivated crop before planting strawberries.

Selection of Plants—The selection of the plants you set is more important than many think for the quality of the plants you set will largely determine the quantity and quality of the fruit you secure. The few dollars you pay extra per acre to get good plants often makes the difference between profit and loss at fruiting time.

PRYOR'S quality plants are fresh dug from new beds that have never borne a crop of fruit and are full of vitality and of heavy fruiting power and should grow and produce big crops if instructions in this catalogue are followed. We dig the whole row, throwing out the ones that are not well rooted and are worth much more than plants dug from the alleys.

Care of Plants When Received—If for any reason you are not quite ready to set plants when received, always unpack plants, carefully separating each variety, and untie bundles and heel in V shaped trenches, dampen the roots but not the tops, firm soil around them with foot and shade from sun. Plants can be kept a month in this way. For northern customers I recommend this method and advise ordering plants shipped early in April when they are dormant and will stand handling safely; also will be there ready to set at the most favorable time.

Mating Varieties—All pistillate or imperfect varieties I list are marked (Imp) and in planting one or two good perfect varieties marked (Per) of same season should be planted every third or fourth row to make them fruit. Some growers plant the varieties in same row using about one-fourth of the perfect varieties.

Planting—In the northern states strawberries should be planted as early in the spring as the ground can be worked; in the south plants may be set any time from Nov. 1st to April 1st. When setting plants care should be taken not to let the plants be exposed to the wind and sun. The roots should be kept damp and set in moist soil and the soil should be firmly pressed around the plant so it will not dry out, and not to set the plants too deep or too shallow, the depth as grown in the nursery row being just right. The rows should be about 3½ feet apart for the matted row system and plants set 15 to 24 inches apart according to variety. After the beds are 10 or 12 inches wide or as wide as wanted the runners should be kept cut off.

Fertilizing—To get plants started early a light application of fertilizer if barnyard manure is not available, which is best spread and harrowed in, should be made before planting; but I desire to warn my customers against the too-heavy application of commercial fertilizer to young strawberry plants. Many plants have been injured and often killed outright; but 400 or 500 pounds will not hurt them provided it does not contain any potash and is well scattered and mixed with the soil before planting or put in two weeks earlier. I always make another application in the late summer to make stronger, better rooted plants, using about 350 pounds to the acre, but be sure foliage is thoroughly dry before applying. An application of 5-8-5 fertilizer in the early spring will make a heavier, better crop of fruit.

Cultivation—Cultivation should begin as soon as possible after plants are set and should continue once a week or 10 days if land is in suitable condition, through the summer and early fall to keep clean and help retain moisture. Hoe as often as necessary to keep down weeds but shallow, so as not to disturb the roots. Blossoms should be removed the first season except on everbearers and these should be kept off until about the middle of July.
EVERBEARING VARIETIES

Champion—The Heavy - yielding Everbearer. See illustration on front cover page. This valuable everbearing strawberry was introduced by Mr. Lubke of Michigan, about seven years ago and has been quite extensively planted by growers in southern Michigan and has also been planted in most all sections and as far as I know there has not been an unfavorable report. Here with us it has proven to be the best Everbearing variety we ever planted. It will make more plants than Progressive, which it resembles, and is a much heavier yielder and berries will average larger than Progressive, fully as firm, and of same color and flavor. Champion holds the U. S. Record for production from one acre without irrigation Mr. Lubke having picked 5,632 quarts and received $2,059.20 for them and all this within 223 days from the time they were set. Champion is a true everbearer bearing an abundance of berries on the runner plants often before taking root as well as on the mother plants within a month or two after setting and they keep right on bearing until the ground freezes. I consider Champion the only rival to the Progressive and know you will be pleased with them, so plant all you can of them. I obtained my plants direct from the introducer and are the genuine Champion.

Progressive—Is the best known variety at the present time. They will fruit from early summer until the ground freezes, the same season they are set out. I have often seen ripe fruit on the runner plants before they took root; very productive and a sure cropper every season. Plants are medium in size, very thrifty and full of vitality; begins to ripen large crops of medium size berries almost as soon as set out, but blossoms should be pinched off until about the middle of July, and during August and on and until the ground freezes you will have an abundance of strawberries, as frost has little effect on them. Progressive and Champion are the very best varieties for making preserves, jams and jellies.

DEWBERRIES

Lucretia Dewberry—The best of all dewberries or running blackberries. They are larger and longer than any blackberry and much earlier the bulk of the crop being harvested before blackberries start to ripen and are very much in demand and sells for high prices. Dewberries are very healthy and if the old fruiting canes are cut out soon after the crop is harvested very seldom have any disease or insect pest to injure them. Should be planted as early in the spring as possible. Dewberries are very productive bearing large crops of big handsome glossy black berries that carries well, keeps well, and sells well; are sweet, soft, and luscious and excellent for table use, jam, etc. A very profitable crop to grow.

ASPARAGUS

Asparagus is a very popular early vegetable coming as it does early in the spring before other vegetables are ready and an acre or so will return a handsome profit after it is established if well taken care of. Plant in moist, rich mellow soil that has been well prepared and loose using plenty of well rotted manure as asparagus is a heavy feeder to produce best results. It is also a lover of salt and should be put on at the end of every season. Set plants four to six inches deep, and about 12 inches apart in the row, covering with only three inches of soil at first and filling the trenches as the plants grow. I can supply fine healthy, vigorous 1 yr. old roots of the two following varieties which I have selected as being the best.

Palmetto—A splendid large hardy kind, planted more extensively than any other variety.

Washington—A valuable new variety said to be rust proof that is being largely planted on account of its rust resisting qualities. Fast growing, stalks large and tender.
STRAWBERRY PLANTS OF QUALITY

STANDARD VARIETIES

EARLY SPRING VARIETIES

Premier or Howard 17—(Per) I am still putting Premier at the head of my list because I believe it is the very best early berry grown today and is probably the most extensively planted variety at the present time. A PROVEN PROFITABLE PRODUCER. Extensively planted in all parts of the country and is a heavy producer under nearly all conditions, of large, beautiful formed berries that remain large thru a long season, and are bright red clear thru to the center, of delicious flavor, firm and a good keeper. A strong pollener and vigorous grower and will succeed on most all soils; plant growth being ideal, clean and free from rust from spring till fall. A good variety for home use, local market or shipping. A real money maker and mortgage lifter. I believe Premier and Howard 17 to be one and the same but have kept each variety separate, and should you prefer either one will fill order accordingly.

Horsey—(Per) This new early variety originated in the county south of here where it is being largely planted. The plants are strong healthy growers free from any blight or rust and produces great crops of large berries that remain large thru a long season, firm and excellent shipper, and sells for good prices. Seldom injured by frosts.

Campbells Early—Per This variety originated in New Jersey and the growers there say it is productive and profitable. It is earlier but not as good as Premier. It produces great crops of berries that are fairly firm and of good color and flavor. Has most of the good qualities one would want in an early berry.

Klondyke—(Per) A great favorite in the south where there are more Klondyke planted than any other variety; also extensively planted here and in the lower part of Delaware "There is a reason." Plants are tall, compact, stalks strong, leaves light green; a good vigorous grower makes plants abundantly. Berries uniform, shapely, of fair size, rich dark red, very juicy and handsome, sells quickly, very firm and one of our best shippers.

Missionary—(Per) If you happen to be in one of our large cities during February and March and look in the show windows you will see baskets of berries nicely arranged in tiers and shine as if they had been polished. This is the Missionary variety shipped there from the south where it is one of the leading varieties for shipment north especially in central Florida, where it is practically the only variety grown; also being grown a great deal in the north and west and is growing more popular every year. Early to mid-season. Foliage very resistant to leaf spot, makes runners freely. Berries are of medium to large size, firm, good color, glossy as if polished, fine flavor and very productive. I usually sell as many or more Missionary than any other variety and have a fine lot of genuine Missionary and if you intend planting heavy to them this year let me have your order. I am sure I can please you. Special prices on large quantities.

MID-SEASON VARIETIES

Senator Dunlap—(Per) Dunlap is too well and favorably known to need much description. It is probably the best known variety throughout the northern half of the country and is probably the best variety for the beginner, as it is easy to grow and succeeds under nearly all conditions. A sure cropper and heavy yielder. Fruit is medium to large, very firm and attractive, always sells for good prices. It is a strong pollener and a prolific plant maker of small but vigorous deep rooted plants. A good drouth resister.

Dr. Burrill — (Per) Sometimes called the million dollar strawberry. A delicate variety for desserts and unsurpassed for canning. An excellent variety for home use or for market. A heavy producer of large beautiful formed berries that are a deep glossy red, juicy and of delicious flavor. Fruit solid, therefore a good shipper. Resembles Dunlap very much and is a scientific cross of Dunlap and Crescent, and is equal to that variety in every way. It is a strong bisexual variety and has a long blossoming season making it unequaled as a pollenizer for pistillate varieties of same season.
Haverland—(Imp) A popular variety especially for home use and near markets. Fruit medium to large, conical, color bright red, firm and of fair quality. Plants good growers and very productive. Should be pollinated with Dunlap or Dr. Burrill for best results.

Gibson—(Per) One of the best growers of large healthy vigorous plants and is a favorite with large commercial growers in many sections. Very productive the plants being simply loaded with berries. You can hardly understand how the plants can produce such large quantities of berries. Fruit is of large size, dark red in color, firm and of fine flavor. A strong pollinizer.

Pocomoke—(Per) Same as Gibson.

Glen Mary—(Per) Very popular in some sections of the country, especially in New England, New York and Pennsylvania. Does not do well south of this as it is susceptible to rust. Plants are large upright growers with dark green foliage and will probably produce more quarts per acre than any other variety. Berries are large, deep red, firm, juicy and of unusually good flavor.

Bubach—(Imp) This is an old standard variety and has stood the test of time and is still grown by thousands of growers especially for home use or near-by markets. Fruit is extra large, fairly firm, and of good color and quality. Foliage very strong and of a dark green color. Must be planted with some perfect variety of same season as it is a Pistillate variety. If you wish Bubach this year order early.

Parsons Beauty — (Per) Healthy and vigorous and makes a good fruiting bed on most any soil. A favorite with market gardeners and canners throughout this country. A heavy producer and sure cropper. Fruit large dark red in color and when fresh from the vines of the best eating quality. Will thrive and is popular nearly everywhere. Not a good variety for the south for shipment north.

Kellogg’s Delicious—(Per) This variety which was introduced by R. M. Kellogg Co., originated in New York where it has been tested several seasons and is said to possess wonderful merit. The introducers say it is enormously productive of very large dark red berries of the most delicious flavor, and a splendid shipper. A perfect blooming midseason variety. The plants I purchased last spring have made a very good growth and I am offering them at reasonable prices.

Nich Ohmer—(Per) Very popular in California and similar climates. A fine variety for fancy trade. Berries are of large size, beautiful glossy bright red color and of unusually good flavor, a good shipping variety being quite firm, also an excellent one for the home garden.

LATE VARIETIES

Big Joe—(Per) Also known as Joe Johnson. One of the best, if not the best, of the mid-season to late varieties and the kind to plant if you want a big crop of fancy berries. The plants are exceedingly vigorous and make fine fruiting beds on any soil that will produce strawberries. Makes good under nearly all conditions. Berries are firm, bright red in color, almost perfect in shape, of very large size and produced in great abundance for so large a berry. Sells for top prices. It is a fine table berry and I can recommend it for home use or for distant market. For profit plant Big Joe, it is distinctly a money maker.

Cooper—(Per) A chance seedling found by Mr. Cooper of Michigan, and introduced by Henry Emlong & Son in 1921. They say, “it is the most beautiful, largest, and heaviest yielding variety we have seen;” and we have tested hundreds of varieties during the past forty years. In 1921 we called on Mr. Cooper during the strawberry season. The sight was well worth the trip. We were amazed. We had never seen such large fancy fruit, but the flavor was the greatest surprise of all. We never bit into anything so sweet and delicious and in size they varied from big to large and larger.” The plants I set last spring made a fair number of plants which are of large size, extra well rooted, a good thrifty grower with tall healthy foliage. I have not fruited Cooper but the growers in Michigan, seem very enthusiastic over it and I am glad to offer it to my customers for trial.

Brandywine—(Per) One of the old time favorites and still largely grown in some sections. Strong upright grower with erect fruit stems. Abundance large berries; good color and shape, peculiar and very fine flavor.
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Gandy—(Per) The quality of the Gandy is known in every berry market throughout this country and usually brings top prices. Berries are borne on upright stems well above the leaves and dirt. Will not spoil if picking is neglected for a day or two after they are ripe. The Gandy is at home on black spryngy soil or light clay sandy loam but do not plant on high sandy soil. The plants are strong and vigorous, a perfect bloomer but for best results should be set with Big Joe, Chesapeake or some other good perfect sort as it is deficient in pollen.

Kellogg's Big Late—(Imp) Kellogg's big late is one of the best late pistillate varieties in size, quality and productiveness and has been thoroughly tested. It is a good grower making enough plants for a good fruiting bed. Its foliage grows tall and spreading and can be easily told from any other variety. A deep rooter therefore a good drought resister. A heavy producer of medium to large, glossy, bright red berries with an excellent flavor. A good shipper and keeper. The introducer says: "The color of the berries is a deep scarlet, seeds bright yellow, calyx bright green, and the fruit stems are large, making a combination which attracts the attention of the buyer, no matter how many other berries are offered in competition.

Wm. Belt—(Per) Whenever quality and large size are considered Wm Belt ranks with the best. Is probably the most popular fancy variety and always brings fancy prices. It is quite productive of extra large berries that are bright red all over, firm and of the very best quality.

Lupton—(Per) A fancy late variety that is here to stay. It is a comparative new variety hailing from New Jersey where it has become very popular as a shipping variety. It is a strong, healthy grower; makes plants freely. The fruit is large and very firm, making an extra good shipper and keeper. Color, a rich shiny red all over, no green tips, with a large green calyx that adds much to its beauty, and for the above reasons is a money maker. Do not plant for home use as it is of poor eating quality but a fine late commercial variety for long distance shipping and one I believe our southern growers should try for shipment north.

Ford—(Per) A medium late variety introduced about 9 years ago and is steadily growing in favor in all parts of the country, and is being largely planted in this section. It is a strong healthy grower, and makes good beds on most any soil. The berries are very uniform in size and shape and has a full size green cap that adds much to its appearance. Very productive of medium to large bright red berries that are red to the center, juicy, firm and of excellent flavor.

Kellogg's Marvel —(Per) Originated in Wisconsin and introduced by R. M. Kellogg Co., in 1922 and is said to be a cross of Senator Dunlap and Warfield. The plants resemble Dunlap but are much larger and are said to be more productive of large dark red berries of excellent quality.

Aroma—(Per) Strong sturdy plants that are heavy producers of large round dark red berries. A strictly high flavored high class market berry; good shipper and keeper. A standard late variety in many of the great strawberry growing sections.

Sample—(Imp) An old standard medium late variety that pleases all who grow it and largely planted by commercial growers in most all sections; also fine for home use. A good producer of large size, excellent quality, berries, that are bright red in color, firm and of rich flavor. Should be pollenized with some good variety like Big Joe or Ford.

Chesapeake—(Per) A very popular variety with most all strawberry growers on account of its many good qualities. Plants are very large size, dark green in color very vigorous and healthy, no rust or disease of any kind. Fruit uniformly large, of beautiful appearance, firm without green tips, and of best eating quality. Always sells for top prices. Chesapeake is rather particular as to soil to make many plants but if you have land to suit it you could not go wrong in planting it. Does best in rich, springy soil, where it will make enough plants for a good fruiting bed. Well known and extensively planted wherever strawberries are grown.
# PRICE LIST FOR 1924

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No. 2 roots two-thirds price of No. 1.

**50 OF A KIND AT 2-3 THE RATE; 500 AT THE 1000 RATE**

Varieties marked (Imp.) have imperfect blossoms and to fruit they must be planted near some variety with perfect blossom.

The prices are just as quoted; to get the benefit of the 5000 price they must be all of one variety.

**NOTICE**—I recommend that small packages be shipped by parcel post up to fourth zone. Large packages and longer shipments by express. If wanted by parcel post add to above prices: first and second zones 8c per 100; 15c per 250; 25c, per 500; 50c, per 1,000. Third zone 12c per 100; 24c, per 250; 44c, per 500; 84c, per 1,000. Fourth zone 20c, per 100; 45c, per 250.

Dewberry Plants and Asparagus Roots—Add for each 100 plants, 20c, in first and second zones; 30c, in third zone; 40c, in fourth zone; 65c, in fifth zone.
PLEASE USE THIS ORDER SHEET

M. S. PRYOR, Salisbury, Md.

Send to

R. F. D.

Post Office

Box

Ship by

Shipping Station

County or Street

State

Date of this order

Ship on or about

Amt. Enclosed—Check $
Money Order $
Stamps $
Cash

Please write name and address plainly, and fill all blanks perfectly. Always state how goods shall be sent, attach price to each article and add up accurately. Make all letters short and to the point; please do not write letters on the same sheet with the order.

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Early in the season I usually have in stock everything listed in this catalogue, but late in the season I frequently run out of some varieties; therefore, when you order late state whether we shall substitute something as good and as near like variety ordered as possible, or return your money, for stock that I may be out of. ANSWER...
Please write below the names and addresses of any one you know who might be interested in, or buyers of strawberry plants, and I will send you 25 plants extra for your trouble.

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Pryor's Garden Collections

Reduce the high cost of living and please the good wife and children too by setting some strawberry plants this year and have plenty of nice luscious strawberries right at home. I am offering a few garden selections to make it easy for you to order and by planting the larger garden you could sell some to your neighbors or can and preserve for winter use.

Pryor's Garden Collection No. 1.

25 PREMIER
25 DELICIOUS
25 BIG JOE
25 CHAMPION Everbearing

Special Delivered Price only $1.25

Pryor's Garden Collection No. 2.

100 PREMIER
100 GIBSON
100 DR. BURRILL
100 BIG JOE or WM. BELT
100 CHAMPION Everbearing

Special Delivered Price only $4.75

New Variety Special

50 COOPER
50 DELICIOUS
50 EATON
50 MARVEL

Special Delivered Price only $2.60

I am making this special price on the new varieties so you can test them out for yourself with little expense and believe all growers planting for market, whether large or small, should test new varieties in this way as very likely you will find a variety much better suited to your conditions and one that will make you much more money.

I am offering these garden collections at these special reduced prices to encourage anyone who has even a small plot of ground to plant strawberries and have nice delicious berries on the home table picked fresh from the vines. At these prices even the children can afford to buy them and what boy or girl that wouldn't be proud to have a patch of nice red ripe strawberries that they could call their very own. Delivered anywhere in the U. S. at prices quoted here.
Plants Are Fresh Dug

My plants are not dug any old time when it is most convenient and then put in storage or packed away waiting for your order; but are dug after your order is received and then packed in light boxes or mailing cartons with plenty of damp moss, and shipped promptly, which insures them reaching you in first class condition. A shipping tag with Certificate of Inspection, purchaser's name and full address is attached to each and every package sent out.

Strawberries are a money making crop and have been selling for fancy prices for the last few years, many growers making from $500 to $800 and up per acre, and it looks as if they would sell for good prices for several years yet; and if you are not growing them believe it will pay you and pay you big to grow them.

YOU RUN NO RISK, in ordering plants of me, for should I be sold out of the variety wanted, I will return your money, unless you say I can substitute; and I always label true to name. I don't send you one kind of plants and label it something else, I'm not built that way, and then, I have got to please you or else I cannot expect your order and it's too expensive to have to get new customers every year. My aim and ambition is to fill your order so you will be so well pleased that you will not only send me your order next time, but that some of your friends or neighbors will send me their orders too. That's the kind of advertising that pays.

TESTIMONIALS—As usual, I am publishing no testimonials, as my space in this issue is too limited. I could print some fine ones as I get lots of them and I am always glad to receive them for it is a great pleasure to know that my plants please you.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.
STATE HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT
CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION

College Park, Md., August 21st, 1923.

This is to certify, that on the 7th day of August, 1923, we examined the Nursery stock of M. S. Proyor's Nurseries growing in his nurseries at Salisbury, County of Wicomico, State of Maryland, in accordance with the laws of Maryland, 1898, Chapter 289, Section 58, and that said nurseries and premises are apparently free, so far as can be determined by inspection, from the San Jose Scale, Peach Yellows, Pear Blight, and other dangerously injurious insect pests and plant diseases.

This Certificate is valid until September 1st, 1924, unless sooner revoked, and does not include nursery stock not grown within this state, unless such stock is previously covered by Certificate and accepted by the State Entomologist and State Pathologist.

ERNEST N. CORY, State Entomologist.
C. E. TEMPLE, State Pathologist.