

consin college of agriculture in a bulletin on dairying. To show that there is a vast difference in the profit producing capabilities of dairy animals, Mr. Humphrey cites the records of three different classes of cows found in the university herd. One lot averaged 426.9 pounds of butter fat per year, another 301.8 pounds, and a third 195.8 pounds. The return over the feed cost for the best producers was \$70.64 per year per cow, the second \$42.18, and the last \$19.01. Although each group required about the same care and feed, the total production and profit varied widely.

In urging that greater effort be made to care for cows in the best possible manner, to feed them better rations, to improve their individuality and to breed to insure a larger number of offspring which would develop into profitable cows, Mr. Humphrey offers the following suggestions for the care of cows during the winter months: "Feed cows daily one pound of grain for every three pounds of milk produced, 25 to 40 pounds corn silage, and whatever clover or alfalfa hay they will eat. Do not keep them out in the cold for a longer time than they appear to enjoy such an outing. Allow them to have water which is not colder than that from a deep well. Keep them in clean, well lighted, properly ventilated stables."

SUCCESS WITH STRAWBERRIES

To the ardent lover of fruits none contains more charms, and more profit when grown for market, than the strawberry. Unlike other farm crops, the strawberry requires but little land, but little capital, cheap tools and but little physical strength.

Success with strawberries depends more upon the person engaged in the business than upon the soil, climate, locality or other local conditions. One must have an intense love for the business and for the plants themselves. This will lead to a careful study of the strawberry plant and its necessary requirements.

Give the plants the best soil available. A rich loamy soil containing a liberal quantity of vegetable mold is ideal. Such a soil is warm, will hold the moisture well, will not bake, and will not heave badly. The plat of ground selected should be as free from weeds and grass as possible to have it, and it should be broken deep—from ten to twelve inches, then rolled or dragged so as to crush the sods and firm the soil. The manuring is of much importance. The manure should be free from weed seeds of any kind. Well-rotted manure is best and should be applied liberally. An application of thirty to forty tons per acre is none too much too apply, then after two or three crops of berries have been harvested the soil will be in better condition than when the plants were set. If the ground is well pulverized the manure will get well mixed with it.

When the ground is ready set it with strong-rooted plants. It is cheaper in the long run to pay double price for choice, strong-rooted plants. Plants with small, weakly roots will never give good results. Plant the varieties that have been tested out and have proven best for your locality. It will pay the beginner to spend a few years in the work of testing in a small way the various sorts before going into the business on a large scale, using the variety or varieties that have proven their worth. In growing berries for the market, another factor must be considered. One must consult the market he expects to sell to. A berry that is the most valuable when it can be marketed within a mile or two of home often proves to be almost worthless when shipped fifty or a hundred miles.

Three Big Extra Special Offers

By special limited arrangement with the growers, any one of the three offers given below will be sent to any address for only \$1.15; any two, \$2.30; all three, \$3.45. Plants shipped in time for planting in your locality, unless otherwise requested. Full directions for planting included. Read offers and send your order at once.

Twelve Choice Everbearing Strawberries



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Do you want a start of the Famous Everbearing Strawberries? These berries not only produce great crops of fine berries in June, equalling the best June or spring bearing varieties, but you will get big crops of fine, delicious berries during all the fall months. The crop you get in the fall does not in any way affect the crop you get in the following June, so why not plant the fall bearing varieties exclusively as you get all the advantages of the annual varieties and the fall crop extra? Not an experiment. Handled by the best growers. Bear until frost.

If you have a farm, a city lot, or only a place to set a barrel, get some of these plants and grow everbearing strawberries. We offer you 12 choice, vigorous plants of the "Superb" variety, which sell regularly at \$1.

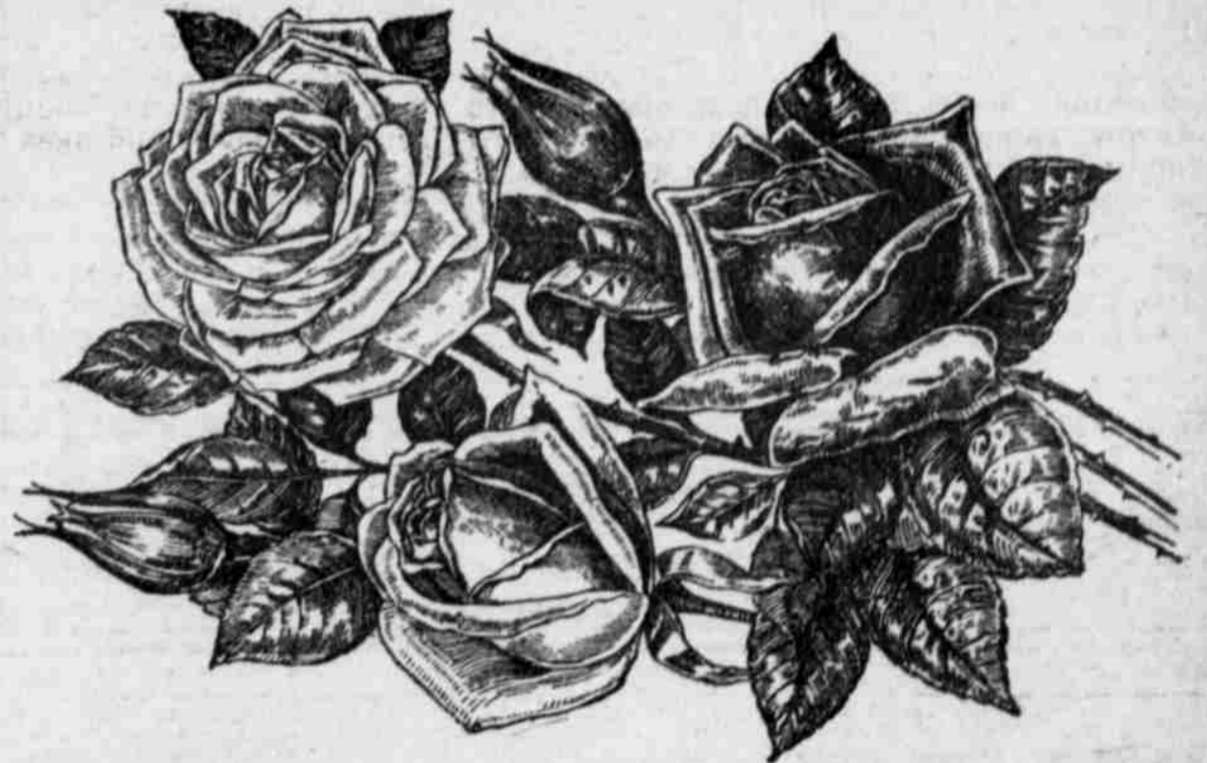
OUR OFFER—We will send this entire collection of 12 Everbearing Strawberries, carefully packed and prepaid, and without extra cost, to all who send us only \$1.15 (a special club rate) to pay for one year's new, renewal or paid-in-advance subscription to both The Commoner and The American Homestead. Fill out order blank below, and make remittance of \$1.15 payable to The Commoner, Lincoln, Neb.

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One of the finest collections ever offered. Eight of the finest roses for summer blooming, including the Famous Climbing American Beauty. The very cream of the new and thoroughly tested varieties, with the widest range of color, and representing the highest quality of stock. They thrive gloriously anywhere, forming magnificent bushes and producing great masses of large, beautiful flowers, exquisite in form, color and delicious perfume.

In this collection also is the White Maman Cochet, a magnificent snow-white rose; Etoile de France, a giant hardy red rose; Radiance, carmine shaded; Marigold, yellow rose; La France, "queen" of pink roses; Bessie Brown, creamy white; Rhea Reid, scarlet crimson.

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