



## Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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FENNVILLE, MICH., November 1, 1904.

Hon. A. W. Latham, Sec.

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

Just home from St. Louis, where we had a very good meeting and your Mr. Yahnke assisted nicely on the program as planned.

Yes, I should like very much to be able to visit your annual meeting as a delegate from Michigan, and but for one important fact I would plan so to do. The one thing that stands in the way is that the Michigan annual meeting is to be held on the same dates as your own-- in fact there are five or six State Societies that meet that week. This conflicting of dates not only prevents our visiting back and forth, but interferes when it comes to trying to get outside talent for the program.

It was one of the reasons for forming a Federation, that we might so arrange our dates, etc. that this duplicating of dates might be prevented.

I am preparing a short report of the St. Louis meeting and you will receive one as soon as I can get it ready.

Fraternally yours,

The Excelsior Fruit Growers' Association  
Lake Minnetonka

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Excelsior, Minn.,

Oct 20

1904

Friend Latham

Enclosed please find one Mr. Patson tells me that he has no rates far less than the one he gave he says it would be best not to stir up the matter to market for he says he has billed far less than the regular rates and if the Express Co look it up they will charge back to him

(A B Lyman has some very fine Mr Greening the Best I ever saw)

I bought 1000 Ginseng to day and it will make me close run for money please send back as soon as my ~~order~~ bill is allowed and  
Oblige  
Your Truly

A Brackett

MINNETONKA BERRIES ARE THE BEST IN THE WORLD

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Oct 17

1904

Friend Nathan

hand I can go to Hamand for you  
if I can go soon

I had just saw in the Journal  
that the grapes we sent to St. L  
had see the silver middle

If we can do as well an apple

It will be all right

I do not think apple that are not  
kept in cold storage will keep well  
to Monte warm weather

Yours Truly  
A Brackett

Wm Charles Min

E. W. Latham

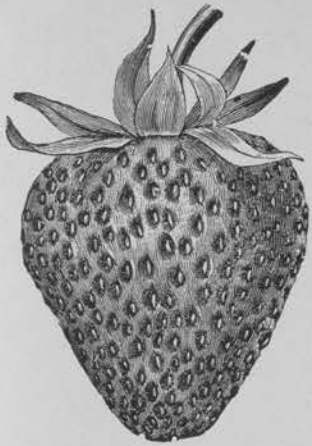
Oct 14, 1904.

Dear Sir

We have seen the agent and  
he refuses to do any thing with  
it. So I will send it back  
to you and you can send  
what <sup>money</sup> you can, of it.

Yours truly

W. C. Blair



# A. BRACKETT,

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Strawberries, Raspberries, Blackberries, Currants, Apple Trees, Etc.

## STRAWBERRY PLANTS A SPECIALTY.

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Minnetonka Telephone No. 65-2.

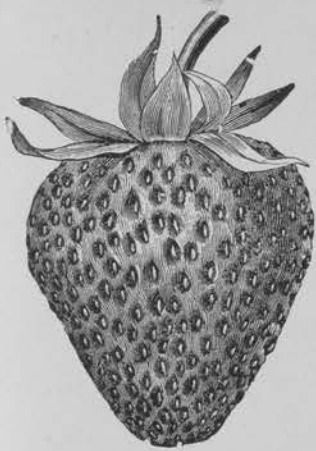
Excelsior, Minn.,

Oct 8

, 1904

Friend Nathan

I find  
the Zenger Apples the Best colored  
lot I have seen but they are  
not up to Sizer I have packed  
3 bu and sent them to Cold Storage  
I think you had Best send them  
to St L the first you send  
do not think they will keep as well  
as the other if you wish same  
Order large Apples 11 to 12 in send  
the Box from Mr Wright St L the  
Best Box St L Plained smooth  
Box It has some of the finest Apples  
that I have seen  
could not get any far single Plate  
as good as am in that Box  
If you will add to that Bill I left  
you the \$3.00 for to say it will probably  
be all  
your truly  
A Brackett



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Oct 4

, 1904

Friend Latham

I will ship  
as per Order by four One Box  
grape to Cold Storage and One  
to St L. Please let me know just  
how they arrive at Minneapolis and  
also let me know if we use the Boxes we  
get more grapes for the money  
than by sending in Baskets can and  
get about 5# in Basket with the  
packing

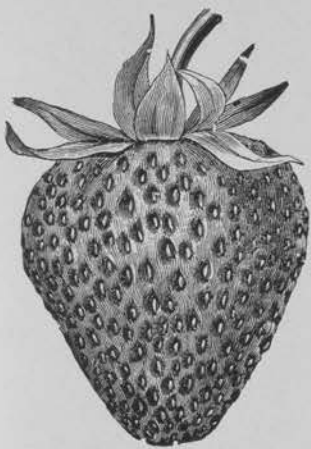
you can credit Spiekman with 2 bu  
Apple Mr Wright 2 bu and Mrs Crane  
The Briggs & Gray 2 bu that finishes  
the Apple Deal

Yours Truly

A Brackett

P.S. There are some vegetables that  
could be got here much better than  
in the market. It might be a good  
Plan to spend a day or two in the market & to

Out of shipping  
tags for cold  
storage



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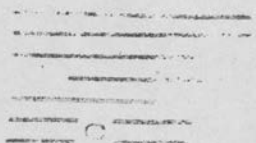
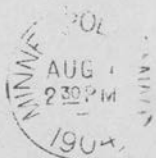
Friend Sathana

I shipped the  
10 Baskets of canards from Mr Crane to day  
I have 2 bu of Wolf River Apple Big fellows  
do you want them shipped to St Louis  
bold stony

I do not think it safe to leave grapes  
out any longer but will leave that to  
you will pick when you wish  
Mr Crane does not shoot he has  
Mrs Darolds working for him and  
she only weighs 400 # and when they  
find some one in the grapes they test  
him and she sets on him he never  
steals any more grapes

Your Truly

A Brackett



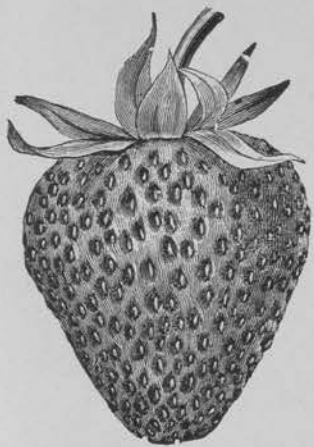
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# POSTAL CARD.

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*A. W. LATHAM,*  
*Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,*  
*207 Kasota Block,*  
*Minneapolis, Minn*

I presume there will be  
some healthy Apple in  
winter season that we can  
send in to the St Louis Ex.  
Will keep the matter in mind  
and report later, A. Bush



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Sep 30<sup>th</sup>, 1904

Friend Nathan

I got Mrs. Beane's  
Apple could only get one Weatherly  
I got 1 bu Pat Greening very fine  
Will go to Day and get the Wolf  
River from Newman and also  
Briggs & Gray I think that will  
finish up the Apples on this  
part  
Mrs. Spiekman has a bu of very  
fine Langfield I do not know as  
you want them

Yours Truly

A. Brackett

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Excelsior, Minn.,

Sep 15

1904

Friend Father

at hand you have the amount all right  
but <sup>have</sup> \$2.85 that is due you I asked of  
you of the 24  
I saw the Mr. Sawyer Bill which I  
paid you had not paid me but  
in your last letter you wanted a  
receipt for it I supposed to show  
that I had paid it before you  
paid me

I saw Mr. Jonsen he had  
shipped 35 Baskets of grapes Mr. Beawa  
was not at home so I could not get  
Apple of him will get his Apples  
Monday get 2 bu of Spinkemi very  
good can get 2 bu of Mr. Right  
Very fine

Your Truly  
A Brackett

W. Charles Minn

C. W. Latham Sept 26, 1904

Dear Sir

We were not able to Express that box of Peerless Apples until the 23rd. The box held one half a bbl. We hope they will prove satisfactory to Hort. Society.

Please find enclosed the receipt of the Express Co. We paid them one dollar & ninety five cents which please return as soon as convenient

Yours truly

W. C. Blair

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1904

Friend Nathan

I ship you  
to day 3 bu weather from Mr. Wright's  
Orchard very good sent them to Cold  
Storage Mr Wright told me that he  
had billed ~~them for St Louis~~  
the one he was going to donate  
Direct to St L But when I look  
St Louis to the Dept I found the Express  
on one he was \$12.50 so I did not think  
it advisaple to ship it alone  
I could not see Mr Beane Saturday he  
was in the city I left word with his  
man that we wanted his apple he has  
some four ones brought 6 bu I went  
over again to day and he was not  
at home and his man said he wanted  
to be there when they were picked  
so I left word for him to let me know  
when I could find him

Yours Truly  
A Beckett

Excelsior, Minnesota  
Sept 23' 1904

A. W. Latham, Minneapolis

Dear Sir

Enclosed please  
find Express receipt - for  
the Apples sent to Worlds  
Fair. I got them off yester-  
day. They are not extra as  
to size but they are nicely  
colored and are very pretty

Now if it will be as  
convenient to you I will  
be glad to have you

place the \$135 to my  
credit on Subscriptions  
to the Horticulturist.

I remember I am behind  
on that.

Respect Yours to  
Isabella Bartons  
Excelsior

Minnesota

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Sept 28

1904

Friend Latham

Just came to hand your of the 21<sup>st</sup>  
I will see Mr Jansan  
in the morning and I will get the grapes all  
OK he is a little peculiar but I can trade  
with him

A B Lyman Only has to pay 6 bu of apples  
for St L he furnished 2 bu for the State fair  
Mr Seach 1 bu and Mr Spiekema 4 1/2 bu  
making 8 1/2 bu in all for State Fair for  
which I received checks to day \$17

I did not take care of Mrs Larver for the 2 bu  
apples for St L I send her for same and  
if you wish I will get receipt of her and send  
you

Your Truly

A Brackett

P.S. we should pay the 44<sup>th</sup> I will attend  
to the apples at 6's and

A B



Established 1868

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A. A. Bost Proprietor

A Full Line of Tested Varieties of Fruits

Our Specialties: Advance Apple, originated here, and the Sylvia Plum

Telephone No. 98.

Excelsior, Minn.,

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1907

Mr A. W. Latham  
Pepke Minn

Dear Friend:

At last we have found time to pick a basket of seedlings for St. Louis. Maurice did the job and it went this morning by express as per enclosed receipt.

Yours truly  
A. A. Bost.

OFFICE OF

JOHN BISBEE

GRAIN DEALER

Madelia, Minn., Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1894

A. W. Batham Sec

Minneapolis

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send  
you connected by Bill  
on the Box of apples sent  
you at St. Louis a few  
days since compare this  
rate with yours and you  
will be able to fully app-  
reciate the advantages  
of living at a competing  
point

I remain

Yours truly  
John Bisbee

Excelsior Minnesota  
Sept-17-1914

A. W. Latham, Secy

Dear Sir

I am going  
to have a bush of nice  
Weather Apples for Worlds  
Fair. Will send them  
some time next week.  
You sent me shipping  
tags and directions all  
right. No large Plums or  
firm Grapes were to be  
proud of.

Respect Yours  
D. L. Barton  
Excelsior

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Excelsior, Minn.,

*Sep 13*

190*4*

*Friend A W Latham*

*I saw Mr Janson and his grapes today his grapes are ripening up well he will furnish 50 Baskets of 10# each for 50ct each and ~~then~~ that some of the varieties had better be picked the last of this week Arthur Lyman has a fine lot of Waltham Apples they seem to be the best behaved of any that so long as some should Mr Spickard can furnish 12 or 15 bu that are a head of anything around here Harry Shuman told me to day that he did not want to furnish any for the show Mrs Best will donate One bu  
 Yours Truly  
 A Brackett*



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Excelsior, Minn., Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 1907

Mr A. W. Saltham

Wpts. Minn.

Dear Friend.

Any time the gentleman with the glass eyes can come and look over the orchard. Orbits opening and perhaps a few of some other varieties we have we will be pleased to present the state of Minnesota with a basket of same. We are thinking of continuing the fair another season so as to have fruit more presentable.

We are all well and hope this will find you the same.

Yours truly,  
A. A. Bost.

John Bisbee Elevator Company  
Grain, Seeds, Etc.

Madelia, Minnesota, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1904

A. W. Nathan Sec

Minneapolis

Dear Sir

I send you to St Louis  
to day by Express prepaid 1 Box  
Apples containing the following lbs.

- 1/2 Bushel University —
- 1/4 " Hood Peasant (Patten)
- 1/4 " Peters

I enclose receipts from Ex Co

And remain  
Yours truly  
John Bisbee

Rita's Receipt



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*Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,*  
**207 Kasota Block,**  
*Minneapolis, Minn*

Excelsior April 5-19

Mr Secretary Yours of 2 receive  
in reply will say My  
Health Apple give promise  
of being very nice and may  
go to Mendota St Louis. No  
Plums. Hope to have grapes  
no other fruit - I Barlow



MINN  
AUG 22  
1030AM  
1904  
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*207 Kasota Block,*

*Minneapolis, Minn*

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> - 04

Dear Friend A.W.

I wonder if it would be  
convenient for you to set  
some time when I could  
meet you at the Fair grounds?  
Would try to go any time you  
expect to be there.

Would like to look things over  
with you before making any  
changes.

Storm has played havoc with  
my fruit but I want to  
fix up something.

Hoping to see or hear from  
you soon. I am  
yours truly.

A. A. Root.

A. W. LATHAM, Secretary Minnesota State Horticultural Society,

Dear Sir:

I will furnish, and deliver at the express office at the proper season, as my contribution to the Minnesota Fruit Exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair the following:

Give in this Column the number of packages of each (one or more) you will furnish.

Give below Names of Varieties you will furnish.

.....Case (16 qts.) Strawberries.....

.....Case (24 pts.) Red Raspberries.....

.....Case (24 pts.) Black Raspberries.....

.....Case (16 qts.) Blackberries.....

*one*.....Case (16 qts.) Currants and Gooseberries..... *Prince Albert + L B Holland*

*one*.....Case (16 qts.) Plums..... *Desoto + Forest-Isander*

.....Case (16 qts.) Cherries.....

.....Box (1 bu.) Apples.....

.....Basket (10 lb. each) Grapes.....

.....Roses, Peonies, Gladiolus, Etc.....

.....Peaches, Pears, Etc.....

The above offer is made contingent upon a crop of the article tendered, and with the understanding that in the event of any disaster or failure likely to interfere with my ability to deliver this fruit earliest possible information thereof shall be sent you.

Signed *A. W. Latham*

Post Office *Hamline*

Date .....

(OVER)

Dear Fellow Member:—Please fill out the following also:

This information will be of special value in case it is found necessary to secure more fruit for the exposition than is tendered by the membership, and is valuable information for this office to have for many other reasons also.

	No. Acres in bearing	No. Trees, Shrubs or Plants in bearing	Names of Varieties in bearing.
Apples			
Crab Apples			
Plums			
Cherries			
Pears			
Peaches			
Grapes			
Strawberries			
Black Raspberries			
Red Raspberries			
Blackberries			
Currants			
Gooseberries			
Other Fruits			

Will you please mark with an X before the names of such varieties listed above as you can probably furnish (in addition to your contribution), to be paid for at a fair price?

(OVER)



R.F.D.

AUG. 4 1904 P.M.

CHARLES.

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*207 Kasota Block,*  
*Minneapolis, Minn.*

A. W. Satham

St Charles Minn

Dear Sir

August 10 1907

We will <sup>will</sup> send a bushel of Peeler's if  
you will send directions for packing.  
We will pick them in the fol part  
of September. If more is wanted  
we can send them.

Yours truly  
L. L. Blair



MINN AUG 11 1904  
11-PM AUG 9 1904

R. T. D.

NEWPORT,

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*Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,*

*207 Kasota Block,*

*Minneapolis, Minn.*

Newport, Minn.

Aug. 9 - 1914

A. W. Latham, Sec.

Dear Sir,-

I would be glad to furnish you any of the following varieties of Plums for the Ex. at the Fair  
1 Pk of Surprise, Cheney, DeSoto or New Blue.  
Sincerely J. V. Bailey.

# A. BOOTH & CO.

WHOLESALE

## OYSTERS AND FISH.

Minneapolis, *Sept 7<sup>th</sup>* " 190 *4*

Your favor of *Sept 6* with enclosure of \$ *29* *94* *100*

has been received and placed to your credit, with thanks.

Soliciting your future favors, we are,

Yours truly,

*A. Booth & Co.*



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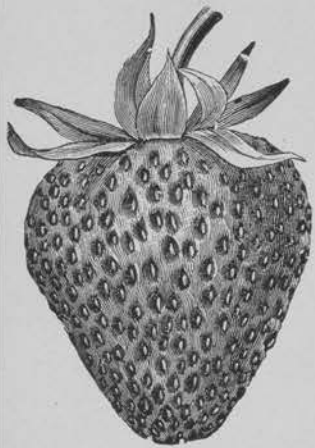
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*Minneapolis*

*207 - Kasota Bldg.*

*Minn.*



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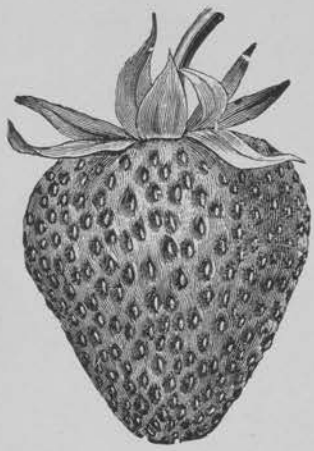
Excelsior, Minn., Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, 1904

Gismond Latham

5<sup>th</sup> at hand the account to O B  
Seaving Bal an hard to you by  
at \$2.87 Mr Latham furnished all  
the grapes

Blackburn are Over well not be  
able to send an man what had I better  
do with the leaves there 20 two  
near at Sapat  
how after do you want grapes and  
Plums shipped and do you want  
any with Apple shipped soon I enclose  
Bill of my trip to date and after  
what I Paid helps

your Truly  
A Brackett



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Excelsior, Minn., Aug 29, 1904

Friend Lathana

Enclosed  
 Please find Bill for Express to  
 State fair and also Bill  
 for BB Shipped to day 550  
 I also send you Bill Express 350  
 an Wax Paper 30

Shipped very fine case BB to day  
to St L

I am putting in team 2 to 3 days  
per week my self and horse for which  
I am charging you \$3.00 per day  
Of that I do not all right let me know

Yours Truly

A Brackett

P.S. I do not know what the name is  
for the grapes that I got of him for State Fair

W. W. Gathman

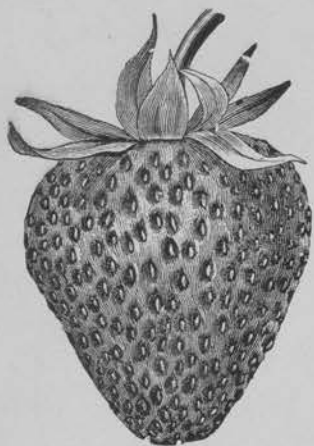
J. O. Charles, Mn  
Aug 29th 1904

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 25th at hand will say  
that if you want any more Peerless  
we have some fine Peerless, the  
weathery are not very good  
this year.

Do you know of any reliable  
commission houses <sup>that handle fruit</sup> in  
at St. Paul. If you do, let  
us know.

Yours truly  
J. O. Charles



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Excelsior, Minn., Aug 27, 1904

Friend Latham

2 Ship boxes  
B B the Best I have shipped  
2 bu Apples to St L  
You do not say any thing about  
the Compass Cherry can get all  
you want

Will ship B B Maudey the 28<sup>th</sup>  
and 2 bu Apples

If we get any Dutchess Apples  
will have to get them the first  
of the week Mr Starn will dispatch  
all them this next week

Please let me know how many we  
want Please send money as I  
am short

Yours Truly  
A Brackett

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Aug 26 1904

Friend Nathan

I ship you  
to day 9 bu Apple 15 Baskets grapes  
to Minneapolis I can get all the bumps  
shows you want My Norma has  
2 bu Wolf River Apple Mr Perry  
wants this we will have to pay him 10<sup>00</sup>  
for by far then I expect to be at  
the fair Monday and Wed day  
have you any Passes that you  
could lend me one

Yours Truly  
A Brackett

St. Charles. Minn

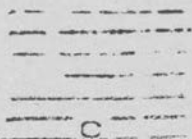
A. W. Sathorn, Aug 24th, 04

Dear Sir, we expect to  
pick our peaches about the 10th  
of Sept. The season has been so  
cold & backward that they are late  
in ripening.

If you will send a box of papers  
<sup>by freight</sup> for the apples I shall be much  
obliged.

We have received your letter &  
replies.

Yours truly  
L. L. Blair



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AW Sathorn  
Minneapolis  
Kasato Black Minn.

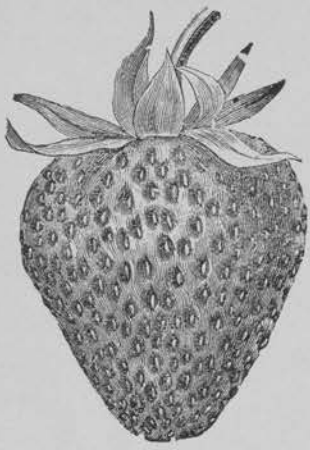
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I cannot ship  
B B to day no  
expedite we should  
have another box  
I will have to  
go out to Mr Janson  
to let him know that  
we do not <sup>want</sup> B B to  
day will ship

Apple

Snake had better  
be picked the 23  
will be there best  
then

Yours Truly  
A Beckett



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Excelsior, Minn., Aug 13, 1904

Friend Sathorn

I shipped  
to day 2 bu Apples from the Gideaer  
Place One case of 80 Pints BB from  
Gus Janson they were very fine  
same berries & in lang  
We can get all the grapes we  
want of him and I do not think  
his grapes can be beaten by  
any one in the U.S I never saw  
such a fine lot  
I have to pay him a little extra  
for BB and have to furnish  
Pint Boxes he says they bring  
in only the best I pay him \$6.00  
for 80 Pints  
Will ship 2 bu Apple from  
Mr Sarnes Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>  
you have paid me \$5.00 on the enclosed  
receipt the case I got the can  
in any side to I filed it in

a great hurry had only a few  
minutes to spare to get it off on  
the 4:30 P.M. Train

Yours Truly

P.S. I saw Mr. Cummings at  
the garden place he said we  
could get some good Apples  
at his place at 2 or 3 miles  
down there had we better  
drive down and get some

Yours Truly

A. Beckett

OFFICE OF

JOHN BISBEE

GRAIN DEALER

Madelia, Minn., Aug<sup>14</sup> 1894

A. W. Beathan Sec

Minneapolis

Dear Sir

Yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst  
rec'd There must be some  
mistake about my making  
offer of 1 bush apples for the  
exposition. I have only  
a few trees in bearing  
and I have very few apples  
on them. The Duchess  
Patten Malinda Peppers  
from which I have heretofore  
got the most of my apples  
have practically none on  
them this season  
I have some Wealthy  
but the trees have so

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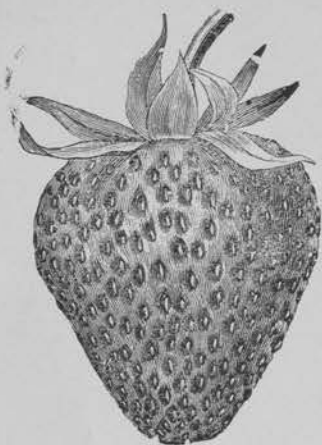
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overborne that they fruit  
is not I fear such as  
you would wish for  
exhibitions The only  
apple I have of which  
I could furnish one  
bushel is The University.  
They are not grown yet  
and if you wish when  
they are far enough ad-  
vanced I will send you  
a bushel

I remain

Yours truly

John Bisbee



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Excelsior, Minn., Aug 10, 1904

Mr Lathan

Dear Friend

One bush for \$9.75

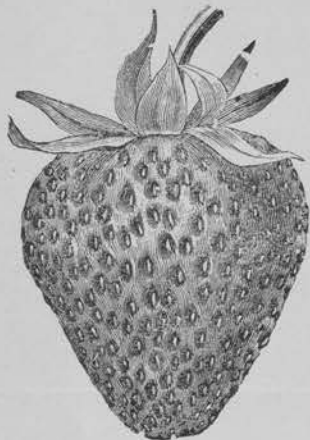
Inclosed please find Bill paid to day  
amount to \$9.35 for which please send  
bush I can get the finest fruit only  
By Paying cash

Mr Eliath arranged for the shipment of  
the Strawberry and I told Mr Hitchcock  
that if he would furnish one case  
I would see he got the money for it  
otherwise he would not ship it

I shipped one case 80 lbs B B to day  
very fine also one box Apples

If you do not think the appropriation  
is not sufficient to meet the bills  
please let me know it as I would  
not like to buy fruit that would  
not be paid for

Your truly  
A Brackett



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Excelsior, Minn., Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, 1904

Friend Nathan

I shipped Apples  
and BB to Day. Get the BB of  
Gus Johnson they are the Best I can  
find and hear from Oeder 48 ct for  
the 10<sup>th</sup>

The Raspberry I shipped were the finest  
I saw of each on the Branch I ever saw  
If you wish me to attend to this business  
and hear it will be necessary to send  
me some money to do it with  
I have all ready paid out

6.00	BB
1.25	Exp. apple
2.25	--- BB
.25	--- Return box

and some small charge  
for fire and repairing refrigerator  
It will take at least \$25.00 this week

Yours Truly  
A Brackett

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MOUNTAIN LAKE, MINN., *Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>* 190*1*

A. W. Latham, Esq.

Minneapolis, Minn.,

Dear Sir! - I have this day  
Expressed to you to St. Louis one  
Box Apples containing three kinds  
of the early varieties; but I'm not  
able to give the names. -

A little later on I can send you more  
of other varieties if you will supply  
me with tags to put upon the packages.  
I herewith send you prepaid Express  
receipt for \$ 1.00 which as I under-  
stands will be refunded to me.  
I shall cheerfully contribute more and  
the season approaches if you so desire.  
Hope to hear from you.

yours truly  
Frank Balzer

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Excelsior, Minn.,

Aug 8

1904

Friend Leatham

I went out Friday  
and sat and got the promise of two  
cases of Snyder Blackberries picked  
with the stems on. That picking with  
the stems on I think will be very  
unsatisfactory - it is all right with  
the Raspberry for the center comes out of  
them but it is different with the  
Blackberry the short stems left on  
the Blackberries cut in to the other berries and  
make the juice run out. besides being  
a slow job two of my pickers were three  
hours picking 12 qts that way  
two of the parties who agreed to pick ~~from~~  
found it so tedious that they did not pick  
the berries and the consequence was I could  
not ship the case. my plan is to go  
down to our association and as soon as the  
fruit comes in

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Select out there 24 qt Cases of the best  
and select from those 48 boxes that will  
do to ship. and sell the Culls here on the  
market. will make you a shipment  
of 2 bushels of Choice Apples Monday  
Please send me out papers for wrapping  
as I find them hard to get here  
there were only two of the Refrigerators here  
here had it fixed as you directed  
Very Truly  
A Brackett

P.S. your of the 6 at hand will ship load  
to day the 8<sup>th</sup> and 2 bu apples the Murray  
Orchard 2 to Old the Best Apples an  
young trees could get all the Duches you  
need an <sup>me</sup> staves alone can get some  
good Specimen an the Gidean Place  
we will not have any trouble to get  
all the fine apples we need  
Yours Truly  
A B



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*A. W. LATHAM,  
Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.*

Nerstrand Aug 6, 1904

Mr Latham Dear Sir  
I do not feel strong  
enough <sup>to</sup> comply with  
your request in regard to  
Furnishing Fruit for  
the S. S. Louis Fair  
I will be 80 years old next  
month if I live

So I think you will have to  
Excuse me

yours Truly  
J Beckley



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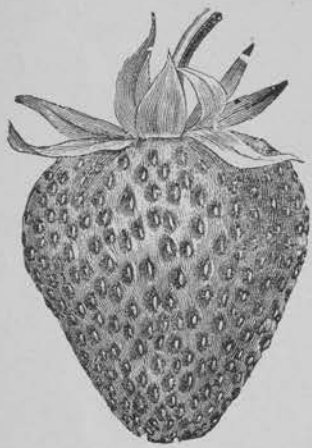
*Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,*

*207 Kasota Block,*

*Minneapolis, Minn*

Enslar Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1901

Are you of the 1<sup>st</sup> can get all  
the fine apples needed and will  
ship as per your Order next  
week will ship B Beans Sat  
but the Snyder are not  
large could Jam use  
Crab Apple size clusters on  
the Branches A B, a B, a B



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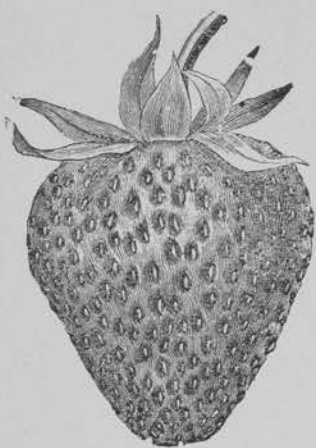
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Friend Latham

I find that the Smider is the only B Busy now ripe and they are too small there will not be any B Busy fit to ship before Monday the 7<sup>th</sup>. Apples will be all off next week. Let me know how many to ship for the week you had better send boxes can get <sup>in</sup> baskets here with boxes at 13 ct each

Yours Truly

A Brackett



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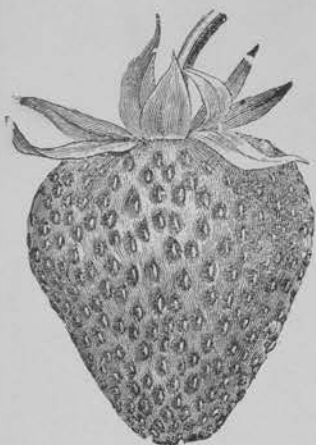
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The apple ship to day are  
from A B Sagona day after tomorrow  
will ship from Gidian Place  
and the next from A Bost  
I think <sup>some</sup> apples for cold storage  
should be picked last of the week  
I never saw apples packed in Oil  
Paper and do not think it a  
good plan  
the case of Blauken will  
go this afternoon  
A B



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Friend Nathan

I have the  
30 Strawberry Plants Potted for the St Lawrence  
Shaw & think I can have them in good  
shape a month June 10<sup>th</sup>  
& will be in the city soon and will  
call

Yours Truly  
A Brackett

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Mr. A. W. Latham, Cokato July 18<sup>th</sup> 04

Dear Sir

Enclosed find check for  
70.00 Balance due you. We  
received two checks for  
the shipment of 1 cwt of Straw-  
berries to the World's Fair.

The delay of shipping fruit  
from here to the fair, which  
takes 3 days, and is too long  
for fruit to stand up. They  
would have to be picked quite  
green.

If you have heard  
how the cwt. of strawberries  
came through July 12<sup>th</sup>, we would  
like to know if it should  
happen so that we could  
send berries some future time.

Thanking you for past  
favours we remain  
Yours truly  
J. W. Beckman