

WINTERING GERANIUMS.

7. In the January number of the HORTICULTURIST, "An Englishman" asks if geraniums can be wintered successfully in a frost-proof cellar, and is answered in the affirmative by Mr. Gilchrist. Geraniums may be wintered in a cellar in another way than by planting them in boxes. If pulled up by the roots in the fall, and hung from the cellar beams, top down, they will retain life till spring, when, if cut back and planted

they will grow and make vigorous plants the following season. For years I have carried over geraniums in this way, and have now a good supply for spring use depending from the ceiling of the house cellar. Care must be taken not to place them too close to each other. I "bunched" them together on one occasion when the leaves and stems mildewed, and their vitality was destroyed.

Owen Sound.

R. MCKNIGHT.

OPEN LETTERS.

APPLE WORMS.

Editor Canadian Horticulturist.

SIR.—In the end of the apple harvest of 1887, we had a considerable quantity of second-class apples which lay in piles under the trees, beneath a covering of straw, for about two weeks. We found them very much destroyed, for a small codlin worm, as we imagined, very small indeed, its burrow no larger than a pin hole, went hither and thither all through the apples in every direction—often at the mouth of the hole a yellow refuse looking substance. Hauling home the last pile or two we had to use the lantern, and were almost suffocated and blinded by tiny little black flies which we could not help connecting with the *so small* worm in the apples. Fortunately we have seen little or nothing of it since.—W. S. FORBES, *Ancaster P.O., Ont.*

KIND WORDS.

Editor Canadian Horticulturist.

SIR.—Would you be so kind as to send me some sample copies of the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, December number, if possible, on account of the so well prepared index, with which any intelligent and well-read man, interested in its subject matter, must be satisfied. I want to send one to my once dear pupil, the acting principal of the Grande Ligne Mission Institute, where I taught for nine years. They have a large farm and garden, and I want them to get acquainted with you. For my part I highly appreciate your intelligent, pains-

taking and tasteful work, and I wish for yourself and for our Association the best success.—Yours very respectfully, L. PASCHE, *Bryson, P.Q.*

FRUIT IN SIMCOE COUNTY.

Editor Canadian Horticulturist.

SIR.—We think your journal is improving in interest, especially in the care of plants, with their cultivation and preservation; likewise the best varieties of fruits for markets, and careful sorting and packing of the same, all of which is most valuable information for those who grow fruit for sale.

My grapes were killed with the frost last June, but they have made a good strong growth, and, if all is well, will do better another year. We shall keep them covered a little longer this year. The gooseberries were good; the Downings and Smith's Improved were a large crop. Currants were excellent, loaded down. The plums were a good crop but spoiled with too strong application of Paris green; we are led to think that there is a great difference in the strength of some Paris green; it varies in strength very much, so that it cannot be used without care. The cherry trees, sent one year ago last fall, have made small growth this season, although they look healthy and are doing well. Princess Louise apple was affected with something that stunted the growth. I think it will recover as it looks healthy. If all is well I will report another year upon the trees and plants received.—Yours truly, CHARLES HICKLING, SR., *Barrie.*