

Jessica and Catawba. Of course, some of these varieties I have duplicated; I have three Clintons from which I picked this year 700 lbs. of grapes. I may incidentally remark just here that by reason of the great number of grape growers in this neighbourhood the fruit has become a glut in the market, even when choice grapes are offered for four cents per pound. In consequence I have turned my grapes into wine, that is the Clintons, Delawares, Concorde, Isabellas and Catawbas, for which I have found a ready sale.

I grow a few plum trees, and in this fruit I have been well repaid. Originally, I planted common blue plum stocks, and after one year's growth I budded Victoria, Egg and Lombard on the one stock, and during the past year it was a grand sight to see the full crop, three varieties on one trunk, about three bushels in all.

Having a few dwarf apples, I selected a Rhode Island Greening and after removing some of the centre limbs I budded it with Duchess of Oldenburgh, and the result during the past

year was a magnificent crop of fruit—the Duchess being a most beautiful purple with an indescribable bloom. Whilst they were ripe, the fruit of the parent tree was but the size of walnuts, and green, and afforded a wonderful contrast to the admiring observer.

I have grown a few currant and gooseberry bushes. The currant is subject to the borer, whilst the gooseberry is often stripped by the green caterpillar. The only remedy for which is hellebore sprinkled in the early morning whilst the dew is on the leaves.

I have used Paris green, in the proportion of one tablespoonful to a patent pail of water, and squirted on my apple and plum trees—a good preventative against the curculio and the other pests which infest our garden. Another preventative is fowls, if they be allowed to run at large they destroy an incredible number of grubs and insects. In closing my rambling remarks, I would express my pleasure at the improved appearance of our journal and hope to hear of a more extended circulation.

FRUIT NOTES.

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I HAVE just received copies of the *HORTICULTURIST* in its new dress, and am very highly pleased with the improvement, and hope the efforts of the Executive Committee will be appreciated as they deserve. All the premiums sent out by the Association to this locality have done well, or at least nearly all of them. The Lucretia Dewberry was the only thing that failed with me. There is a tree of the *Catalpa Speciosa* growing in the garden of Robert Minty, Esq., of this place, which was sent out about three years ago. It is considered quite a curiosity by those who saw it growing last summer; the immense leaves, like those of some rare tropical plant, measuring ten inches in

width. It is now about five feet in height, and seems to stand this climate all right.

PRUNING.

Opinions differ as to the proper time to prune our trees and vines. My experience is that for fruit trees from the 15th to the 30th of June is the proper time. I find that the wounds never bleed and the wounds grow over quicker than if done at any other time. I have tried fall and winter pruning, but would never do it again. I found that if pruned in winter, many of them would bleed all the next summer. For grapes, I prune in November, shortly after the frost has killed the leaves.