

speaking, where markets are accessible, land is increased in value two or three times by being set with good varieties of fruit and properly cared for. Such land as is described, can seldom be purchased at less than \$100 an acre, and our subscriber appears to have a good offer under consideration.

BOOK ON NURSERY WORK.

516. SIR,—Is there any work on hybridizing, budding, grafting, etc.?

A. C. CHAPMAN, *Frankford, Ont.*

The most useful books for the amateur on these subjects is Thomas' *American Fruit Culturist*. Bailey's *Nursery Book*, also give pretty full directions on nursery. Both of these books are advertised in this journal.

GOOSEBERRY LEAF SPOT.

517. SIR,—Will you kindly tell me in next month's HORTICULTURIST why the leaves of my red currants dry up and all fall off; at this time they are all bare and are now starting to put out new leaves, they are mixed alternate with black currants, five feet apart, and get same attention as black, yet the black are looking splendid and doing well, while red are not making any growth, and looking like winter, all bare. I have enclosed a leaf. Kindly give me what you think reason and remedy for same, and you will greatly oblige.

HERBERT BLYTH, *Whonnock, B. C.*

Reply by Prof. Fletcher.

The red currant leaves, from our correspondent at Whonnock, B. C., are attacked by the common disease *septoria ribis*, the gooseberry leaf spot. This disease is prevalent through Canada. An interesting observation has been made this summer by Mr. Craig, that upon some gooseberry bushes which were protected against the mildew by the carbonate of copper treatment, the *septoria* upon the leaves was about as abundant as on the untreated leaves. It is questionable whether spraying bushes for this trouble would pay for the material and the labor. The injury does not show itself here until August, and very frequently a second crop of leaves produced. I shall try some experiments next year upon this disease, with Bordeaux mixture, as this annual defoliation must have a very weakening effect upon the trees.

GOLDEN-LEAVED ELDER.

518. SIR,—I send you sample berries of the Golden Leaved Elder. I think a note of this beautiful showy golden leaved shrub would be of interest to the many readers of the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST. I find them perfectly hardy, bearing fine large fruit, as you will see by samples sent. With its striking golden foliage, it is a shrub worthy of a trial, both for fruit and for ornament.

M. MILGAU, *Bright, Ont.*

Where golden colored foliage is desired on the lawn, this would be no doubt one of the most satisfactory shrubs. Even the common elder is counted