

of our hardy grapes, such as the Concord, and is found very generally distributed to the eastward of the Alleghanies; while the Riparia family, to which it is related on the paternal side, is found extending from the Province of Quebec to where the mercury freezes in the North-West.

Mr. J. B. Waldo, who has watched this grape for some time, on the grounds of Mr. Ricketts, before it was sold to the present proprietors, says that he has seen many clusters of it larger and finer than the one represented in our colored plate. Fruit picked on the second of September, 1884, was exhibited at the Ohio State Fair, and carried off the highest premium for the *best new seedling grape*.

We regret that we are unable to speak from personal observation of the qualities of this very handsome fruit and of the behavior of the vine, but from our acquaintance with the Messrs. Pratt, we have every confidence in their statements, and believe that they will be found to be fully substantiated by the grape in the hands of those purchasers who will give it proper treatment.

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BY H. B. SPOTTON, BARRIE.

INTRODUCTORY.

The love of flowers is universal. To children especially flowers are a never-failing source of innocent pleasure. At this season, when winter is drawing to its close, there are few who do not look forward with delight to the spring ramble in search of the early Hepatica and Spring Beauty and Dog's-tooth Violet—those impatient and venturesome harbingers which follow so close upon the retreating footsteps of the frost-king. Even while the snow still lurks in hidden hollows, the pale Hepatica emerges from its woolly sheath and sweetens the air with its mild fragrance, and the Spring Beauty erects its cluster of purple bells to relieve the sober brown of the forest's leafy floor. And the interest attending the appearance of these first-comers is not diminished, but rather increased, as spring ripens into summer, and the wealth of our meadows and woods and water-margins is put forth in unceasing variety of odor and color and form.

This universal love of flowers is in itself a desirable thing—a thing to be encouraged for the sake of the refining influence insensibly exerted by it.