

AUTUMN LEAVES.

(For the Canadian Horticulturist.)

And hast thou thus been cast away,
 Poor sear and yellow leaves;
 Short has been thy happy day,
 Ah! how my lone heart grieves.

I've watched thee dancing in the sun,
 "Trees have tongues"; I've heard thee say,
 "In oblivion's gulf we'll soon be flung,
 Let us be merry while we may."

Poor earl'ered leaves, you've done your duty,
 And played your little part so well;
 Living your span, in faultless beauty
 Within this flowery dell.

Oft when oppressed by anxious care,
 Thy sweet Elysian shade
 Of fluttering leaves, and balmy air,
 A sanctuary made.

Sweet autumn leaves, I too, like thee,
 Have had my joyful day;
 But it is nature's firm decree
 That we should fade, fall, and decay.

But, blessed is the hope to me,
 All who the "Truth" receives,
 The glorious "Tree of Life" shall see,
 And kiss the "healing leaves."

Montreal.

GRANDMA GOWAN.

THE EUMELAN GRAPE.—From my experience I would give up a good many fancy grapes before I would spare the Eumelan. It has one fault—it is shy of starting and I have not been successful in raising new plants. But the fruit was worth 20 cents a pound in Montreal when Concordes were selling for nine cents. It is a good bearer with me, never drops its berries. So, like doctors, grape growers differ in opinion.—ANNIE L. JACK, in *Rural New-Yorker*.

THE SALOME APPLE seems to be growing in favor in Illinois, being very hardy, productive, and a long keeper. The apple is of very good quality, size only medium, color from a light to a dark red or nearly so. Bears well annually, but more heavily alternate years. Keeps well until May or even June. The *Western Rural* says in the issue of June 13th, that samples received at that office from Mr. A. Bryant, were then as sound as bullets, and gave evidence of being good keepers—*Farm and Garden*.

THE JESSICA GRAPE.—This new variety of white Grape, sent out a few years since by D. W. Beadle, of St. Catherines, Ontario, we found ripe on the 22d of August,

at Vine Valley, on Canandaigua Lake, ten days earlier than Champion, in the same locality, was fit to gather. At that time it was quite ripe, and had been so, apparently, for several days, as the birds had discovered its condition, and eaten quite a number of the berries. The fruit is of medium size in bunch and berry, has a pleasant, but not a high, flavor, somewhat acid, without foxiness, and no hard pulp, but juicy. Altogether, it is a fair Grape, and the earliest we know. It is a strong grower, with thick, healthy foliage.—*Vick's Magazine*.

ABOUT CALLAS.—Every one knows that the Calla requires rich soil and frequent watering, but very few amateurs give enough heed to this so as to have the earth sufficiently rich or the water supply sufficiently abundant. Nothing but the most severe perseverance in having the earth as much as half manure will insure success; then the plants when growing vigorously must not only be kept as wet as possible, but they delight in warm, and even moderately hot water. As ordinary saucers are shallow, we have placed a pot of Calla in a large earthen wash-basin, which we keep filled with warm water. It is also requisite to cut off each flower as soon as it shows any signs of withering; the result will be that a new bud will very soon make its appearance, often before the old stem is wilted.—*American Garden*.

NEWLY PLANTED TREES—Importance of Cultivating.—The soil will dry very rapidly and to a great depth if allowed to get hard and compact. There is but a small space left for air in solid soils, and from this fact they become hot and dry to a great depth in the summer. While if air is present, as it is in loose soils, being such a poor conductor of heat, it will allow only a small portion of soil to become hot, which soon cools at night and is filled with a copious dew, not only retaining the moisture already in the soil, but adding to it at a season when moisture is especially desirable. Newly-set trees are always benefitted by cultivation, because all their roots are surface-roots, and cannot thrive in a hot, dry, compact soil. Hence the necessity of summer surface-cultivation of newly-set trees.—*Farm and Garden*.