

only one is living. That one is a strong plant, vigorous grower, and has borne a very heavy crop of large berries.

The largest one measured five inches around one way and four inches and a half the other way. I did not measure the diameter. It was quite ripe all through and of excellent flavor. I think the Jessie is all that it is claimed to be.—Yours truly, THOMAS R. HUGHES, *Cote des Neiges, Montreal, Que., July 2, 1889.*

#### Turpentine for Black Knot.

SIR,—The black knot has made its appearance on two of my plum trees. As soon as I saw it I thought I would try the linseed oil, but I had none at the house; but I got some spirits of turpentine that I had in the house. I thought I would cure the black knot or kill the tree. I applied the turpentine with a feather, and in ten days the black knot was killed, and the unaffected part of the tree not any the worse, only where I had dropped the turpentine on the leaves they turned yellow.

Hoping this will be of use to the fruit growers, I remain respectfully, LEVI BRILLINGER, *Collingwood, July 4th, 1889.*

#### Off to China.

SIR,—A line to say good-by. I am off two days hence for Vancouver, Yokohama, Hongkong, Singapore, India, etc., so shall not be at the horticultural meeting at Ottawa next winter. I did try hard, having this in view, to have the meeting held in Montreal last winter.—Yours truly, C. GINN, *Abbotsford, Que., July 5th, 1889.*

#### The Crandall.

SIR,—As to the productiveness of the Crandall, it this year beats all we have ever claimed for it by far. Can you not come and see it next week, in the interests of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario. We think it will well pay you to do so, and see for yourself that the Crandall is the most productive of all small fruits of any kind or name.—Very truly yours, FRANK FORD & SON, *Ravenna, O.*

#### Using Liquid Manure.

SIR,—I appreciate your publications very much, and have tried carefully many hints published therein, in the cultivation of grapes, strawberries and raspberries, these being the only fruits I have yet tried my fortune on. I have this year an abundant crop of strawberries and a fine prospect for raspberries. The strawberries average an extra size, many measuring four to five inches in circumference. The plants are exceedingly full and strong, on some of which the berries just hang in clusters

of one dozen to two, dozen each, and some plants have three to four clusters. I received the plants from Mr. Robinson, Owen Sound, two years ago. They were good plants, but I attribute my success to my persistent watering with liquid manure. This hint I saw in a Scotch paper last year, that to make a success of *strawberries, raspberries and roses* use liquid manure freely.—I am yours truly, J. D. HENDERSON, *Toronto, Ont.*

#### The Conn Gooseberry.

SIR,—Per to-day's mail I send you four King Conn gooseberries just picked to-day. I got six bushes from Mr. Conn at Kemptville, one year ago, and they had a few berries on last year and they made good growth, and this year are just covered with berries such as I send you. I have Smiths and Houghton and Industry growing in the same row with these King Conns, and the others are all more or less mildewed, but the Conn shows no sign of mildew, and the foliage looks as though it were made of green leather. I am delighted with this variety and would heartily advise every person to invest in a few, as they are first-class in every respect.—LEVI SELICK.

#### Varieties of Small Fruits at London.

SIR,—I have three acres of Brandywine raspberries, which I think has no equal on the Continent. It is a large berry, firm, of excellent quality, and hardy in every respect. I have one acre of the Turner, some Cuthbert and Shaffer's Colossal, but they are nowhere compared to the Brandywine. I have one acre of the Mammoth Cluster, a splendid berry and a good bearer, also some of the Kittatinny. The price of raspberries at the present time in the city of London, wholesale, is ten cents per box; which I think pays well indeed. I intend to enlarge and set out more fruit. I expect to take a trip to Grimsby and St. Catharines this fall, and so inspect some of the fruit growers' gardens in the Niagara district. The Grape I received last year made a splendid growth, and the Vergennes I received this spring was doing well when the heavy frost took it, but it has recovered and is growing nicely now.—JAMES A. POOL, *London East, July 15th.*

#### Russian Letter.

SIR,—I thank you very much for your kind reply, and also for sending me the very interesting Report of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario. Will you have the kindness to say to the members at the next meeting of that respectable society, that I wish them to accept my best wishes for the prosperity of that body, but also that I am ready at any time to send them, without remuneration, some grafts and seeds of our fruits, in response to any selection