

pear I could not wish. Grimes' Golden Pippin Apple did not grow. Glass' Seedling Plum is growing fast, and is a very fine tree. It has fruited the last two years, but I cannot say much in its favor, I have so many other varieties that are much better. My Burnet Grape has not fruited yet. The raspberry I got from the Association last spring made a growth of five or six feet. I have given all the trees and plants a fair trial, and nearly all have been satisfactory. My soil is a very heavy loam, hard clay bottom, well drained and fed.

#### WINE MAKING.

A few words in answer to the inquiries of John Knowlson, Lindsay, about wine making. The method adopted by myself in making my own wine, which is pronounced very good by those who have tasted it, is as follows: As soon as the grapes are ripe, pick them carefully and clean from leaves or dirt. Reject all unripe or damaged fruit. Keep the fruit in a cool, dry, airy place for a few days. Then run them through a mill, and press them so as to abstract all the juice. Strain it into wood, stone or glass vessels. Glass carboys, holding 12 or 13 gallons, are very good. If the fruit is acid, put from one-half to one pound of sugar per gallon; let it ferment say from one to three weeks—you must be your own judge as to the time. Then put it away in your cellar and leave it until the next spring; draw off and bottle. You can sweeten to your taste, but I think you will find it sweet enough. I have always succeeded in the way mentioned, and have made yearly from 12 to 20 gallons, enough for myself and some to give to my neighbors in sickness or otherwise. I have some that is seven or eight years old. It is not really ripe until five years of age, and then it is fit for a king. Some will say it is too long to wait. I answer, if you want anything good, you must abide the time necessary for it to mature.

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#### FIG CULTURE.

Dr. G. F. Needham, of Washington, D.C., writes: Last September I received an enthusiastic letter from Mr. Thomas D. Lloyd, of Barrie, Ont., from which please allow me, for the benefit of your readers, to make a brief quotation:

"In the spring of this year I received from you 12 young fig trees. Ten of them have grown from two to three feet, with several branches, and to my surprise are already producing fruit."

I would be delighted to send my pamphlet, "Fig Culture," to any address enclosing 10 cents. The whole subject of fig culture, and how to preserve the fruit for home use and the markets, is plainly discussed. The *California Farmer* says of my little treatise: "Very valuable, and everybody should have it."