

MY FLOWERS.

(For the Canadian Horticulturist).

My garden treasures have gone to rest,
With a snowy mantle o'er their breast;
The first that drooped her drowsy head
Was my English rose, of ruby red;
Then followed her sister, pearl white,
My darling little "Jacobite."

And "London Pride" fell to the dust,
As "Weeping Willow" said she must;
Her dying words were, "None so pretty;"
This vanity excited pity
From "Daisy" and "Violet," modest dears,
They bowed their heads to hide their tears.

Winking Marigolds closed their eyes,
And gazed no longer on the skies;
"Sweet William" sighed and looked around,
His "Columbine" lay on the ground;
And such a change came o'er Miss Moss,
She grew so sallow, sear, and cross.

My Scottish Thistle, proudly waving,
Every storm and tempest braving;
He cares not tho' Old Boreas rages,
As Scotia's sons will do for ages;
My loyal heart so longs to press it,
But, "Nemo me impune lacessit."

My blooming "Primrose," you shall rest
With me, within my sanctum nest;
Precious gift, from dear wee "Flo,"
Precious flower, I love you so,
Almost above all things terrestrial,
My lovely, sweet, "mild-eyed celestial."

Ah, me! I well nigh had forgot
My golden-eyed Forget-me-not!
Say, little elf, shall we e'er meet
Again, beside this garden seat.
Sweet treasured flowers, since we did part,
Deep winter lies within my heart.

Montreal.

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VERY EARLY APPLES FOR THE NORTH.

The Yellow Transparent has a number of rivals among the Russian apples as to earliness of season, size and quality of fruit, and hardiness of tree. August 6th my table showed fine specimens, about equally mature, of Yellow Transparent, Charlottenbaler, Transparent Juicy, Kremer's Green, Blushed Calville, Breskovka and Repka Sweet. These vary but little in season, and all would pass in the East or South for first-class dessert fruits of their season, which is in advance of that of the Red Astrachan and even of

the Tetofsky. At this time I wish to call attention to the two last named, as they are less known and seem to have special merit.

Breskovka was imported from the grounds of the Agricultural Institute at Moscow in 1880. Root-grafted trees are already in bearing, and have proven quite as hardy in the North as Duchess. It has been sent out for trial as No. 152 m. The tree is a nice upright grower, with firm, thick foliage. The fruit in size, color and general appearance, is much like Grimes' Golden; but the basin is wrinkled more, like that of Tetofsky. In firmness and weight the fruit reminds me of the Swaar; yet the flesh is peculiarly juicy and tender, this year slightly in advance of the Yellow Transparent. With further tests, on varied soils, it may show some defect of tree or fruit; but at present it seems to lead the very early dessert apples.

Repka Sweet. At the west we have specially needed an early sweet apple of good quality for dessert use. This seems to meet our wants fully, as it is completely ripe on August 6th, in this late season. It is an early bearer, and the fruit is of fair size, handsome, and really of good quality for table use. In shape, ridging and color, it is much like Benoni; but the scarlet striping is deeper, and covered, next the sun, with bloom. While it will not be popular as a market fruit, it will apparently fill a gap in our Western and Northern list. Its native home is Kazan, Russia; hence it should endure the extreme climate of Northern Dakota. If No. 466 (Repka Kislaja) of the list sent out by the Department of Agriculture, is true to name, it is probably identical with Repka Sweet, yet, singularly enough, the Department translation reads "Sour Turnip."—J. L. BUDD in *Rural New-Yorker*.