

## QUESTION DRAWER.

### Ever-blooming Hardy Rose?

1022. SIR,—Is there such a thing as a really ever-blooming hardy rose? A rose that will stand the Canadian winter, when protected, and give flowers all through the summer and autumn months? I had the Hybrid Tea Rose, La France, but it only made an effort to flower a second time, too late to escape frost.

A friend of mine has what she believes to be a Bourbon Rose, but it flowers only once in early summer. The small Parquetette (Polyantha) is an ever-bloomer of a kind, giving a few flowers after the usual early bloom. Are the "Hybrid Perpetuals" more satisfactory? They bloom only once, but do the more tender and difficult "Ever-bloomers" repay the amateur for the extra trouble that they give. Hybrid perpetuals require protection here (Mount Forest). Would the semi-hardy kinds succeed at all, even with protection, in the cooler parts of Can da, say, between Lat. 43° and 44°? If any successful rose-grower can give the desired information I shall be much obliged.

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### A Budget of Questions.

SIR,—An answer to the following questions much through your valuable magazine, will oblige an old subscriber and

AMATEUR GARDENER.

1. The best 20 hardy roses, everything considered?
  2. The best doz. hardy roses, autumn bloomers?
  3. The best doz. hardy roses, color darker than rose?
  4. The best doz. highly perfumed?
  5. The best Hybrid Teas, worthy of garden culture (with slight protection.)
  6. The best hardy climbing roses.
  7. The best half-hardy, with perfume?
  8. The best hybrids of Rosa Rugosa?
- In answer to Question 1, state which roses are better on their own roots than budded.
9. The best soil and aspect for manner of propagation of out-door hardy Carnations?
  10. The best three clamatis for veranda?

## FRUIT CROP REPORT.

ESSEX Co.—A. McNeill.—Fruit prospects in Essex are practically unchanged. Apples—Baldwins and Greenings, good. No Spys, pears good, peaches good, plums, full crop, grapes, very good.

MIDDLESEX AND PERTH Co.—T. H. Race.—Fruit crop not so promising as a month ago. Early and fall apples, good. Some winter varieties good; Spies, very poor; Early pears, good; late pears, poor; plums, good to extra good.

SIMCOE Co.—G. C. Caston.—Early apples, very good; fall apples, good; winter apples, poor; pears, very good; plums, very good, but suffering from drouth.

DURHAM Co.—E. C. Beman.—The prospects are decidedly poorer than when last report was sent. The long-continued drouth has caused much of the fruit to drop, especially apples and plums. Pears and grapes are not so much damaged; apples will be a very poor crop; pears, fair to good; plums, very poor; grapes, good.

LINCOLN Co.—A. M. Smith.—Peaches, very poor; apples, poor; pears, good; plums, good; grapes, very good.

OXFORD Co.—J. S. Scarff.—Winter apples, only fair; fall apples, good; pears, good; peaches, good; plums, good, but dropping; cherries, poor; grapes, good.

HURON—J. A. Morton.—The prospect for fruit is good; in some sections very good.

PRINCE EDWARD Co.—W. H. Dempsey.—The prospect for fruit of all kinds is growing less every day, owing to the drouth. Ap-

ples very poor, pears poor, plums good, raspberries dried up.

WENTWORTH Co.—M. Pettit.—Apples poor, pears fair, plums good, grapes good. Considerable scab on pears and apples.

FRONTENAC Co.—Geo. Nicol.—Fall apples good, winter apples poor, small fruits very good.

VICTORIA Co.—Thomas Beall.—The fruit prospect has changed very much since last report. Apples fair, pears very good (fungus checked), plums very good, grapes fair.

HURON Co.—A. E. Sherrington.—Apples poor (except Duchess, which is good), pears poor, plums fair, cherries fair.

OTTAWA—R. B. Whyte.—There has been no change in the fruit prospects since last month's report, except in gooseberries. The great heat of two weeks ago scalded the berries so badly that great numbers of them dropped. Fungus diseases do not appear to be prevalent this year. There is no sign of gooseberry mildew, nor plum blight, no apple scab nor grape rot; so my favorable report of last month bids fair to hold good for the season.

LEAMINGTON—W. W. Hilborn.—The prospect for the peach crop has changed somewhat. Young trees dropped most of their fruit; trees that have been planted five or more years have from nothing to a full crop, and will average from fair to good; under that age, poor. Other fruits have not materially changed.