

Hamilton. With us it died. Our climate at Guelph is too severe.

### Apple Trees to Plant for Foreign Market.

29. I have 50 acres in Elgin Co., N. lat. 42° 30', about three miles north of Lake Erie, on which I propose planting an apple orchard for foreign market—say 1,000 trees to begin with. Soil gravelly sand, naturally well drained, and tilled beside. Do you recommend me to plant one or more than one variety?—D. C. LEITCH, *Dutton, Ont.*

MORE than one, because some years one variety succeeds best, and other years, another.

If only one variety, Which would you advise?—D. C. LEITCH.

The American Golden Russet has proved the most satisfactory in our experience. The fruit is clean and even in form, and commands a high price. Some, however, complain of its being unproductive.

If more than one, kindly name the varieties you would recommend.—D. C. L.

For your latitude we would suggest the following list, to be subject, however, to alteration according to the local success of each variety:—(1) Maiden's Blush, (2) Gravenstein, (3) Blenheim Pippin, (4) Rhode Island Greening, (5) Baldwin, (6) Tompkins King, (7) N. Spy, (8) American Golden Russet.

### The Bark Louse.

30. What do you consider the best and simplest method of getting rid of the bark louse on apple trees?—W. G. W., *Dirie.*

NOTHING is better or simpler than to take an old broom and wash the trees thoroughly about the first of June with a preparation consisting of soft soap and washing-soda, with enough water to reduce it to the consistency of white-wash. The writer has used washing-soda and water, in the proportion of half a pound to a pailful, with success. See vol. x., p. 133.

### Potato Culture.

31. Is it advisable to plant potatoes after strawberries? or do they draw too much of the same substance from it?—W. G. W.

THE ploughing under of the strawberry vines would afford a suitable manure for the potato, if done long enough in advance of planting for their decomposition. Then apply liberally wood ashes, lime and phosphates, which are better for the potato than such nitrogenous manures as are required for the strawberry. A half-bushel of salt to a barrel of wood ashes makes an excellent preparation, a large handful being applied to each hill.

### Manure for Strawberries.

32. I have manured my next season's strawberry plants tolerably well with first-class manure spread on the snow. What fertilizer would help them and the best time to apply it? The soil being a deep, rich sandy loam.

You can use nothing better than well-rotted barnyard manure for strawberries, unless you can secure dried blood, which is a specific manure for them, because especially rich in nitrogen. This should be applied in the spring. Mr. John Harris, of Rochester, recommends nitrate of soda for strawberries, sown broadcast in spring, at the rate of three or four pounds to the square rod.

### The Lucretia Dewberry.

33. Will you give me in your next number of the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST a plan of pruning the "Lucretia Dewberry." I am pleased with the growth made last season, letting them "go as they please;" but now they are to "go as I please," or I will not have room for them on my limited space.—J. K. MASTERS, *Berlin.*

Grow them in thick matted rows, or beds about four feet wide, cutting them back and thinning out according to judgment. The trailing habit is much in their favor, being a safeguard against the effects of the cold. They may be lifted with a fork, and a heavy mulch spread on the ground, thus keeping down grass and weeds, and raising the fruit from contact with the earth.