

ful if you would give me information how to preserve fruit by the new method of processed water. Also any printed matter on fruit culture with which you can supply me, will be received with pleasure. I would also like information on the best way of sun-drying of fruits, and also of sulphuring fruits which have been sun-dried, as I prefer this latter to evaporated fruit. I would like to know how best to cultivate and prune fruit trees and vines. All information, whether by letter or in books, will be gladly received. Do you know a good method of preserving onions; what varieties are best? I cannot get seed to do well here. I am giving close attention to onion culture, but cannot succeed with them.

T. RHODES, *Kokstad, Griqualand East, South Africa.*

SIR,—I see by a late number of the HORTICULTURIST that spent hops are of little value. In "Henderson's Gardening for Profit," he says he considers them of double the value, load for load, of stable manure.

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* Our Book Table. *

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AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES AND PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS, by George T. Angell, President of the American Humane Education Society, 19 Milk St., Boston. All publications of this Society are made at a very low rate, and full information concerning them may be had from Dr. Angell.

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