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WEAVER PLUM.

**U**P to the present very little attention has been given in Canada to the cultivation and improvement of our native plums. Few lines in horticulture, offer greater inducements, however. Comparatively little has been accomplished in the United States by systematic effort, yet since the introduction of the Wild Goose plum about forty years ago, more than 150 varieties have been named and disseminated. This remarkable increase in number of varieties is only surpassed by the marvellous progress made in the development of the American grape. The value of the native plum has not yet been recognized to any extent, except in sections where the severity of the climate precludes the easy or profitable culture of varieties belonging to the *Prunus domestica* class. Without doubt, however, there are improved varieties of our native plums which may be profitably grown in all portions of the Dominion, including the most favored localities. There is a wide variation in regard to the hardiness of these varieties, due principally to climatic conditions prevailing in the place of origin. Thus De Soto, belonging to the *Americana* group and originating in Wisconsin, may be taken as the type of hardiness, while Pottawattamie of the *Chickasaw* family, and introduced from Tennessee, is not hardy at Ottawa.

The Weaver plum belongs to the same American family of plums as that which includes the De Soto and Wolf, and seems to inherit all the hardiness of