

high appreciation of this berry that he concludes his account of it by saying, that "the Hansell is the most desirable and valuable raspberry in existence."

This is certainly very high praise indeed from one who is well acquainted with the Cuthbert, which has been winning golden opinions from all cultivators of the raspberry, and rapidly taking the front rank as the best and most valuable red raspberry for market purposes. The ground, however, of the high position which he assigns to the Hansell is, that while possessing excellence of flavor and firmness to endure handling, it ripens so much earlier that it leads the market in price, and thus secures to the grower a larger pecuniary return than can be obtained from the excellent but later ripening Cuthbert.

However, plants of the Hansell are now in the market, and our growers of small fruits will not be slow to test its adaptation to the climate of Ontario. In a very short time its merits will have been put to the test in a very different climate from that of New Jersey and under conditions very different from those of the place of its origin. If it maintains the character given it by Mr. Lovett, our readers will have reason to thank him for introducing it to their attention.

WINTER RADISHES.—Winter Radishes should be sown during August. The *California Mammoth White Winter Radish* is the best variety. It is of good, mild flavor, and may be kept in good condition all winter in a cool cellar, if covered with sand. As with all Radishes, quality depends largely upon quick growth. —*American Garden.*

SOME OF THE NEW FRUITS.

Mr. R. H. Haines, of Moorestown, New Jersey, writing to the *National Farmer* about some of the fruits of comparatively recent introduction, says of the JEFFERSON GRAPE that it pleases him the most in the line of new red grapes; that it is fine-looking, large, of a pleasant flavor, and of a certain crispness of berry and distinctness of taste that makes it a pleasure to eat it; and that it ripens late enough to admit of its being kept in fine condition until January or February.

THE VERGENNES, he says, is also a fine red grape, hardy of vine, and ripening much earlier than the Jefferson.

BRUNTON'S EARLY BLACKBERRY is mentioned as attracting considerable attention, because it is one of the very earliest of the blackberries, ripening considerably in advance of Wilson's Early, and is proving very profitable in some sections on account of its earliness. The EARLY HARVEST BLACKBERRY is also becoming a favorite for earliness; but the TEXAS RED HYBRID, he thinks, is attracting more notice than all the others on account of the novelty of its color, it being a red blackberry and of fine eating qualities, and the berry being more nearly free from large seeds than any known blackberry; while the plants are estimated to yield nearly one-half more fruit than those of other blackberries. His plants have made a vigorous and healthy growth, and the fruit ripens so much earlier than the Wilson's Early that he thinks it may prove quite profitable in market if the plants are set out in sufficient quantity.

The CHAMPION QUINCE ripens very late, yet most persons, he says, will consider this an advantage, because it will not come in competition with the Orange Quince, and will keep until January and February. It is very large and showy and of excellent quality for