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## Fruits.

### BLACKBERRIES, NEW AND OLD.

THE BLACKBERRY has been for many years a favorite fruit for market purposes, with us at Grimsby; and, in seasons when the peach fails, it fills a most important place in the home fruit garden. But within the last few years, through the introduction of many hardy kinds, its culture has been so much extended that the profits have much diminished.

Previous to the year 1850, no cultivated varieties of the blackberry were known, but about this time the

### DORCHESTER

was introduced by Captain Lovett, of Beverly, Mass. This variety was cultivated very successfully by Mr. C. M. Hovey of Boston, who claims to have grown the berries so large that 37 would

fill a quart box. It is still considered a standard variety, Mr. Goff of Geneva placing it even before the Kittatinny. About the year 1854 the

### LAWTON

was discovered near New Rochelle, N. Y., after which place it is sometimes called "The New Rochelle."

Our first experience in blackberry growing was with this variety, which had been brought into Canada by our old friend, Mr. A. M. Smith. It was a good grower, and bore good crops, but our great objection to it was its manner of ripening. It would color nicely, and yet conceal within a green, hard, sour core, which would cause a wry face upon any one who was goose enough to try to eat it; and if left till dead ripe, it was too soft to ship any distance. No wonder that the market for blackberries opened up for us very slowly, or that the brambles were soon