

ford, Delaware, Isabella and Champion, formed my first investment. These were gradually supplemented by Burnet, Prentiss, Pocklington, Lady Washington, Worden, Brighton, Jefferson, Lady, Niagara, Moore's Early, Jessica, Vergennes, Moyer, and Mills. The first four of the Rogers came fully up to expectation; in fact, actually astonished the people living in this vicinity by their superior fruiting qualities. By degrees they became too much shaded by apple trees on either side of them, and had to be substituted and placed in a sunnier position, where they promise to repeat their former excellence. The Salem mildewed, and were rooted out shortly after they were planted. Have discarded Burnet, Isabella, Hartford and Creveling some time ago, and lately Pocklington and Lady, after several trials. If there is no improvement with Moore's Early this season, it will be numbered amongst the absentees hereafter. Martha, Delaware, Jefferson and Prentiss barely holding their own. I look upon Lindley as being the best red by long odds. Concord and Wilder still lead in blacks with us. About the whites, and especially the newer kinds, it is too soon to express a correct opinion regarding them. May do so later on. The vines are pruned and laid down in the fall, and usually have a sufficient covering of snow to protect them during the trying months of winter and spring.

*Gooseberries* seem to feel at home in this neighborhood. Downing, Houghton, and Smith's Improved seldom fail to produce good crops. Industry, Crown Bob, Ocean Wave, Pearl, and Whitesmith are, apparently, taking kindly to the change, and, from their first showing, evidently going to give a good account of themselves. So far they have been exempt from mildew.

*Currants*.—Fay and Victoria fill the bill nicely for wine and jelly. Cherry and White Grape are excellent table varieties, but there is not much money in either sorts. Lee and Black Naples will be dug up this fall if their fruiting qualities don't show to better advantage.

*Raspberries*.—Have tested most of the leading kinds, and now confine myself to the following Reds: Turner, Shaffer's Colossal and Cuthbert. Black Caps: Souhegan and Gregg. Yellows: Caroline, for hardiness and fruitfulness was considered a decided acquisition until Golden Queen entered the lists and carried off the coveted prize. How a plate of this delightful berry and Jersey cream would tickle the palate of an epicure!

*Blackberries*.—Taylor's Prolific and Kittatinny are not hardy enough. Lucretia Dewberry, and Russian Mulberry will probably be hoisted on to the brush heap before the summer comes to a close, as no good.

*Strawberries*.—It is natural to suppose some of the latest novelties would come in for a share of my attention. Col. Cheney, Jessie, Pine Apple, and Gandy's Prize, are having their innings at present, to be followed, in all likelihood, by something better in the near future. Jessie is a splendid berry, but a little shy. Have great faith in spraying the fruit trees with the copper carbonate; making preparations to give them an early application of these compounds this season. Ornamental trees, shrubs, hedges, roses, etc., may be briefly referred to in another article later on.

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