

In the typical form of *R. canadensis*, the canes trail on the ground; they are often ten feet long, of a uniform diameter of about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, and armed with short, weak prickles. This form does not flower very profusely, and many of the flowers are infertile or produce "nubbins."

But there is a form, a variety of this species, common on sandy situations around Toronto, not trailing, more upright than the typical form, but reclining and curving more than *R. villosus*; it comes in between the two, and is considered by many to be a natural hybrid between them. Of course this is mere conjecture, and we may safely say that the origin of the form is unknown.

It is of this form I wish more especially to speak, and to recommend it to fruit-growers as a variety suitable for cultivation, or at all events well worth a trial. It most probably was a form very similar to this, which, in the Western States, gave origin to the cultivated varieties, the Windom and the Lucretia.

Around Toronto it is quite hardy, would not require any winter protection, thrives on very barren soil. It yields more abundantly than *R. villosus*, especially when a little shaded, or when growing on a hill-side sloping to the north; the fruit is more spherical, firmer, and better flavored, and there is not so much tendency to "nubbins."

There are over twenty varieties of *R. villosus* known to fruit-growers; a few of these have been in cultivation for half a century, but most of them have originated within the last twenty years.

From *R. canadensis* some six or more varieties have been tried with more or less success, and all are of quite recent origin.

Of the cultivated varieties of the Dewberry, it has been said by a competent authority, "The peculiar merits of the Dewberries, as cultivated fruits, are earliness and attractive appearance, and the ease with which they can be protected in winter." "The peculiar demerits of the Dewberries are the failure of the flowers to set, the formation of nubbins, and the difficulty of picking the fruit."