

DISBUDDING THE PEACH.—Mr. O. Thomas, of Chatsworth, Eng., writes in the *Garden*, advocating this practice both for thinning fruit and wood. He thinks that if the tree could speak it would loudly reproach the gardener who allows it to expend its energy and strength in making growth of wood, or of fruit, which must be removed at a later stage. Disbudding, he says, should be done systematically, taking a tree at full bloom and rubbing off all weak looking blossoms and shoots, leaving about half the original number. In four or five days he goes over again, always taking care to have fruit buds left on the top side of the branches. Finally, when the fruit is set, he makes the final thinning, leaving only such as it is intended the tree shall carry to maturity. The same treatment is given the wood growth.

Few Canadian growers can find time for such work as this, for the outlay for going over an orchard of a thousand trees would be too great. Still, the hint may be of service to some.

APPLES FOR THE VICINITY OF MONTREAL.—Mr. R. Brodie, of Montreal, gives the following list as suited to that section, whether for home use or market:

Summer—Yellow Transparent, Red Astracan, Montreal Strawberry, Duchess of Oldenburgh.

Autumn—Peach, St Lawrence, Golden White, Alexander.

Early Winter—Fameuse, Winter St Lawrence, Wealthy, Bethel of Vermont, Utter's Red and Grime's Golden.

Late Winter—Golden and Roxbury Russet, Ben Davis and Belle de Boskoop.

A PAYING APPLE ORCHARD.—Mr. Whittier, of Farmington, Me, has an apple orchard of seventy acres, and five thousand trees, which has had his personal attention for many years. The land being heavy and much of it also rocky hill-sides, he has been unable to work it, but, instead, has followed the plan of mulching heavily with grass, leaves, ferns, etc. He evaporates all No. 2 fruit, and as a result he can afford to make his No. 1 grade worth a fancy price. In 1889, it is stated that he received \$3500 for his No. 1 stock, selling it in the Boston market in the spring at from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel. Such instances show us the possibilities of apple culture.

THE ILLINOIS STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY receives a grant from the Government of \$3000 per annum. It furnishes in return an interesting report of some 400 pages, but we doubt if it covers as much ground in the interests of the fruit industry as the report of the Ontario Fruit Grower's Association whose grant is little more than half that amount.

ERRATA.—On page 6 for Mr. Perry, read Mr. Terry. On page 67, for one hundred bushels of wheat, read fifty bushels of wheat.