

and other kinds. I have *Souvenir de Congress*, that has borne four times as much in the third of the time. *The Ontario* and *Grimes Golden* are both what I call good apples. We have found *Saunders' Raspberry* much more prolific than the Cuthbert, and other famous kinds, and does not run all over the garden like them. We do not reckon the *Gregg* any improvement on Mammoth Cluster, but the reverse. We have not many kinds of strawberries, but the *Arnold* seems to me as good as the best we have, and just as good a cropper. The *Fay* is a good currant, and the bushes do not break down with storms like the Versailles.

Yours respectfully,
DAVID NISBET.

FRUITS AT THE NORTH.

Brantford, Ont., Nov. 3rd, 1887.

SIR,—I have lately returned from an extended trip to the south shore of Lake Superior, and I found the Duchess of Oldenburg thriving the best of any apple in that region. I gathered one from a tree grown by Mr. Gattis, an old friend, as fine as I ever saw, at Eagle River, Canton Mines, where you can see across the lake on a clear day to Thunder Bay on the north shore. Cherries also do well, although I was too late to see them. Mr. G. told me he had a good crop of pears also, but could not find the names. I also saw the same apples at different points. The Siberian crabs are the most grown. I saw the question, What are the best and most likely sorts to stand the climate of Manitoba?—a very pertinent question for that northern clime. I have no doubt but the kinds grown in northern Russia, or some of them, would stand the test. The black knot in my plums and cherries was very bad this season; have cut it all off, not knowing any other remedy. There

has been a complete absence of the black aphid so bad last year on black currant and cherry trees, and which killed one of the latter for me, a fine young tree, with cherries half grown. I discovered say forty borers in a large English cherry tree, which very nearly girdled it just below the surface. This is singular, as I never saw one before in a cherry tree, nor ever heard of it.

Yours truly, C. JARVIS.

THE VIRGINIA CREEPER

USEFUL AS WELL AS ORNAMENTAL.

*A Letter from Mr. Cockburn, since the
Gravenhurst Fire.*

Gravenhurst, Ont., Oct. 15, 1887.

DEAR SIR,—I write to compliment you on what I call your "Muskoka" number of the *Horticulturist*, and thank you for your kindly mention of my name. Of course I have lost every flower and plant I had gathered by fifteen years' very close collecting of what I thought the best to be had for money; all went to smoke in less than five minutes. It was simply indescribable. The Virginia Creeper on my old wood shed saved the office in which I am now writing. The thick mat of vine and foliage on the roof held the water, and prevented the roof from igniting. All my back volumes of the *Horticulturist* are burned, and I wish you would let me know how many years' bound volumes you have, so that I can send to you for them, as I do not like to be without them.

Yours respectfully,
J. P. COCKBURN.

GRIMES GOLDEN.

Trenton, Oct. 17, 1887.

SIR,—Respecting Grimes Golden as a dessert apple, it is one of the best trees, a good grower and hardy. The fruit is not sufficiently attractive for market, and often spots badly.

I am, very truly yours,
P. C. DEMPSEY.