

Parker Earle (perfect)—One of the most prolific varieties in existence, but on poor soil or in dry season the greater share of the berries fail to reach a marketable size. Unless it can be given the utmost favorable conditions it will not prove satisfactory.

Princeton Chief (imperfect)—A new variety that requires further testing before a fair judgment can be rendered. The plants are very vigorous, but apparently not prolific. The berries are of medium size, quite attractive in appearance, but very acid. They are firm, however, and it may prove to be a valuable market variety. Season medium to late.

Swindle and *Shucklen* not desirable, although the latter has been tested one season only.

Timbrell (imperfect)—A much lauded and widely advertised variety, but far from satisfactory. The berries color poorly, often in patches, giving them an unsightly appearance. From 50 plants not a single quart of marketable berries were picked during the season. The same complaint is heard from other quarters, hence as a market berry the Timbrell is probable of little value.

The best of the old varieties are Warfield, Bubach, Crescent and Haverland, and no variety seems to have been found that is likely to supersede them.

Gooseberries.—The greatly increased demand for this fruit is even more noticeable this year than it was during the two previous seasons, and it is of growing importance that we should be able to raise fine gooseberries without mildew or other loss. I have for the last ten years had no trouble either with the native or the foreign varieties of this fruit. Formerly I was much troubled with mildew. My plan now is to grow on high, well-drained soil, in rows running north and south, and well open to the sun. There is no danger from shade if the land be open and well drained. The plants should be in rows, easily cultivated with a horse, and the soil often stirred in the spring. I do not think it pays us to grow the natives like Downing and Houghton and Smith, so long as we can just as well grow the larger sorts. Industry has never done well with me, but others report that it is prolific. Crown Bob and Whitesmith are two of the best of foreign parentage. But better yet is an old sort we have had for sixty years, and known only as the "Irish Gooseberry." The earliest and richest I have is a wilding, which resembles the foreign sorts in bush, but has a fruit like Houghton in color, but much lighter red. It bears abundantly, and is ripe about the 1st of July. It is evidently a cross between the foreign and native species. Columbus and Red Jacket, I think, are emphatically valuable introductions. There is room for a new race of cross-bred gooseberries.—Garden and Lawn.