

the course of a day or so, and Uncle Billy packed them in with a barrel of the nicest grapes that ever made boy's mouth water. They got to New York all right, and made a good sale. Uncle was delighted, and, like all speculators, wasn't satisfied. Nothing would do but he must send off another barrel, and he rolled another cedar block to my father's shop, and I was set to work to knock the spots out of it.

"If this industry keeps growing, I said to myself, 'this part of the country don't hold me.'"

"I peeled the second block down to nothing, though, and Uncle shipped his second barrel of grapes to New York. Time went along, and one day Uncle got a letter from the party he had sent the grapes to. My father asked him how the business looked.

"Well," said he, "I made thirteen shilling clear on my first barrel, but my second one bust the market. It won't do to put too many grapes in the New York market at once."

"I went out behind the shop and howled for joy over the failure of the grape growing industry. But that pioneer shipment of Uncle Billy's set people to thinking, and now the New York market can't get enough of Hammondsport grapes.—*N. W. Sun.*

KING HUMBERT TOMATO.

I have been much interested in this variety, because it seems to offer a new type of fruit. So far as I know, this is the first strictly two-celled red Tomato that has been sufficiently large for table use. The two-celled Tomatoes are invariably smooth, and are usually earlier than the many-celled varieties, facts that should not be forgotten by the growers of new varieties of this vegetable.

The plant of the King Humbert is very vigorous and productive. The

fruit is oval, slightly flattened longitudinally, and thickish towards the blossom end; very smooth; with neither cavity or basin, bright scarlet, about one-and-three-fourths inches in longest diameter, and two-and-a-half inches through the axis; borne in clusters of from five to nine. The flesh is remarkably thick and firm; so firm indeed, that fruits picked and placed in a dry room will shrivel like an Apple before decaying—"ELM" in *American Garden*.

RASPBERRY NOTES.

Shaffer's Colossal still maintains a high place among the newer raspberries. Its color is all there is against it, and that is a mere prejudice. Superb has never pleased us. It bears for a long time large berries, with large drupes that part or "crumble" too easily. It is not for market at all. The Marlboro' holds its place well. The berries are of the largest—firm, of a fair color and fair flavor. The variety seems quite hardy and strong. The Rancocas is very early, very firm and of medium quality. The plants are bushy and hardy. It ripens more berries in the early season than the Hansell. The Hansell is a less vigorous grower, less fruitful, though it ripens few berries the first of any red raspberry we have tested. Crimson Beauty is praised by some and not by others. It seems the flowers are imperfect and that the plants should be set among those of other varieties to insure perfect fruit. The berries ripen early and are of good quality. The *Rural* finds this the same as the Imperial, if we may judge the latter by plants sent us by Secretary Holman, of Missouri. The Cathbert still holds its place as the best late red; the Caroline as the best very hardy yellow. The Montclair is an improved Philadelphia. It has never been advertised much and is not perhaps fully