

unimportant place in the estimation of the committee—an honor any association might covet.

Of stock and agricultural implements, I was no judge; but the dairy produce was a rare sight to behold: not the oily, slimy, salvy, earoty lumps, we sometimes see dignified by the title of butter; but fresh, cool, firm, and "gilt-edged," "good enough to eat."

The flowers were daintly arranged as if placed there by loving hands, and not huddled in unsightly clumps, by ruthless ignorance; and a handsome collection of native ferns was also shown.

I could have lingered for a time beside the splendid show of grains, roots, and vegetables, and longer amid the beauties of the fine arts department.

My business, however, was with the fruit, and this, arranged on white plates, on white covered tables, was, as usual, the most pleasant part of the exhibition. Some of the fall and early winter varieties, such as, *Major Sweet*, *Chenango Strawberry*, *Fall Jenning* and *Colvert*, were inferior in growth and coloring; but *Duchess*, *Gravenstein*, *King of Tompkins*, *Pomme Grise*, *Baldwins*, *Northern Spy* and *Nonpareil* were excellent, and scarcely to be distinguished from those grown in more favorable localities. *Ribston Pippins* were excellent, and also *Fameuse* and *Talman Sweet*. Pears were excellent, especially the *Bartlett*, while the plums were very fine considering the season. Some magnificent grapes called forth much admiration, and also some cultivated cranberries which were very fine. The collection taking the Fruit Growers' Prize, the members of the Association will have the opportunity of judging for themselves. It was with pleasure, I observed its fine coloring, smooth growth, uniform size, and good arrangement.

The whole fruit exhibit was a marvel to me, for I had not expected so fair a show; while I thought that Kings and Annapolis Counties, with their sheltered plains and sunny slopes, might well be proud of the fruit raised and exhibited by the "sea girt" county, whose people are so generous themselves in their meed of commendation and praise for our fruit displays.

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