

PRESERVATIVE FLUIDS.—Mr. E. M. Burch, Spokane Falls, Wash., writes, he has been experimenting with fruit **preservatives**, and has found that first class olive oil will keep all kinds of **delicate** fruits in perfect condition indefinitely. Also that purified glycerine will keep light colored berries and cherries in perfect condition.

SAUNDERS' PLUM.—A package of samples of this variety came to hand on the 5th August, just in prime condition for eating. They were grown by Mr. E. Morris, of the Fonthill Nurseries. It is a fine-looking yellow plum, of fair size, and good quality, ripening before the market is filled with other varieties, and it should therefore command a good price.

UNITED STATES APPLE MARKETS may be the best for Canadian apples some seasons, but this year we think Mr. Glen's hopeful views would be doomed to disappointment owing to the immense crop in New York State. We are pleased to hear from a Canadian residing in New York, and to know his views on this important subject—of the best market for Canadian apples. Another season we hope to test his encouraging statements, by placing some of the choicest of Ontario's apples in the hand of some reliable New York commission house; but this year we expect to see every market in North America full of apples, and export our only hope for making sales of our crop.

AMMONIA AS A TREE WASH.—Anyone who takes a careless "sniff" at the hartshorn bottle can readily understand how even a moderate dose of ammonia will produce fatal results when designedly administered. But in these very qualities (says Colman's Rural World) is to be found the great value of ammonia in keeping orchard trees clean and vigorous. What insect can possibly live to do damage to trees after having received even a homœopathic dose of ammonia? Trees given a good ammonia wash once or twice a year will show in their clean, shining bark and glossy leaves a high appreciation of such attention, and many orchardists who have used these preparations bear testimony to their substantial value in increasing the vigor of the trees and the size and quality of the crop. It is comparatively cheap, and its timely application to almost any orchard will be found to pay handsome dividends.

