

—sometimes worth £100. The men are generally primed with drink on those occasions, and a valuable team of horses is left to the charge of a man who cannot take care of himself. We hope the day is not far distant when all plowing days will be conducted on the same safe side, also all other work, whether farming or otherwise. A vast amount of trouble and vexation would be prevented, to say nothing about the gain in pounds, shillings, and pence in the long run. Let the men be well treated, mix a little silver along with kind usage, and no one need fear a teetotal plowing day.

Horticultural.

CUTLER'S SEEDLING STRAWBERRY.—This variety after ten years trial is said by J. W. Manning, of Reading, Mass. to be distinguished for the following qualities:—It is a thrifty and strong grower; blossom perfect, a great bearer; of good size and flavour; is very hardy, and continues bearing longer than other varieties.

THE UNION VILLAGE GRAPE.—The *Horticulturist* for May has an engraving of a fine branch of this grape, which is a seedling of the Isabella, and was originated by the Shakers of Union Village. It is described as a vigorous grower, making handsome short jointed wood, and the whole plant, wood, leaves, and fruit of an unusual size. It is sweeter and better than the Isabella in quality and at least a week earlier. The vine is said not to ripen fully, its wood in some places, owing to the rampant growth, and in Canada, we should think, it would need some protection. But is pronounced to be certainly as hardy as the Isabella.—We shall be glad to hear from any of our readers, if any, that have tried it.

THE ONTARIO GRAPE.—Dr. O. F. Presbrey, of Buffalo, N.Y. gives the following description of this grape in the *Boston Cultivator*: by some it is thought to be identical with the preceding: "This new variety originated in Canada, near Lake Ontario, from which it is named. A native vine, bearing the superior fruit, was found in the woods, and was removed to a garden, in close proximity to an Isabella and a Black Hamburg, and fruited. The seeds of this fruit were planted, and the Ontario was one of its results."

Dr. P. says:—"The vine is a vigorous grower, a prolific bearer,—perfectly hardy,—never mildews,—does not drop its fruit,—grows in compact and cylindrical clusters weighing from 1 to 2½ lbs., with berries from ½ to 1½ inches in

diameter; ripened in 1859 and '60 from 15 to 20 days earlier than the Isabella. It has less pulp than the Concord or Isabella. The fruit is a jet black, covered with a rich velvet bloom, and is larger and more showy than the Black Hamburg." It was exhibited at the New York State Agricultural Society last fall, on which occasion the Country Gentleman said, "it excited much attention. The bunches measured eight inches long, and we were assured that some had weighed 2½ lbs. The berries were ¾ of an inch in diameter. They appeared to be well ripened, and Dr. Presbrey assured us that this sort had proved 20 days earlier than the Isabella, and 10 earlier than the Concord. The berries were nearly free from pulp, possessed little or no foxiness, were juicy and quite agreeable, and moderately high flavoured."

The Southern Cultivator says:—"It seems to belong to the Isabella family, though, (unlike the Isabella) all the berries upon the bunch ripen. Bunches *very large*, shouldered, compact, often weighing from 1 to 1½ lbs.; berries also very large, nearly or quite round, black, with little bloom; pulp tender and dissolving; flavor mild, sweet, luscious, with little or no trace of muskiness. *Superior for the table*, and the best grape of its class yet fruited here."

It is proper to state that the fruit-committee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, in their last report, state that they regard the Ontario as identical with the Union Village grape. Dr. Presbrey, however, declares that it differs widely from that variety. Dr. P. is propagating the vines for sale. His address is Prospect Hill Vineyard, Buffalo, N. Y.

THE DELAWARE GRAPE.—This delicious grape was introduced to the public by Mr. THOMSON, of Delaware, Ohio. Its great excellence at once attracted attention. Indeed, so highly was it esteemed, that many supposed it to be a foreign vine, identical with the Rose Chasselas, as thousands of vines of that variety were sold for the Delaware.

It is difficult to understand how any one familiar with the Frost and Clinton grape should have failed for one moment to recognise its origin.

Some of our western horticulturists, if not theory, at least in practice, appear to have understood its relation to the Clinton, for I am growing upon my grounds four vines obtained from Cincinnati, bought as Delawares, and of which I had the pleasure of paying twenty dollars. They turned out to be Clintons, and could have been obtained of Hovey & Co. for about one dollar each. Mr. Cabot, Mr. Wallis and several others, were treated to the same happy result.

Our Cincinnati friends have at last found their mistake, and are planting their vines entirely with Delawares. Mr. John E. Moore