

quality." Messrs. Offenheiser & Son, Commission Merchants of New York city, say "that Shipper's Pride plums sold at one dollar per peck basket when we could not sell ordinary plums at over fifty cents for same size baskets. In our opinion they will compare very favorably with other varieties of same size, and are better keepers." The late Charles Downing, whose opinion of a fruit is held in high estimation, said of it: "They are large showy plums and will no doubt sell well in the market. Promises to be valuable for market and canning." S. D. Willard, a very successful and extensive grower of plums for market says, "I regard the Shipper's Pride as one of the most promising plums ripening at its season. It is good, and so attractive that it would seem it should have a decided value as a market variety."

We can only add that the tree is a strong, upright grower, and seems to be possessed of a vigorous and healthy constitution.

TO OUR READERS.

If you have not already notified the editor which of the articles offered to you this spring you desire to have sent you, please do so now, without further delay. You have the privilege of selecting whichever one you prefer of the following articles:—1. Three plants of the Ontario Strawberry; 2. A yearling tree of the Russian Yellow Transparent Apple; 3. A plant of the Lucretia Dewberry; 4. A yearling vine of the Early Victor Grape; 5. Two plants of the Marlboro' Raspberry; 6. Three papers of flower seeds, viz., *Gypsophila paniculata*, *Aquilegia cærulea*, and

Delphinium, mixed colors. And if you have not sent in your dollar for this year's subscription, please do not fail to do so at the same time.

QUESTION DRAWER.

NIAGARA GRAPE.

When is the Niagara Grape Vine to be cheaper. J. D.

REPLY.—You can obtain a two year old vine of the Niagara grape, with the seal of the Company attached to it as a guarantee of its genuineness, by sending to this office the names of five new subscribers to the *Canadian Horticulturist* together with their five dollars. The only cost to you will be the postage and registration of the letter, five cents. Is not that cheap enough?

REPORTING PLANTS RECEIVED.

Am I correct in saying that all subscribers are invited to tell how the different plants sent out by the Association have succeeded? Suppose all, suppose one half gave their experience, you could not insert one twentieth part and many would be offended. But suppose you had room for it all, what good would Mr. Barry and Mr. Thomas have written ten valuable works, would they allow you to give us monthly a chapter on the understanding you would advise to prize the book? Excuse the liberty taken. R. L.

Maitland.

REPLY.—You are correct. The object the association has in view in sending out these plants is to obtain reports of success or failure in the different localities in which they are tried, making the garden or orchard of every member an experimental station.