



Transcendents. I think the *Siberian* too small to be worth cultivating. The currants yielded small crops only for several years, but last year did well, and so did the gooseberries. I think if the English gooseberry were protected for a season or two until they got well rooted and were kept clear of the caterpillar, they would succeed. This is the country for strawberries. I have seen finer here than I ever saw before. My present favorites are the *Sharpless*, perfectly hardy, I give it no protec-

tion; and the *Bidwell*. In 1879 $\frac{1}{2}$ I planted the first six plants of the *Sharpless*; in 1881 I sent a small basket of them to the Toronto Horticultural Exhibition and received first prizes from, I am told, about forty competitors. The raspberries were planted in the fence panels and neglected, but I transplanted some to beds and find they pay well for cultivation. The sorts are *Franconia* and *Brinkle's Orange*, *Shaffer's Colossal*, &c.

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