

PLANTING APPLE TREES.

497. SIR,—Please tell me if 20 x 20 feet would be far enough apart to plant apple trees in a small orchard, in this locality, where cold winds prevail in winter.

W. C. C., *Ottawa.*

Unless for very small growing varieties the distance named is too small. Dwarf apples would do well at this distance, but for most of the vigorous growing standards, thirty-five feet each way is none too much. We have some old trees at Grimsby whose branches are interlocking at a distance of forty feet each way.

PRUNING THE BLACK WALNUT.

498. SIR,—When is the best season to prune black walnut trees, three or four years old?

O. T. B., *Kings Court.*

The best time for pruning all deciduous trees for the encouragement of wood growth is between the fall of the leaf and the beginning of the growth in the spring. Pruning during the summer season is a check to the wood growth.

NEW BLACK CURRANT.

499. SIR.—I send you sample of new seedling black currant. Do you think it worth propagation?

THOS. CONOLLY, *Lindsay.*

Could not answer without watching habit of plant. Better send a plant to Experimental Farm, Ottawa, for testing. The quality is very ordinary, and taste bitter.

Question Budget

Containing questions for our readers to answer.

7. Can you suggest points, rules and regulations to be observed by the jurors in judging fruits at Chicago? The ordinary methods of judging will not be sufficient where the fruit of all climates appear, and especially where so much will be in competition of the same variety, grown under so many varying circumstances, differing climates, etc. Have you particulars for a scale of points for judging, and what point would you advise to observe specially, and how would you divide the points in the scale?

8. Is the Bangor Blackberry of any value where Snyder will not succeed?

9. Is the one judge system at fairs an advantage of three judges?

10. What package is best for shipping onions?