

## PRESERVING TIME.

Said Mr. Baldwin Apple

To Mrs. Bartlett Pear :

" You're growing very plump, madams,  
And also very fair.

" And there is Mrs. Clingstone Peach,  
So mellowed by the heat,  
Upon my word she really looks  
Quite good enough to eat.

" And all the Misses Crab-apple  
Have blushed so rosy red,  
That very soon the farmer's wife  
To pluck them will be led.

" Just see the Isabellas,  
They're growing so apace  
That they really are beginning  
To get purple in the face.

" Our happy time is over,  
For Mrs. Green Gage Plum  
Says she knows unto her sorrow  
Preserving time has come.

" Yes," said Mrs. Bartlett Pear,  
" Our day is almost o'er,  
And soon shall we be smothering  
In syrup by the score."

And before the month was ended,  
The fruits that looked so fair  
Had vanished from among the leaves,  
And the trees were stripped and bare.

They were all of them in pickle,  
Or in some dreadful scrape ;  
" I'm cider," sighed the Apple ;  
" I'm jelly," cried the Grape.

They were all in jars and bottles,  
Upon the shelf arrayed ;  
And in their midst poor Mrs. Quince  
Was turned to marmalade.

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**ROSE CHESHUNT HYBRID.**—We have here a specimen of this Rose, now in full bloom, on the roof of a house from which frost is excluded. I counted on it the other day between 80 and 90 fully expanded roses and about 200 buds, and we have cut about four or five dozen blooms off it already. The plant covers about 9 feet of roof, and is planted in a border, 9 inches wide and 3 feet long.—J. W. LONGROO, *Pull Court, Teckesbury, Eng.*

**MOORE'S EARLY GRAPE** has given better satisfaction this season than heretofore. The clusters and berries have been larger, which would seem to indicate that it improves with age. It is one of the few that have been able to hold their foliage throughout this very trying season. In quality it is much like its parent, the Concord. It is hardly equal to the Wor-

den or Cottage, but it is one of the few kinds that may be confidently relied on for fruit, no matter how precarious the season. Its earliness adds much to its value. Champion is earlier, but much inferior in quality.—E. WILLIAMS, *Montclair, N. J., in Rural New Yorker,*

**STRAWBERRIES.**—I tested the following varieties of strawberries this season : Bidwell, Sharpless, Downing, Crescent, Warren, Norman, Manchester, Big Bob and Cumberland. As to productiveness, they ranked thus : Crescent, Bidwell, Manchester, Downing, Cumberland, with not much difference between the others. I think the Warren was the best flavored berry. I was disappointed in the yield of the Manchester. Ripe berries were picked on the Bidwell, August 22nd, and there were then some green ones. I consider the Bidwell the best one in the bed. The new black grape August Giant mildews very badly with me. The vine is five years old, and I don't believe there is a bunch on it but what is mildewed.—O. F. FULLER, *Worcester Co., Mass., in N. E. Homestead.*

**AMMONIA FOR FLOWERING PLANTS AND STRAWBERRY PLANTS.**—A writer in *London Gardener's Chronicle* says : Last year I was induced to try an experiment in Chrysanthemum growing, and for this purpose purchased one pound of sulphate of ammonia, which I bottled and corked, as the ammonia evaporates very rapidly. I then selected four plants from my collection, putting them by themselves, gave them a teaspoonful of ammonia in a gallon of water twice a week. In a fortnight's time the result was most striking, for though I watered the others with liquid cow manure they looked lean when compared with the ammonia watered plants, whose leaves turned to a very dark green, which they carried to the edge of the pots until the flowers were cut. As a matter of course the flowers were splendid. The ammonia used is rather expensive, as I bought it from a chemist's shop ; this year I intend getting agricultural ammonia, which is much cheaper. I have also tried it on strawberries, with the same satisfactory result, the crop being nearly double that of the others ; it is very powerful, and requires to be used with caution.