

Among the difficulties to be contended with in growing the quince we may mention the borer, which must be carefully guarded against. If the larva has entered the wood, he must be dug out with a knife, but by washing the trees with strong suds of soft soap during the months of June, July and August, there will be no trouble from this insect. The leaf blight is also very troublesome, but of late our scientists have been able to follow out its life history and to recommend spraying with the Bordeaux mixture, or with ammoniacal carbonate of copper, as effective remedies.

VARIETIES.

ORANGE.—Large, roundish; bright golden yellow; very productive and of excellent flavor. An old and very popular variety, ripening in Southern Ontario toward the end of September.

ANGERS.—A little later than the Orange in ripening, fruit a little more tart and less showy, but a little more hardy, and a longer keeper. The tree is a strong grower, and much used as stock for dwarfing the pear.

REA'S MAMMOTH.—Seedling of the Orange, similar in appearance and in quality, but a little larger, somewhat more hardy. Some consider this the very best of all quinces.

CHAMPION.—This variety, which is the subject of our colored plate, is a new variety originating in Connecticut. It is very productive, a constant bearer, and the fruit averages larger than the Orange. With us at Grimsby, it ripens a fine load of large clean-looking fruit, less marred with cracks and scabs than the Orange or Angers, but unfortunately a little late in ripening for us to recommend for any section north of us. Some say that the tree itself is less hardy than the Orange.

MEECH'S PROLIFIC AND FULLER are two new varieties which are recommended as having special merit, and will receive notice under our department of New or Little Known Fruits.

THE RABY CASTLE CURRANT.

SOMETIMES the assertion is made, that the Raby Castle is simply the Victoria. To set this matter at rest, I will describe the Raby Castle and state that I have frequently met with those who have known this variety in England.

When the buds of the Raby Castle become enlarged in May they are whitish; later on the leaves much resemble those of the Black Currant. They are very strong growers and incline naturally to take the tree shape. This description will help anyone to identify the variety, but will not settle the matter with those who have the Raby Castle under the name of Victoria. Where this substitution has been made, it will be to the advantage of the grower, but will tend to confuse names.

Compared with the Red Dutch the Raby Castle is a stronger grower, and gives more and better fruit, though not much larger.

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