

more than must we look to species which we find indigenous here and to their descendants for success in grape culture." Thousands are imported by France annually for grafting stock. If European varieties are tested here they certainly should be grafted on native stocks. American nursery-men quote vines at very low rates, but in making an estimate of the cost, the duty above referred to must be added.

## Open Letters

### STRAWBERRIES IN OCTOBER.

SIR,—An article appeared in the Nov. number of the HORTICULTURIST under the caption of a late strawberry. I think your correspondent was in error as to its being a late variety. I am inclined to think it was the Jessie. At that date I had plenty of them and have had them (only fewer) till the present date. The most of them produced from runners without taking root, they were all from the Jessie except one from a seedling of my own. I send you one developed berry with a bunch of blossoms with fruit partly formed, also a part of a raspberry cane in the same condition, to show what nature does in the cold north. I enclose a paragraph from one of our local papers showing the date I had them growing.

"A bunch of ripe strawberries together with some strawberry blossoms, were picked by Mr. F. W. Porter in his garden here on Monday and shown our reporter. Mr. P. says they are not the only berries he has picked lately, but that they have been quite plentiful. Picking ripe strawberries out of a garden in Mt. Forest on Oct. 6th is a rare occurrence."—

*Mount Forest.*

F. W. PORTER.