

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

the taste than the Cherry, to which however, it is inferior in size.

NETTING is suggested by American gardening as a useful covering for gooseberry bushes in July, to give partial shade.

THE IRONMONGER and the RED WAR RINGTON are the only two among about twenty-five English varieties, that have been found mildew proof at Maplehurst this season.

ENGLISH GOOSEBERRIES seems to succeed every year with Mr. A. Morton, of Wingham, who has just sent us a quart each of seven English varieties, that do him great credit. Among them were Duke of Sutherland, One of Them, Two to One, Crown Bob, Catharina and Whitesmith.

THE PEARL GOOSEBERRY succeeds admirably with Mr. Thomas Beall, of Lindsay, who sends a fine sample, most of them measuring about one inch in diameter. A branch enclosed also shews how wonderfully productive this variety is.

THE INDUSTRY succeeds well in the garden of Mr. E. J. Wolverton, Grimsby;

ripening about July 16th. The bush seems vigorous and carries a heavy load.

BIG STRAWBERRIES.—The Strawberry Culturist gives the following instructions for growing strawberries such that from 22 to 20 will fill a quart basket :

Use 20 tons stable manure, 50 bushels wood ashes, one ton bone fertilizer per acre thoroughly worked in the ground. Give twice the usual amount of cultivation and plant Glen Mary, Enormous, Marshall and Mary : Don't let them get too thick and if the season is at all favorable you will get the kind of berries you are looking for.

ASPARAGUS does not pay when poorly managed, but a writer in Farm and Fireside thinks there is money in it for the man who handles it well. We quote a paragraph :

The general asparagus market is never overstocked, and there is always a demand for crisp, well-washed and neatly bunched shoots. Small, woody stems will not sell for any price, and dirty poorly bunched stalks are not wanted, even though the quality may be excellent. We usually cut in the morning, wash in a tub partly filled with pure water, and tie with new white twine in bunches of two pounds or more. The stems should be arranged neatly, and the bunch be tied so that it will look enticing to the prospective customer. If any of the details are neglected or forgotten the sale will be affected thereby.

