

*Ans.*—A French lady from the place where I came from, near Strasburg, brought me some seed. Strasburg is in Germany now; but I do not care. This is my country.

*Ques.*—And you sowed the seed and found it good?

*Ans.*—Yes.

*Ques.*—Why is it so good?

*Ans.*—Because it is.

*Ques.*—I mean, why is it better than other Lettuce?

*Ans.*—It is sweet and tender, and always makes a head even on poor soil. But the richer the soil the better, and you do not sow it too thick, and you should sow it early.

“Yes,” said the daughter, “last year mother was cleaning the seed in the water and threw the chaff on the snow, and in the spring when the snow went off the Lettuce plants came up.”

*Ques.*—Cannot you tell me something more about it? Did the French lady tell you its name?

*Ans.*—No. I have told you all there is to tell about it.

*Ques.*—You have grown this same Lettuce ever since the French lady gave it you forty years ago. How did you manage to keep it?

*Ans.*—(Smiling at my simplicity.) I raised seed myself. I left some of the very best heads every year for seed. And the people in Irondequoit wanted us to try some other kind. I saved the seed in another part of the garden. You know Lettuce will mix. I never found any other Lettuce as good as mine, and I always grow the seed apart by itself.

*Ques.*—How do you manage to grow the seed? I can't make it go to seed.

*Ans.*—Some seasons you can't get any seed. But it will keep for many years, and the old seed is just as good.

*Ques.*—Do you do anything to make it go to seed?

*Ans.*—Nothing, except to select the best heads, and then break off the lower leaves and open out the head.

I imagine that this last suggestion is valuable for general adoption.

1st.—It seems clear that this so-called “Deacon Lettuce” was a good variety to start with, or the French lady would not have thought it worth while to have brought it to this country.

2nd.—That Mrs. Müller by keeping it firm and by continuing selecting the best heads has made it what it is.

3rd.—It is not any better than it should be. It is good, or as “Elm” says, “the finest heading variety we have grown,” because nearly all our Lettuces are so poor. I have often said that they are a disgrace to seed growers and seed sellers. And they will continue to be so till we adopt Mrs. Müller's method of selecting the best heads for seed.

#### THE RICHMOND PEACH.

Of several varieties of peaches which we put out six years since, this variety proves the hardiest and most enduring tree.

The Crawford, Honest John, and several others standing near, have lost from one-half to all their trees, when the Richmond row is full of thrifty, healthy trees.

We think that Dr. Sylvester never received the credit due him for its introduction.

The fruit is full as large as Crawford's, and perhaps not behind it in any feature except for yellowness of flesh, which with some is not considered any advantage, while the tree is much the hardiest.

It seems as though the hopes of peach growers might be quickened in view of the general good appearance of all peach trees this year, promising a peach season in the near future—perhaps next year.—*Fruit Notes.*