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Horticulture.

RASPBERRIES.

HANSELL.—This new fruit is now offered for the first time, and as I have not tested it, the best I can do for my patrons is to sift out the golden opinions of reliable men from the rubbish and trash put forth by inexperienced or untruthful sight-seers. In the case of this fruit and the "Manchester" Strawberry, the right plan has been taken of inviting a number of the most intelligent and trustworthy authorities in small fruit matters to visit the plants in fruiting and freely express their opinions. In this case, as with the "Manchester," the fruit as well as the plants, met with unqualified praise, and the reader may take it for granted that however the "Hansell" may do in Canada, it certainly has done well in New Jersey. I may add that the Canadian climate is generally more favorable to raspberries than that of New Jersey; because with us it is seldom so hot and dry as to cause the leaves to drop off during Summer, as they do there, causing the wood to be so imperfectly ripened as to winter-kill. For this reason, raspberries like the "Brinkle's Orange," that often stand without winter protection here, often flatly refuse to crop in exposed field culture south of New York. Hence a raspberry that does well there has an extra chance of success in Canada—if it will do well at all, away from home.

The "Hansell" is stated to have ripened one season as early as June 1st, and in the late season just closed it had been ready to pick several days before the meeting of Fruit and Plant Growers referred to, on the 27th of June, so that making all due allowance for a later season coming northward, we may expect it to ripen here very early in July in an ordinary season, or before the Wilson strawberries are fairly out of the market.

Passing for the present the claims of the introducer, and the opinions of others present except to notice the resolution they unanimously adopted, viz.: Resolved, "That it is the sense of this meeting that this is the earliest raspberry so far known. Further, it is of bright red color, of fine shape, and of great firmness." I copy for your

attention an extract from the *Rural New Yorker* (issue of July 29, '82) well known as perhaps the most intelligent and reliable, as well as disinterested, authority in America.

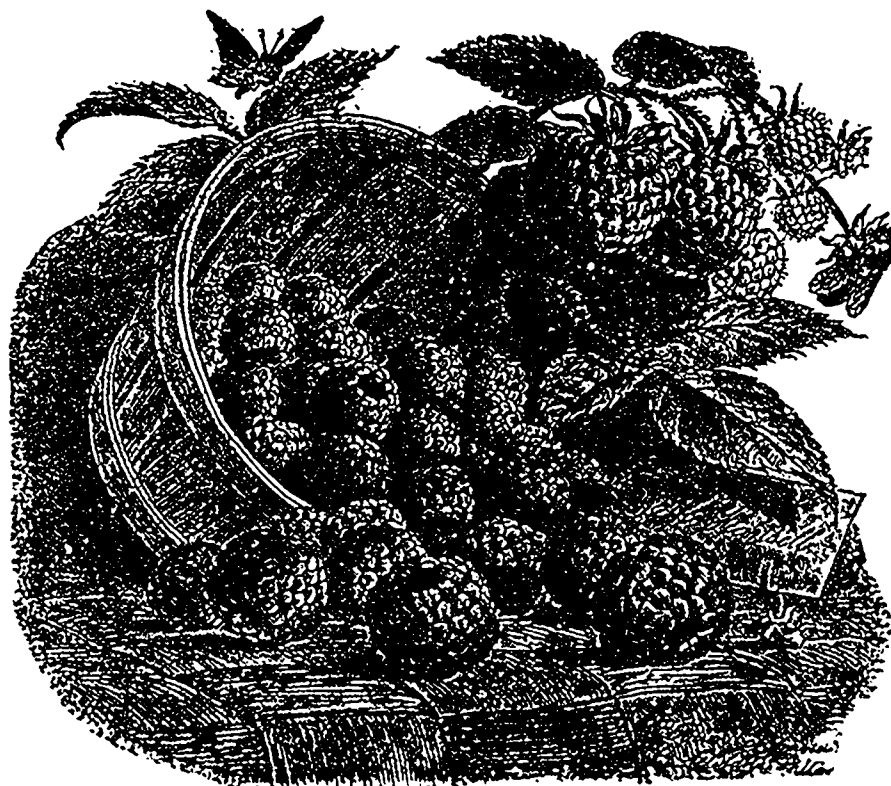
"The Hansell is a new red raspberry that will be offered for sale next year. It originated on the farm of the 'Hansell Bros., of Burlington Co., New Jersey, and it is thought to be the earliest red raspberry known. This is the opinion of Judge Parry, John S. Collins, J. T. Lovett, J. G. Burrows, and a number of other competent judges assembled at the farm of the Hansell Bros. early in the

"prized because of its better quality than the 'Highland Hardy' or any other which at once follows it in 'fruiting.' There you have it, the moderate praise of the *Rural New Yorker* is worth oceans of laudation from interested but unknown parties. A medium, firm, bright red raspberry, ripening earlier than 'Highland Hardy,' and of superior quality, will fill a great void in my berry sales, and I am going to plant all I can on my own place for fruit, as well as for plants, hence I can offer the plants at very low rates (considering the duty) for a new variety. Price, 40c. per

onion is very rich in those alkaline elements which counteract the poison of rheumatic gout. If slowly stewed in weak broth, and eaten with a little Napaul pepper, it will be found to be an admirable article of diet for patients of sedulous and sedentary habits. The stalks of cauliflower have the same sort of value, only too often the stalk of the cauliflower is so ill boiled and unpalatable that few persons would thank you for proposing to them to make part of their meal consist of so uninviting an article. Turnips, in the same way, are often thought to be indigestible, and better suited for cows and sheep than for delicate people: but here the fault lies with the cook quite as much as with the root. The cook boils the turnip badly and then pours some butter over it, and the eater of such a dish is sure to be the worse for it.

WILD FLOWERS OF MONTANA.

The wild flowers of Montana are as abundant as those of the Alps, and more varied. Choicest of them all, because most delicate and fragrant, is a white, star-shaped, wax-like blossom which grows very close to the ground, and the large golden stamens of which gave out an odor like mingled hyacinth and lily of the valley. The people call it a mountain lily. There is another lily, however, and a real one—yellow, with purple stamens—that grows on high slopes in shaded places. The yellow flowering currant abounds on the lower levels, and the streams are often bordered with thickets of wild rose bushes. Dandelions abound, but do not open in full, rounded perfection. The common blue larkspur, however, is well developed as in our Eastern gardens, and the little yellow violet which in the States haunts the woods and copses is at home in Montana, alike in the moist valleys and upon the bleak, dry hill-sides. Small scullowers are plentiful, the blue-bell is equally abundant in valleys and on mountain ridges, and in early June there blooms an unique flower called the shooting star, shaped like a shuttlecock. There are a dozen other kind of flowers, but I could not learn their names.



"HANSELL."

season to see and to express their opinions of this berry. Berries of the "Hansell" were brought to the *Rural* office by Mr. Lovett a week before any, whether red or black, and began to color at the *Rural* ground. They were of medium size, bright red, very firm and of good quality. We learn that this variety is entirely hardy in the ground where it originated, and it is our belief that it will at once take its place as the earliest red raspberry known, and it will be the more

plant, 3 for \$1, free by mail, \$3.50 per doz, by express. T. C. ROBINSON, Owen Sd.

THE MEDICINAL VALUE OF VEGETABLES.

The Medical Record says that asparagus is a strong diuretic, and forms part of the cure for rheumatic patients at such health resorts as Aix-le-Bains. Sorrel is cooling, and forms the staple of that *soupe aux herbes* which a French lady will order for herself after a long and tiring journey. The large sweet