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### Notes and Comments.

AT THE GREAT EXPOSITION.—Having been appointed by the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion to take the oversight of the Canadian Horticultural Exhibit, at Chicago, the editor of this journal craves the kind indulgence of its readers during his absence. He hopes, however, to gather so much useful and interesting information through the advantages thus afforded him, that the journal will gain rather than lose in consequence. It is his intention to write in detail such events and descriptions as may be interesting to those who stay at home, and thus, in some measure, bring before them a general idea of the World's Exhibit, more especially from the standpoint of a Canadian Horticulturist. All mail matter, questions, papers for publication, subscriptions, etc., will, as usual, be addressed to him at Grimsby; and his assistant will give them the usual attention, forwarding to Chicago those which require his personal supervision.

A LADDER FOR PICKING FRUIT.—Mr. S. H. Mitchell, of St. Marys, sends us a model of a ladder for picking fruit, which appears to be very strong and durable. He describes it as follows: This ladder can be made of the required length, the size represented by the model is fourteen feet long, and the manner of making it is as follows: Take a clear lumber  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick and fourteen feet long, dress on both sides to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches plump. Now rip it up into two-inch strips, dress both sides down to  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches. Use four of these strips for the uprights of the ladder and cut up the balance for steps, cutting the bottom step twenty-two inches long and the one for the top fourteen inches long. Lay down two of the uprights and nail the steps, and cut the other steps the length required to suit and nail them on about ten inches apart. Lay on the other two uprights and nail them on firmly, using wire nails long enough to go through and clench. Give two coats of paint and the work is done.