

The English Sparrow.

787. SIR,—I notice the sparrows at my fruit buds. Will they do any permanent injury? G. H. N.

The sparrows are injurious birds, and no doubt will destroy fruit buds along with the leaf buds. Still, unless very numerous, the injury will scarcely be traceable in fruit season.

Salt and Sulphur for Curculio.

788. SIR,—Have you ever heard of salt and sulphur for the plum curculio in the proportion, 3 lbs. sulphur and 2 lbs. of salt sprinkled over the grounds under the trees in the spring of the year. Please answer in the *HORTICULTURIST*.

A. W. WALKER, *Clarksberg.*

We have not heard of this remedy, and would be pleased to have any experience any of our readers may offer.

Sowing Seeds of Pear and Quince.

789. SIR,—When should pear and quince seed be sown?

A. E. MORDEN, *Vernon, B.C.*

These are usually sown in the fall, soon after maturity; but if kept mixed with earth in cellar till spring, they can be sown then.

Strawberry and Gooseberry Plants.

790. SIR,—Where can I get Clyde and Vandeman strawberry plants? What are good and bad points of the Chautauqua gooseberry? A. E. M.

Cider.

791. SIR,—Is cider made in Canada for export; if so, in what localities is it produced, and who are those who manufacture and ship it?

J. R., *Ottawa.*

Will cider makers send in their addresses.

Horticultural Books.

792. SIR,—Like many other fruit growers, I am occasionally asked for the names of books, which would enable a novice to get a good general knowledge of fruit and fruit culture, as far as books can do it. On this, as on other subjects, doctors agree to differ, but I believe it would be a timely and a useful thing if, in your next issue, you would give a short list of such works, with, where possible, prices and publishers' names.

M. BURRELL.

We will from time to time give a list of the best books on horticulture. Many of the older works are a little out of date, and are gradually being replaced by new productions.