

Question • Drawer

GOOSEBERRIES DROPPING.

8. SIR,—Can you tell me the cause of gooseberries dropping off the bushes just as they attain full size? My bushes bore well last season, but I did not save more than one-quarter of the fruit.—ELIZ TRIGGE, *Eleven Oaks, Cookshire, P.Q.*

PEARS ON APPLE STOCK.

9. WILL pears do well grafted on apple stocks, either on young seedlings, or on bearing trees?—G. J. R., *Penctang*.

Pear scions grafted on apple wood will live for some years, and bear fruit, but will not do nearly as well as on pear stocks.

THOSE RUSSIAN TREES.

10. SIR,—Are the trees from Russia to be distributed among the members of the Ontario Fruit Growers's Association? If so, I would like a share.—H. E., *Napanee*.

These trees and scions are being reported wholly in the interest of our members, and so soon as we have propagated them in sufficient quantity, they will be distributed among them.

CANADA ORLEANS.

11. SIR,—Will you please give the origin of the plum known as "Canada Orleans?" It appears to be a seedling, as it is grown from sprouts or suckers; it has been grown in this neighborhood for about thirty years.—C. C. B., *Taplestown*.

This must be a local variety and not known, except in a few localities. Would our correspondent please send some samples to this office in fruit season.

BEST WORK ON THE ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

12. SIR,—I am about starting in the orcharding and small fruit business; would you advise me concerning the best work on that subject?—D. M., *Bay View, Picton Co., N.S.*

The best practical work on this particular line of horticulture is "The American Fruit Culturist," by J. J. Thomas, and can be had through this office.

CARE OF SHRUBS AND TREES ON THE LAWN.

13. SIR,—Is it advisable to keep a place dug up about shrubs and trees on a lawn, and if so, how large?—R. McL., *Newcastle, Ont.*

Yes, it is advisable, both because an even cut looks more tidy, and because, while trees are young, they especially need digging about and enriching. The size of the space should be proportionate to the size of the trees, and the distance the roots extend. Of course, large lawn trees, well established, will take care of themselves.

KIEFFER PEAR.

14. SIR,—What do you think of the Kieffer pear? Would you recommend it as a profitable pear to plant? I have grown it for a number of years and do not care for it.—G. H. NIXON, *Hyde Park, Ont.*

We are by no means favorably impressed with the Kieffer; its quality condemns it. Like the Ben Davis apple, its beauty and its productiveness may make it profitable to grow for market until it becomes well known in the markets, when it will, no doubt, decline in value. It is fairly good for cooking and for canning purposes.

THE DICTIONARY OF GARDENING.

15. SIR,—Would you kindly inform me if the "Dictionary of Gardening," by George Nicholson, is a really good standard work. Is it worth the money, and where can I get it?—A. J. C., *Listowel*.

This is the best work in the world at the present time on gardening, although written for the English climate, and consequently not adapted to Canada with regard to seasons and dates of planting; it is in every other respect a complete, practical and scientific encyclopædia of horticulture for gardeners and botanists. It is published in eight volumes, beautifully bound, and profusely illustrated. You may order it through this office or from Mr. J. Arnot Penman, 41 Dey Street, New York City, who is the sole agent for America.