DISAPPEARANCE OF INSECTS.

C——, Orillia, Ont., writes:

We used to have in this neighborhood a very beautiful little beetle which frequented Apocynum in considerable numbers.   Color, the brightest green, with golden reflections.   Of course there can be no connection between the two insects, but it is a strange coincidence that in the same year that saw the arrival of the Colorado Beetle, this one totally disappeared, and none had been seen since until the end of last summer, when I observed a very few on their favorite weed.

GLASS' SEEDLING.

Geo. H. Dartnell, Whitby, Ont., writes:

This plum has made free growth, requiring free pruning.   It fruited two plums last season, of large size and handsome appearance.   The foliage is very handsome, large, and of a dark green.   I had a large crop of other plums, with not the slightest trace of Curculio.

RASPBERRIES AND STRAWBERRIES.

Of the plants received from the Association, the buds of the raspberries were destroyed before arrival.   The strawberries were in such a bad state that with all care they did not survive the summer.

THE BURNET GRAPE

Made a vigorous growth of nearly four feet before the month of May, 1878, when the frost of that date killed it to the ground.   It again shot forth, and shows now two fine stems, and will probably fruit this year.

PEARS.

No signs of the slug this year or of blight.   The slug was very bad the two previous years.   I dusted the trees with dry earth, or sifted coal ashes, with good effect.

THE ONTARIO APPLE.

The Ontario Apple was received in good order, and has made fair growth.

My garden is a small one, and the varieties are chiefly dwarfs.   Soil medium clay.   I manure chiefly with sifted coal ashes, rotted manure and superphosphates.

I think the directors of many of our Agricultural Societies would do well to submit their horticultural prize list to the Association.   Many of them are absurd, and tend to encourage the growing of varieties long discarded for better ones.