



The Writer of this Story at Home.

hood the warm fertile soil of our farm, and in July had the intense pleasure of harvesting our first fruits from our cherry trees.

management, but is intensely satisfying in every way, for improving conditions by personal labor is one of the chief joys of fruit farming.

#### First Year Brought a Balance.

"Our first season we considered quite a success, for we had good average crops of cherries, plums, peaches, pears and grapes. After all the season's expenses had been paid we had a balance at the bank, which we intended to devote to further improvements on the farm.

#### Every Year Better than the First.

"The succeeding years have all been better than the first, although they have naturally differed one from another. We have improved our house with the addition of more rooms, and have it more picturesque, with a porch, shade trees and flowers. We have purchased an adjoining farm, and erected a commodious packing house for our fruit. Old peach trees have been taken out and young ones planted. All of which means much work and careful