

last autumn by Messrs. R. Jack & Sons, Chateauguay Basin, near Montreal, who packed quite a number of varieties of grapes and apples. The cases containing them were inadvertently left out in a shed until the thermometer had fallen well below zero; however, when the box was opened the fruits were all in good order, the frost having failed to penetrate to them. The earth is perfectly inodorous, and imparts no taste of any kind to the most delicate substance.

Mr. Chas. Gibb, of Abbotsford, subjected it to the severest test that could be applied by packing some butter in it. It is well known that fresh butter is an absorbent, and is readily tainted by being placed in contact with any foreign matter. Even if it is put in a place where bad smells are detected, it immediately flavors the fresh article. After ten days the butter was taken out, and no trace of taste or smell could be discovered. Apples, or any fruit that can be readily wiped may be packed directly in the earth, but such fruits as grapes, currants, strawberries, peaches, &c., may be placed in paper bags, which should be packed in shallow trays in the earth.

Mr. J. F. Torrance has taken out a patent for his boxes, but the earth can be procured in Montreal at \$1.50 per 100 lbs., by the bag. We gather from the Montreal *Star* that boxes holding 30 lbs., of earth can be procured of Messrs. Esplin, (Montreal), for 45c. each. If such men as Professor Sterry Hunt, Chas. Gibb, Robert Jack, and a host of others can be relied on, we must take it for granted that, so far as tested, it is a marked success.

#### HYDRANGEA PANICULATA.

The Hydrangea Paniculata came out all right this spring with a little straw around the roots.

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#### CHERRY TREES AT YARMOUTH, N.S.

I tried Starr's Prolific Cherry many years ago, grafting two or three young stocks with it. The trees made a strong growth and attained considerable size, but failed to fruit, as do all varieties tested here now, from what cause I am at a loss to know. The trees grow well, blossom abundantly and set fruit, but before half-grown all drop off. I tried special top dressing, manure, sand, &c., &c., but at last gave it up and sawed off trees eighteen inches through.

In the earlier history of the county cherry trees succeeded, but nowhere in the county now. In some parts of the Province cherries do well, but it is mostly in very warm localities, and there may be some exceptional conditions of soil.

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#### PARIS GREEN.

It must be borne in mind that Paris Green is composed of two active dangerous poisons, viz.: Arsenic and Oxide of Copper, known chemically as Arsenite of Copper, and its use as an insecticide must be made with extreme caution and by a very careful person. It is certainly sure death to potatoe bugs and every bug.

In so far as its use to potatoes is concerned, it may be applied with impunity, as it will only reach the surface of the ground; but its use for other vegetables, and fruit-bearing trees and shrubs I would not advocate. As applied to cabbages it is extremely dangerous, and instances have occurred of persons being poisoned by it, at least they have imagined so.

Its use even on plum trees as a curculio remedy is at best a risk, even although washed off the fruit by rains it is not altogether cleared off the limbs, some of it will stick on without doubt.