

OPEN LETTERS.

quiry. It seems conclusively proved that spraying and thinning pay. We must use every means to produce high grade fruit and to cease growing poor stock.

The best Spray Pump makers advertise with us and we cannot undertake to say which is the best. Each maker is constantly making improvements, and each have special advantages to offer.

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Appreciated in Africa.

SIR,—I am very well pleased with your publication and quite look forward to its arrival and enjoy the reading, which is at times very instructive, for although our climate is very different from yours, we have the same pests to contend with. I had a very good fruit garden where I lived last, but am now quite a statist regarding fruit, etc. Am grafting most of my apples on to pear stocks instead of quince, or apple, as I am of opinion they will be less liable to blight. I find dressing for destruction of apple bug, with Calvert's Carbolie Soft Soap, about as efficacious as any other wash. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am, yours faithfully,

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Kokstad, Cape Colony, Africa.

Apples for Glengarry.

SIR,—In the last HORTICULTURIST you

give, in reply to L. Wiegand, a partial list of hardy fruits. We have a cold climate here, but seldom down to 40°, but still it sometimes is, and we have it below 30° every winter, on some occasions; so we need hardy fruits. I do not know anything about plums or pears, but do about apples, as I have taken quite an interest in them and small fruits for thirty years. You can add the Peach apple to your list of early ones, as it is nearly if not quite as hardy as the Duchess and ripens about the same time, and for home use is a better apple. Then, for a fall apple, the St. Lawrence has no peer and is really a native seedling; for early winter, the Fameuse, McIntosh Red—also a seedling and a little better keeper than the Fameuse. These two are about the best apples you can get and are perfectly hardy. I have known the Pewaukee for about fifteen years and so far it seems perfectly hardy, is a good bearer of good apples that keep till June; and the Golden Russet does very well here, and so does the Winter St. Lawrence. I am not writing this for publication, but you can do as you please about adding any of the names to your list.

A. HARKNESS, *Lancaster.*

PLANNING HERBACEOUS GARDENS.—While most herbaceous plants can be safely transplanted at any season, the best immediate results are obtained from early spring planting. It is therefore quite appropriate to lay plans at once, that orders may be sent in good time, and the stock received for early planting.

There are constantly improvements in garden flowers, as instance the double rudbeckia, Allegheny Hollyhock,

Napoleon III pink, Japanese, Irish, e.c., and these properly claim every one's attention; yet there are also many old-fashioned, well-known flowers that must not be forgotten. What garden is complete without the fox-glove, anemone, columbine, aster, chrysanthemum larkspur, bleeding-heart, day-lily, flag, lavender, lily, forget-me not, pæony, poppy, phlox, pyrethrum, golden-rod, spider-wort, veronica, periwinkle, and scores of others?—Meehans' Monthly.