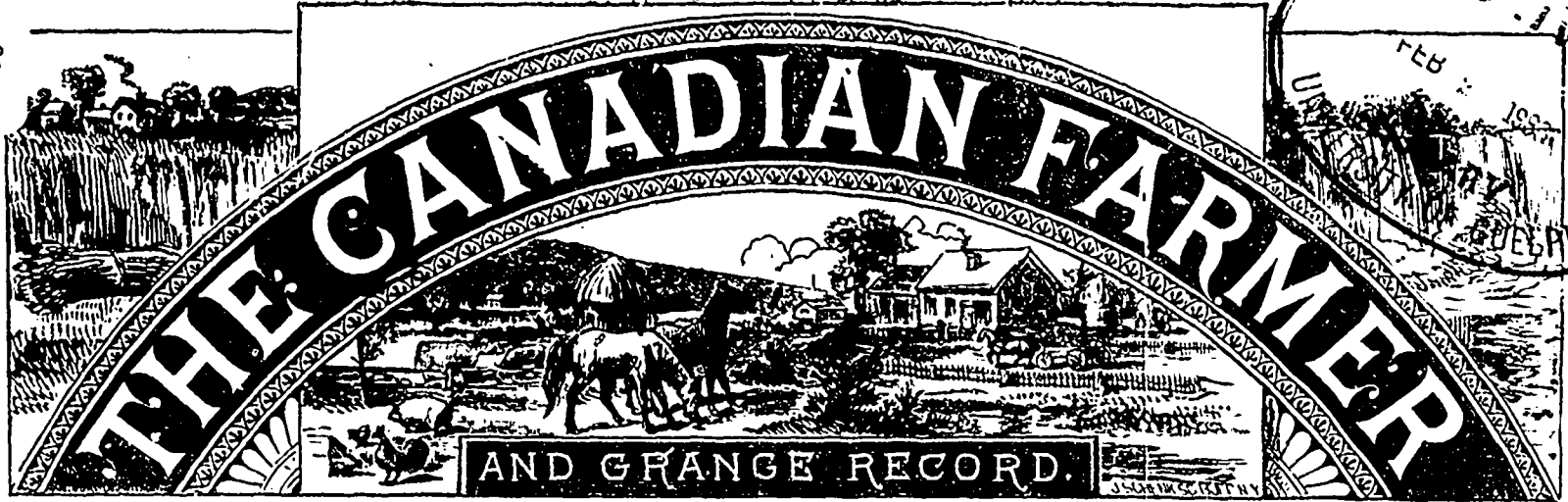


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**BLACK CAPS.**

**SOUHEGAN.**—This is a berry that, it is to be hoped, will make as complete an overthrow of "Davidson's Thornless" and other early Blackcaps as the "Gregg" has made of the late ones. The "Tyler" is another early berry that makes the same claims, but on careful comparison, I conclude the "Souhegan" bears the most evidence of ability to fulfil its promises: hence I make a specialty of "Souhegan," and will test them both side by side and report. But my friends may order "Tyler" also at the same rate, if they wish; and I will take every precaution to see that they are supplied with genuine plants. The "Souhegan" is certainly a fine grower with me; but, as this is as far as my experience goes, I present the evidence of well-known authorities.

From J. T. Lovett, one of the introducers: "This new Blackcap is evidently a seedling of "Doolittle" and a variety of the most positive value. It is the most prodigious bearer of any I have ever seen; of excellent quality, jet shining black, without bloom, and large. Added to these valuable qualities it is iron-clad in hardness, and extremely early, being a week to ten days earlier than the "Doolittle." (The "Doolittle" is the common Blackcap—considerably earlier than "Mammoth Cluster" or "Gregg."—T. C. R.)

From Hale Bros., of Connecticut, the other firm who introduced it: "Originated in Hillsboro County, New Hampshire, about 1870, and claimed by the originator to be four times as productive as any variety in cultivation. Its hardness is beyond question, it being the only Blackcap on our place that was not killed to the snow line during the severe winter of 1880-81. Ripening as it does, at a time when strawberries are getting scarce and none of the other raspberries have begun to ripen, it sells for the highest price."

"Three cheers for 'Souhegan' Blackcap. It is safe to call it seven to ten days earlier than 'Doolittle.'"

It is as large as 'Gregg,' as productive and vigorous, and of better quality, and much firmer than 'Mammoth Cluster.'—Chas. A. Green, Editor Green's Fruit Grower.

From Rural New Yorker: "We regard Dr. Hexamer as one of the best judges of small fruits. In conversation with him the other day, speaking of 'Souhegan,' or 'Skowhegan,' he

liable testimony on which they rest. If it shall prove as large as "Gregg," I shall be surprised as well as delighted.—I only expect it to be as large as "Mammoth Cluster," and then it will be a great acquisition. 20 cents each, 5 plants for \$1, \$2 per dozen, free by mail.—Extract from Fall Catalogue of T. C. Robinson, Owen Sound.

surprised me, as none were ever kept there. On raising the curtain of the east window I saw that a branch of Dutch honeysuckle had found its way between the two sashes at one corner, while growing in the summer, and had extended itself quite across the window; and on the branch inside were three or four clusters of well developed flowers, with the usual accom-

paniment of leaves, while on the main bush outside there was not yet a leaf to be seen. The flowers inside were just as beautiful and fragrant as if they had waited until the natural time of blooming. Since then I have tried the experiment purposely, and always with the same result." A heavy covering of the ground over the roots of the plants with leaves, and sufficient protection of the stem outside, would allow this method to be practiced in quite severe climates.

**COAL ASHES.**—Common coal ashes, if well distributed about the roots of currant bushes, is one of their best promoters. This should be done by loosening the soil about their roots, and placing the ashes near them; cover firmly with earth above, and the bushes will bear such clusters as will speak the beneficial effect of the application of material too commonly thrown aside as of no use. Cherry trees also gratefully accept this renovator, and if carefully bedded about the roots with coal ashes in the fall, the yield of fruit the following year will surprise the cultivator. Especially is this effect produced in the black loam of Illinois. We have in our mind one fruit garden there where all the small fruit was treated in this way, and have never seen their yield excelled.—National Farmer.



SOUHEGAN.

says he thinks it will take the place of 'Davidson's Thornless,' with which it ripens, being larger and more prolific. It will go between strawberries and the main crop of Blackcaps \* \*."

Much more of the same sort might be given, but enough has been said to show its claims, and the ground of re-

A RECENT English writer gives the following, which suggests the way in which hardy wood-climbers might be made available for window decoration in winter or in early spring: "Some years ago, as I was passing through a room used only occasionally, I perceived an odor of fresh flowers tha

Remember that the first in the field has a great advantage. Read our Clubbing and Premium List on page 121.

It is a grand comfort to feel that God is right, whatever and whoever else may be wrong.

If our troubles do not drive us from our duty to God, they should not drive us from our comfort in God