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THE SHIPPER'S PRIDE.

We call the attention of our readers to this new plum, because from what we can learn concerning its claims to the attention of fruit growers, it seems to be remarkably suited to the needs of those who are growing plums for market. We are informed by Mr. H. S. Anderson, of Union Springs, N.Y., a gentleman in whose statements we place the utmost confidence, that it combines beauty of appearance, large size, good flavor, sufficient firmness to bear transportation well, and long-keeping qualities, with great productiveness. These are all important points in a fruit for the market, but especially size and beauty, for these have much weight with the purchasing public.

This plum, we are told, originated near the shores of Lake Ontario in the north-western part of the State of New York, and the tree is sufficiently hardy to endure, without the slightest injury, the severest cold of that region. We must confess that this is not a very definite statement as to the place of its origin, seeing that the lake is more than a hundred miles in length between the Niagara River and Sacket's Harbor; it may, however, be sufficient to

give our readers an idea of the climate in which it originated and the degree of cold which it has there endured.

The original tree is said never to have failed to yield a good crop since it began to bear, while in some seasons the crop has been so heavy that it became necessary to prop up the branches to prevent them from breaking down beneath the load of fruit.

The plums are described as being of large size, it being by no means uncommon to gather specimens measuring two inches in diameter each way, they being very nearly round. In color they are of a very handsome dark purple, as will be seen by reference to the colored plate, for which we are indebted to the politeness of Mr. Anderson. The flesh adheres partially to the stone, is firm in texture, yet juicy, sweet and of good flavor. The fruit keeps well, is an unusually good shipper, whence the name, and is in season from the first to the middle of September.

The *Rural New Yorker* says of it that it is "a large, dark purple, oval plum, fine, juicy and sweet." The *Gardner's Monthly* says, "a large, round, dark purple plum, of excellent