

the wood has no blight or disease. Every *other species of fruit tree gives the grower a world of trouble on account of these*. Of these facts all are too well aware.

Common sense is quite as necessary in fig growing as elsewhere. A correspondent informs me that he has a "fig tree with thirty five sprouts." What kind of an apple tree would that be? He would have to wait a long time for any apples, and then they would be "smaller by degrees and beautifully less." Cut off all the sprouts but one, and plant them, and "in the sweet by-and-by" you will have thirty five trees.

The writer of a paper on the cultivation of the fig, (Department of Agriculture Special Report No. 4,) speaking of fig raising in the Southern and Middle States, says, "There are few fruit trees with so little trouble in their cultivation, that bear so abundantly or yield so much for so little care as the fig." Again, "The fruit is so great a luxury and so useful in so many ways, there is no reason why it should not become a very considerable article of commerce, and thus add to the wealth of the country."

If fig growing is so desirable for the Southern and Middle States, the testimony of Gen. Worthington is direct to the point, and makes sure the fact that fig growing is a success in our Northern States also. After years of cultivating the fig in Ohio, he says: "It is quick grown, suits our climate admirably, is easily protected, is a sure bearer, and very prolific. The trees begin to bear when two years old, and when four or five they produce from the same area, with less labor, a greater and more certain crop than either potatoes or tomatoes. I like them best fresh from the tree, and often breakfast on them. The demand by the family is very great. The fig tree is eminently *the* fruit for the cottager and villager, and when its merits and adaptability to our climate become known, it will be as regularly grown for family use all over the Ohio valley as either the potato or tomato." And what is true of that State is true of the whole north.

In the Scriptures the vine and fig are very often mentioned in connection! (By the way, the fig will flourish where the vine grows.) And I ask that all my readers will join with me in a very loud LAUS DEO at the near approach of the promised good time. (Micah 4: 1 to 4.) When in all our broad land, north and south, "they shall sit every man under his own vine and fig tree, and none shall make afraid;" because all enjoy their God-given rights.