

✂ Question Drawer. ✂

Grapes: Select Varieties.

1037. SIR,—I want to plant a few grape vines in my garden here, and I would like to get your opinion on varieties. I would like to put in all three colors—red, white and black. Kindly send me the names in the order of your own preference, of three or four varieties of each color, mentioning whether they ripen early or late, and whether they are quite hardy and capable of resisting mildew. I want to get vines that have begun to bear, partly to have them true to name, and partly because I want them to bear soon.

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In reply to your letter of the 25th inst., I would recommend the following list of grapes for planting at Toronto, black—Moore's Early, Concord, Wilder; white—Lady, Green Mountain, Niagara; Red—Lindley, Brighton, Del-

aware, Agawam, Salem. All these should succeed with you so far as hardiness is concerned, and in ordinary season all should ripen their fruit well. I have named them under each color in the order of ripening, and they will cover the grape season pretty fully. A few of them will keep for winter use, especially Lindley, Agawam and Salem, if kept at a temperature below 40° with plenty of ventilation.

I would not advise you to plant bearing vines, as they are liable to be stunted in removal. You should rather plant one year old vines which will suffer less in removal. These will come into bearing within two or three years. and give better satisfaction.

* Open Letter. *

Our Fruit at Omaha.

SIR,—We have received good specimens of fruit from British Columbia, Ontario and Nova Scotia. We received this week 3 bbls. from Mr. Starr, Nova Scotia, one bbl. of Gravensteins, half Red Banks, which were very fine. We made two pyramids of them, one of each kind. On the top we put two large apples, one of them the largest apple in the grounds, weighing 26 ounces and measuring 15 inches in circumference. The Oklahoma Exhibit has one larger around but not as heavy. Our large apple is a Chebucto Beauty from N. S. We have now about 200 square feet of surface covered with fruit, all fresh, making the largest, if not the finest collection on the grounds, which is a great surprise to a large number of people who think Canada is such a cold place that we cannot grow anything but ice-bergs. We have had intelligent-looking people tell us that they didn't believe we raised the fruit we are showing in Canada. Though they

raise large quantities of apples here in the Western States they are way behind Canadian fruit for flavor. Nebraska prides herself as being the banner apple growing State of the West. This being the off-year for apples in the Western States she cannot make a very fine display; not half as good as she made at the opening of the Exposition with the crop of 1897, which were kept in cold storage and lasted until new fruit appeared. The Exhibit the Canadian Government made here has been a success. The object the Government had in making it was to attract settlers to the North-Western provinces, and it has, and will still further in the years to come, be the means of inducing thousands of good settlers to go there to make for themselves and their children good homes under the freest Government in the world.

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