

are other finer varieties, but they ripen earlier, as for example the Wealthy, which is one of the most beautiful of apples, and profitable for market. In northern sections it is sometimes classed among the winter varieties.

A HARDY RUSSET APPLE.

SIR,—Which is the best Russet apple for this section?

GEO. WOOD, Erasmus.

The American Golden Russet has the reputation of being quite hardy, and might be suitable to your purpose.

DEAD SIDE OF CEDAR HEDGE.

SIR,—May I ask you to say, either in the Canadian Horticulturist or by letter if you prefer, the cause of complete death of one side of my cedar hedge about eight years old, the side exposed to the cold winds being O.K. The dead side had bank of snow lying against it all winter. Would it be smothering? How can I repair—by planting small cedars close under the side?

Manitowaning.

W. J. TUCKER.

The so-called white cedar (*Arbor Vitæ*) has very tender branches, which a very light weight will destroy. The writer has a beautiful specimen of *Thuja Pyramidalis*, which is a kindred variety of *Arbor Vitæ*, of which he was very proud, until a few

days ago a small boy climbed it for a bird's nest and every branch touched by his feet turned brown and died. The only hope is to prune off the dead portions and allow the small shoots to grow out; but it can never be again the beautiful tree it was.

We have no doubt that Mr. Tucker's hedge has suffered on the one side from the weight of the snow. While the treatment above described might help to some extent; or, possibly the young trees planted near would grow up and hide the bare places, yet the surest way would be an entirely new plantation if the damage is very serious.

FRANCE BUYING CANADIAN APPLES—THE ENGLISH MARKET.

Not only have enquiries been made at Ottawa by French firms for our apples; but French buyers are here and have already made purchases in the West. One of these buyers wanted to contract 30,000 barrels of seconds for making cider from a firm here. He stated that if he could not buy the fruit he would endeavor to buy the cider. A purchase of 5,000 bbls. is reported as having been made by a French firm in the West, but the terms were private.

There is no doubt that Europe as well as Great Britain is short of apples, and will require considerable imports from Canada and the United States; but whether present prices in Liverpool and London will be maintained when the increased shipments now on the way are received there remains to be seen. A cable from London received here on Tuesday last advised a very strong market, Nova Scotia gravesteins bringing 20s and other Canadian varieties 15s to 18s per bbl.

SPIRAEA ANTHONY WATERER.

THIS charming plant is just beginning to be appreciated. It has many admirable qualities all its own. It is exceedingly hardy, coming into leaf sometimes before the snow is entirely out of sight. It starts from the ground each spring and consequently blooms on the growth of the same season. The new leaves are as pretty as flowers, being irregular, in white, pink and green. Later on they lose the brightness

of leaf and the stiffer stems appear, growing from twelve to sixteen, sometimes eighteen, inches, and bearing blooms as large as the stem will hold, of pink flowers lasting in bloom for a long while. The many situations for which such a plant is useful are easily understood, but one I think of just now is too important to omit special mention: that is, for covering graves in country cemeteries.—C. B. H.