

## IMPORTANCE OF TIDY PREMISES.

SIR.—Will you kindly insert the following in your valuable paper. In this neighborhood, I have noticed farmers and fruit growers are expecting to sell their farms to Englishmen. Quite a number of such sales have, in fact, been made. As an Englishman myself, I would offer to suggest to any one wishing to dispose of his property, that buyers are influenced a good deal in their choice of a home by the general appearance of the home and surroundings, and will pass by a farm of good soil entirely on account of the slovenliness of the door yard, gates, fences and approach. Englishmen set great store by nice shade and ornamental trees planted along the drive ways, line fences and road side. Some old fashioned flowers, rose bushes, and suitable shrubs, give that home-like look to which English people are accustomed. The outlay is very slight compared with the advantages gained in the increased beauty of the landscape. Trees can be procured to suit all soils from the poorest sand to stiff clay. Tree planting for profit has been so repeatedly dwelt upon in your pages that it is unnecessary for me to discuss this branch of the subject.

I am, yours truly,

HUGH ALLEN, *Winona, Ont.*

## TREES AND PLANTS TESTED.

VLADIMIR CHERRY—YELLOW TRANSPARENT APPLE—GOLDEN QUEEN  
RASPBERRY.

SIR.—The plants that I have received for trial have all lived and made fair growth. The Vladimir Cherry tree received in 1887, had some fair-sized but very bitter cherries on last summer's, and one black knot. The Yellow Transparent Apple received in 1886, has made good growth and bore some very nice, early apples. They were a great deal better than the Early Harvest, and I think a little better than Tetofsky. The two Golden Queen raspberries received in 1888 have grown and suckered greatly and bore a few nice, yellow berries. The bushes blossomed again in the fall, but there was no second crop.

J. ELLERBY, JUN., *Woodbridge, Ont.*

## TO DESTROY WIRE WORMS.

Some correspondence has lately appeared in the HORTICULTURIST respecting the use of salt for destroying the wire worm. This pest is hard to get rid of, and salt is but a partial remedy. Gas lime is a much more effective agent in exterminating it. Two years ago I had a fine crop of potatoes which were rendered unfit for the table by its ravages. After the crop was harvested I applied about twenty wagon loads of gas lime to the acre and plowed it in. Last spring I again planted this field to potatoes and the result was most satisfactory. Very few of the tubers were affected. The dose was heroic and about as strong as can safely be administered. I get the lime for carting it away.

R. McKNIGHT, *Owen Sound.*

## BETHEL AND GRIMES GOLDEN APPLES.

SIR.—I find that the Bethel of Vermont is called Shaker Pippin in the Eastern Townships, Winter St. Lawrence in Hunterdon County, and French Nonpareil around Montreal.

There is no apple we like so well for February and March as the Grimes' Golden, my friends pronounce them delicious. The tree is only medium in hardiness, but bears heavily every year; the color may be against them as a market variety, but should sell as well as the Greening. My Fameuse and Wealthy kept twice as long in tight barrels as on shelves in my cellar. Don't you think this is proof against putting apples in ventilated barrels and cases?

I am, yours truly,

R. BRODIE, *Montreal.*