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DWARF JUNE BERRY.

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AMONG the new fruits which seem to be possessed of a certain degree of merit, is the Juneberry, which is indigenous to a large portion of North America. There are a number of varieties of these, ranging from about the size of a currant bush to a handsome ornamental tree. The latter form may be found growing alongside the old forty-mile creek at Grimsby, and it is handsome enough to grace a lawn, especially when in bloom. The dwarf varieties, no doubt, were originally introduced from the Rocky Mountains. These are more productive and fruitful than the larger growing ones.

The fruit of the Juneberry is delicious, and is very desirable for pies, jellies, jams and sauces. The Indians have long known its excellencies, and use it, both dry and fresh, freely. It is a wonder that it has not been more frequently mentioned in papers descriptive of our native fruits.

The chief difficulty in raising this fruit is in combatting with its numerous insect enemies, and, in populous districts, perhaps still more serious enemies are the boys and birds, all of whom are extremely fond of it. As the form most likely to be grown in the garden is the dwarf variety, which is the subject of this sketch, it will be an easy thing to protect it from the birds by the use of leno, but this would be impracticable if it were grown in large quantities for market. However, it has recently been noticed that, where it is grown by the acre, the quantity of fruit taken by the birds is scarcely noticeable.