

observer cannot but be struck at the excellence of the displays of hardy grapes. It has been estimated that the total amount of heat in the Rhine region during the season of vegetation never surpasses 2,700 degrees centigrade, whilst that of Quebec amounts to over 4,000 degrees. With the view, therefore, of inducing some to plant vines, and serve the double purpose of bringing profit and enjoyment to themselves, as well as beautifying the country, and, in the absence of trees, help to regulate the rainfall, I will endeavor to give a few practical hints from my own experience, which, although short, has been very satisfactory.

THE VARIETIES TO PLANT.

It is idle growing a great number of varieties, and folly rushing heavily into every new introduction; it will be found better for general culture to confine the number to, say, six or eight of the standards. The following, then, may be considered reliable, and, when well grown, quite good enough for the most fastidious:

BLACK.—Concord, Merrimack (Rogers' 19), Creveling, Herbert (Rogers' 44) and, for wine, the Improved Clinton.

RED.—Delaware, Agawam (Rogers' 15) and Lindley (Rogers' No. 9).

WHITE.—Sweet Water, Allen's Hybrid and the Martha.

These varieties are now well known, and their qualities need not be commented on by me; all that is necessary to make them good is careful culture. The Merrimack, Delaware and Allen's Hybrid perhaps suffer more from the attacks of the thrip than the others. The newer varieties have not been sufficiently tested in this region to warrant their recommendation for general cultivation.

THE PLANTS.

In my opinion, the best and most perfect vines are those propagated from single eyes. This will appear obvious to many from