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### ✻ Notes and Comments. ✻

**PLANT LICE.**—These insects have been very troublesome this season, especially in the cherry trees. Not only have they stunted the tree growth, but they have also lessened the fruit growth, causing the cherries to mature irregularly, and to be of smaller size than usual. This pest is becoming so serious that some means must be taken to destroy it. We used kerosene emulsion this season, but, while it killed the aphids, the second and third application seemed to burn the foliage very severely. We are glad to notice that whale oil soap, one pound to seven gallons of water, has been proved to be equally effective, and not injurious to the foliage. Not all the whale oil soap sold is of good quality, and in the purchase the greatest care must be observed to secure the best grades.

**CURCULIO IN CHERRIES.**—Never before have we seen the curculio to be so troublesome in the cherry as this season. Between this insect and the aphid, which has been so abundant as to cause the fruit to ripen most irregularly, the cherry crop has proved almost worthless. The larva of the curculio is not a very attractive morsel, but it is hard to find any cherries free from them. Not like the plums, the stung cherry does not fall to the ground but continues until maturity, and overgrows the crescent mark so that it can scarcely be detected as a wormy cherry without breaking it open.

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**THE NORTH STAR Currant** has done better this season than previously. The branch is very healthy and vigorous, and an abundant bearer of fair-sized fruit of good flavor; much more agreeable to