

say here at the close, to any who would like to have roses and who are deterred from growing them on account of these insect bug-bears, that if you have already fought the Colorado Beetle with any measure of success, and if you will promise to take the same interest in your roses that you have already done in your potatoes you need have no fear of the result. F. MITCHELL.

Innerkip, July 8th.

BIDWELL STRAWBERRY.

DEAR SIR,—I have a Bidwell strawberry in my garden measuring six and one-half inches in circumference. Is that not very good for a Bidwell?

Yours truly, DR. A. HARKNESS.

Lancaster, June 28, 1886.

THE GREGG RASPBERRY AT PETERBOROUGH.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to your note in the July *Horticulturist* in reference to the Gregg black cap, I may say that after I have gathered what little fruit my Gregg's will bear this year, I shall dig them out. Though well sheltered and on well drained land they have winter-killed every season for four years, so as scarcely to yield anything. It is not more than a second quality berry anyway. Yours truly,

G. M. ROGER.

SOME HARDY SHRUBS.

DEAR SIR,—The dewberry is now doing finely and so is the Fay's Prolific Currant plant that I got last year; 1885 being my first year a subscriber to the *Canadian Horticulturist*. I like the *Horticulturist* very well and especially the Annual Report of F. G. A. of O. I have some plants that I think will prove hardy in most parts of Western Ontario. *Daphne Cneorum* comes out in spring completely covered with its sweet scented flowers and gives

a few in right along until the fall when it is again covered with flowers. The Variegated Weigela also does well and holds its colour good. The Double White Deutzia requires a slight protection, but it well repays a little extra care. The Yucca plant stands the cold very good and the Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora is quite hardy and a very rapid grower, but the Rose is my favorite. I have not a great many varieties yet; about twenty different varieties and some good seedlings.

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THE PEWAUKEE APPLE.

It is, as I am informed, claimed for this variety of apple that it is a seedling of the Russian apple Duchess of Oldenburg, having its characteristics as to hardihood, being dubbed an iron-clad, and its bearing qualities, with the additional recommendation that it is a winter fruit.

Now, with regard to its two first qualities, I will not dispute, but to the latter I object upon a scientific reason, and that, too, most decidedly, as inconsistent with the laws of nature which are the laws of order and never deviate.

It is well-known by botanists that the Duchess of Oldenburg is a development of the wild crab, a variety indigenous to central Russia and ripens its fruit towards the close of the season in that country and would therefore be in our climate nothing else than a late summer variety, and its succeeding progeny precisely the same; this also being the case with all varieties from that country, and, as a rule, all are summer fruit and cannot possibly be otherwise. To produce a winter variety from any variety of Russian apple would require a special suspension of the laws of nature and this does not often occur in this degenerate age.