

They were shown by Mr. J. K. Gordon, of Whitby, a gentleman who has carried off more prizes for plums than any other plum grower that we know of. He has collected over seventy varieties of plums in his orchard, and is a great enthusiast in their culture, and is constantly adding to the number. His experience with the Gueii, is not so favorable as Mr. Willard's, for in that district he has found it very subject to rot. Here is what he says: "In reply to your letter asking for my opinion of the Gueii plum, I beg to say that the tree grows to a fine size, and though rather long in coming into bearing, is fairly productive of medium to large fruit, and, though not a dessert, is a very fine plum for preserving with sugar. But with me it has one great fault, which utterly condemns it in my estimation, namely, it rots badly. Last year, though both my trees of it were well loaded, I did not pick from them one sound specimen, and this year, though the rot was not prevalent among my other varieties, I lost at least two-thirds of my crop of the Gueii, and my intention is, to graft it over with another variety in the spring."

It is hardly fair, however, to condemn so excellent a plum for this unfavorable experience reported from a single locality, and it would be well if other growers who have fruited this variety would report as fully as possible concerning it.

Among the growers along the Hudson River, this new variety is regarded as most valuable for market purposes.

In general, the Gueii plum may be described as follows: Fruit, large, deep bluish-purple covered with thick bloom; flesh, yellowish-green, coarse, sweet and pleasant; a great bearer; very early; the tree is hardy and a rapid grower; fruit ripens from the first to the middle of September.

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DAHLIAS.—These flowers for autumn blooming, are receiving increased attention, and the single-flowered varieties are gaining rapidly in popularity as they become better known. They are easily cultivated, increase rapidly, and a stock once procured can be kept from year to year as long as desired. By starting the roots early in pots in the house they can be brought into flower before the middle of summer if that is desired. But it is a great point in their favor if they bloom late, when many kinds of flowers have passed away. The tall growing, the dwarf and the handsome single varieties, make a great stock to select from, and one has ample opportunity in them to indulge his fancy.—*Vick's Magazine.*

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KEEPING GERANIUMS.—The old method of hanging geraniums by the roots can hardly be called a good one, as too many will die. The better plan is to trim pretty severely and set closely together in boxes; keep rather dry and re-pot in spring.—*Floral Instructor.*