

over with small watery pustules that appear as fragments of ice. A light soil, with full exposure to sun, is all they require. There are annual and perennial varieties of them.

Hardy Irises.

75. CAN you tell me in the next issue of the *HORTICULTURIST* what variety of Iris would stand this climate?—*Levi F. Selleck, Morrisburg.*

Reply by N. Robertson, Ottawa.

Of the Iris there are three distinct kinds, but many hybrid species have been introduced. So far as I have seen, all are hardy. The bulbous varieties should be taken up every second year and replanted, as the formation of new bulbs is always downward, and if this is not done the bulbs get too far down and soon die out. This has been frequently attributed to frost killing them, they

are all the better of a transplant after several years. Light sandy soil is what they prefer.

Apple for Name.

To the Secretary F. G. A. of Ontario.

SIR,—I forward you by mail an apple. If you could inform me of its right name through the *CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST*, you will oblige. It has grown on a young tree that was planted about five years ago. I have two more trees of the same variety which appear to be early and good bearers. The trees were without labels when I came on the place three years ago. I may have others to name.—*G. PEDRICK, Walkerville.*

The apple you have is a fine specimen of the Duchess of Oldenburg which was illustrated with a colored plate in the May No. of this Journal. We shall be glad to name any samples of fruit you may send unless they are either local kinds, or varieties little known.

OPEN LETTERS

Pruning Blighted Pear Trees.

SIR,—We have just finished cutting off and burning about ten loads of blighted pear brush. We sawed the limbs off, about two inches below any appearance of the disease, and gave the remaining limbs a coating with raw linseed oil, applied with a paint brush. A few years ago the pear trees blighted badly and we gave them the above treatment two or three times and saved our trees. Ten days ago I was sawing off the blighted limbs, and the limb that supported the ladder snapped off and I fell heavily to the ground, breaking my left arm below the shoulder, with a very severe shaking up.—*J. K. McMICHAEL, Waterford, Aug. 9, 1889.*

Fruit Crops in East Simcoe.

SIR,—I have about 200 seedling apple trees and 100 grafted trees, and I can count only four apples on the whole lot. About fifty of the trees have been planted from six to ten years. The frost has done its share for me this year, and left me no fruit to speak about. The Russian Mulberry has not been able to make

a bud since, but the Russian Apricots stood it all right. The Princess Louise apple is doing well so far. I have taken a great fancy to Simon's Plum, would like to try it very much. I am very well pleased with the *CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST*, and herewith send one dollar for my renewal.—*T. A. GRATIN, Coldwater, Ont., July 26, 1889.*

Ottawa Gardeners' Club.

SIR,—I promised you some details of the subjects taken up by the Gardeners' and Florists' Club we have established here. The one of "Whether it is desirable in planting trees to cut away the Branches and Leaders" is not finished after three nights on it. We have now appointed three men to examine into the systems of tree planting and report at our next meeting; so far the pole system receives the greatest support. I will give you a summary of the whole when finished. It has been most interesting, and brought out some unthought-of features. "Which variety of Tomato is the best for general market purposes" was