

I fear few would fall on to the sheet placed beneath the trees to be beaten. Single rose bushes, or vines, can of course be covered

with mosquito netting, but this is impracticable on a large scale. The injury to apples is much less common than to grapes.

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## QUESTION DRAWER.

### Excrescence on Elm Twig.

1171.—SIR.—Enclosed I send you a cutting from one of my American Elms planted 12 or 14 years ago; I also notice a red, juicy matter exuding from some of them, with a large knotty substance growing on the trunk of the tree.

Port Hope.

J. HELM.

The excrescence on the small elm twig from Mr. Helm, Port Hope, is merely an effort of the elm tree to overcome a former injury which may have originally been caused by the Woolly Aphis of the elm. These woody nodular growths are frequently found on the Canadian ash and apple.

Ottawa.

J. FLETCHER.

1172. SIR.—Kindly advise me in the Horticulturist what is the best variety for size and flavor to be planted in clay soil for home consumption.

A SUBSCRIBER.

I presume the Subscriber means by "*for home consumption*" for his own table, and asking for flavor he wants a berry of quality. If am right in my surmise, I would name the "*Annie Laurie*" as such a berry. It is a staminate, a seeding of Mr. Beaver's, of

Ohio; bright, shining scarlet in color, gold seeds on the outside; very much resembling the Jersey Queen in appearance. It is of the very finest quality, in fact you might take it for a standard of quality; it is medium to late in season; it is fairly productive; the very finest table variety, and is a fine one for canning; it is a staminate variety. But if the subscriber means by home consumption the home market and wants to know the best market variety, I have no hesitation in naming the Clyde as the best for such purposes. A strong grower, staminate, plant very healthy, fruit very large, firm, good flavored and a wonderful producer of the largest berries; stands dry weather among the best. The Clyde has done well the past season. It seems to have succeeded well in clay, as well as on the lighter soils. It is highly spoken of wherever grown. Stands easily first among strawberries for all purposes.

Port Rowan.

E. B. STEVENSON.

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## Open Letters.

### Fruit Prospects About Goderich.

SIR.—The prospects for fruit are not what was expected earlier in the season in this district. There are no plums scarcely, cherries were very few; the birds left us the pits of the early ones, the few there were. We had a fair crop of Rockport. This is the best variety I know of in this neighborhood. It is a fine meaty cherry with a small pit. Pears with us are also scarce, except the Bartlett, which is good. Apples—some trees b ossomed freely, but the fruit is very thin on the

trees. What there is looks very well. On the whole there will be a very light crop.

We are not much troubled with the tent caterpillar in this section, I am glad to say. The Duchess seems to be the heaviest yielder with us. The small fruit, as strawberries and raspberries, is a fair crop. Gooseberries rather light; currants good. I find during haying that the grasshoppers are very scarce this year.

Goderich.

WALTER HICK.