

Peaches and Plums for East Middlesex.

782. SIR,—Please give me a list of six peaches and six plums best adapted to the climate of East Middlesex, the thermometer dropping to 25 below zero.

G. H. NIXON, *Hyde Park.*

We could not recommend any variety of peach for such a temperature. The plums are hardier, and you should succeed with such varieties as Lombard, Bradshaw, Green Gage, German Prune, Italian Prune, Yellow Egg, etc.

The Lawver Apple.

783. SIR,—Please give me a description of the Lawver apple. I have some trees bearing, which I purchased for that variety, but which I fear are not true to name.

G. H. N.

The following is the description:—*Tree* vigorous, spreading, an early and annual bearer. *Fruit* large, roundish, oblate. Color, dark bright red, covered with small dots. Stalk medium, cavity deep, regular. Calyx small, closed. Basin medium, furrowed. Flesh white, firm, crisp, sprightly aromatic, mild, sub-acid. January to May.

Alkaline Wash for Pear Trees.

784. SIR,—If the bark is first scraped off pear trees, would strong lye wash injure them?

G. H. N.

If too strong it would. One pound concentrated lye to three gallons water is strong enough.

Weeping Ornamental Trees.

785. SIR,—How are weeping ornamental trees propagated?

D. B. H.

The weeping varieties of a tree are usually top grafted upon standard upright growing varieties either of the same or some allied kind of tree.

Tree Pæonia.

786. SIR,—How are tree pæonies propagated, by slips, or root sprouts.

D. B. HOOVER, *Almira.*

The shrubby, or Tree pæonia, is sometimes propagated by layers, but usually by grafting slips or scions upon the stout fleshy roots of the herbaceous pæonia. This kind does not succeed as well in Canada as in Europe. Our summers are not so favorable, and our early spring frosts injurious to their best success.