

**SMALL FRUITS.**—Titterington Bros., St. Catharines, Mr. Hagarman, Oakville, W. M. Orr, Fruitland (fifteen varieties of cherries, the finest shown, the result of thorough spraying), F. G. Stewart, Horner; Van Duzer & Griffith, Grimsby; Orser & Son, Bloomfield, Ont. (some magnificent Olivet cherries, a new Duke of great promise), John Scott, St. Catharines; Parnell Bros., St. Catharines (seedling cherries); W. A. Honsberger, Jordan; Richard Painter, E. Kennedy, W. W. Hill, and A. Railton, St. Catharines; Mr. Railton showed the first Cuthbert raspberries, and, so far his are the finest sent in.

The writer sent in a collection of horticultural literature published by the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association. This exhibit brought us a diploma and a medal at the Columbian Exposition, and also at the Paris Exposition, and no doubt will do the same at the Pan-American; also a collection of fruit.

Comparing our exhibits with others we find Ontario ahead in the size of gooseberries, while New York State, so far, leads in the display of currants.

**NOVELTIES.**—A novelty is shown in the latter exhibit, by Mr. E. H. Fay, of Portland, N. Y., son of the originator of the Fay Currant, which he calls the New Chautauqua Climbing Currant. The following is Mr. Fay's account of this currant:—

The Chautauqua Climbing Currant was found in an old slashing. It attracted the attention of Mr. Lonnen of Mayville, N. Y., who was passing that way. Seeing a plant or vine covering a log, and loaded with fruit that had the appearance of currants, he secured some slips, and set them out by the side of his house, intending to return later and make a more thorough examination and remove the plant to his grounds, but before doing so fire destroyed it. As good fortune favored, one of the slips grew, and it made such a rapid growth that from time to time

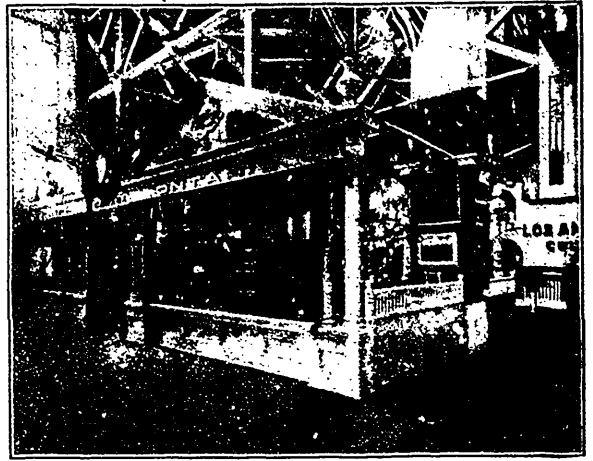


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he took small pieces of leather and nailed it to the house to support it, until in a short time it had reached the height of 14 feet and a breadth of 8 feet, and bore immense crops of fine fruit.

Four years ago I secured the entire stock, having but little faith in it except as a novelty. I planted a few small roots to test it for field culture to see if by heading back I could make it grow in bush shape. Last season, being the third season, I had bushes as large as Fay currants set from 5 to 6 years. After picking and marketing my Fay currants I let these remain upon the bushes from 3 to 4 weeks to see how they would keep. When I picked them the party that handled them said they were the finest and largest currants he ever saw, the heavy foliage having protected them from the sun. Having become convinced that they were ahead of the Fay currant (which is hard for me to admit, my father being the originator and I doing all of the cultivating and propagating, my father having died before any of the plants were sold), I have decided to offer some of the plants for sale, believing they are the only currant that can be made to grow upon stakes or trellis the same as grape vines, thereby insuring a fine,