

With Concord's abundant at four cents, quality alone must have the credit of this advance. Does it pay?

I frequently hear people talk of the profits of growing Concord's at two and one-half cents per pound, and their satisfaction at such prices, but when I reach that condition of mind I shall be more of a lunatic than I am now. I would rather go out to work at a dollar a day, turn tramp, or go to the almshouse by a more direct route.

With the present condition of our markets and the business, I am convinced, from my own experience, that the most important factor in securing profits, or even satisfactory prices, for our agricultural and horticultural products is in improving the quality, even if the quantity is diminished. Better fruit and less of it.

I think it was Webster who said, there was "plenty of room at the top."

Will it not pay more of our fruit-growers to try and get there?—E. WILLIAMS, in *Michigan Horticulturist*.

#### VARIETIES OF RASPBERRIES TO EAT.

I feel some embarrassment in writing upon what is so clearly a matter of taste, knowing that that subtle sense varies so much in individuals that it would be audacious for any one to set up his own as a standard.

I may be under an illusion but am impressed that I used when a boy, roving over fields and woods, to occasionally strike a stool of black raspberries, growing in just enough shade, with roots feeding in just the right kind of compost, that produced berries of the most delicate and exquisite flavor of any I ever ate. In fact, as I have since tested new varieties of raspberries, the memory of the flavor of those I used to eat, strung on a timothy stalk, would obtrude and become a standard of comparison.

The Mammoth Cluster was a favorite of mine for eating, not so much, perhaps, because of its high flavor as for its freedom from seeds. A berry with pulp crowded full of seeds is not very pleasant eating of however high flavor.

Seneca is another high-flavored black-cap, but, for some reason, has failed to push its way into popular favor, perhaps because it had no one particularly interested in pushing it.

Of the black-caps now grown extensively for market or evaporating, none, I think, are of very high quality. Gregg is one of the poorest; Ohio is a little better but not of high quality, and the same may be said of Tyler. I think Hopkins may prove better than any of the three. A new variety, not yet much disseminated, "Reyes," is the *sweetest* black-cap I ever tasted.

Passing on to the reds, among the best in flavor are Knevett's Giant and Herstine, and I think they are well worthy the attention of the amateur, although not perfectly hardy. Among hardy sorts, Clarke, Turner and Culbert are of good quality. I think Marlboro will rank pretty high in quality. Excelling all in delicate flavor, yellow berry, Brinckle's Orange, will repay considerable effort for its production.

For the table, well mixed with sugar, I know of none that please me more than Shaffer, although of inferior flavor, eaten out of hand.—P. C. REYNOLDS, in *Michigan Horticulturist*.

#### CANADA'S FRUIT EXPORT.

The trade tables show a steady growth in Canada's exports of fruits during recent years. The declared value is now over half a million dollars, and, although this is but a small sum, it doubtless has a marked effect on the home prices.—*Montreal Witness*,