

original tree brought to England eight hundred years ago, by Thomas a'Becket, and from which he says he has eaten fruit each year for many years past.

I will be pleased to send my paper "*Fig Culture at the North a Success*" to any address, (the party enclosing a postage stamp) though perhaps the full publication of the practical part of it in the July number, will obviate the necessity of your readers ordering it.

We have received the following article from B. Gott, Arkona, in response to our request that he would give the readers of the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST the benefit of his experience in growing peaches for market, and we are sure our readers will join us in thanking him for his kind and ready response.

PEACHES MOST PROFITABLE FOR MARKET IN OUR CLIMATE.

BY B. GOTT, ARKONA.

By the term "our climate," I mean those conditions of atmosphere and earthly surroundings common to a large part of western Ontario. By the word "market," we understand any market in this country that is the readiest attainable. This western Ontario is a hard region in which to think of growing tender and luscious peaches, and will in no respect compare for this purpose with the congenial and far-famed Atlantic sea-board, where early peaches of the finest character are so largely grown. Yet by some unexplainable and mysterious Providence over us, peaches are grown—and, moreover, are grown in large quantities—and to our utter astonishment they are not so bad in size, texture, flavor and general appearance and quality. We ourselves have been engaged in the patience-trying business of peach growing in this section of western Ontario for ten years, and during all that time we have never had an off year, that is, a year when we have not had peaches. In some seasons our crop has amounted from our own orchards to between two hundred and three hundred bushels. Of course this looks rather small for a business, but you will please bear in mind that we are not yet fairly established, but are testing, trying, or experimenting in this matter, like mariners on an unknown sea.