

THE VAN WYCK SWEET CRAB.

The best of all crabs is Van Wyck Sweet Crab. It is a seeding that originated from some old crab trees growing upon the estate of Van Wyck, which had dropped their fruit; the seeds of some germinated, and young trees were carefully transplanted and cultivated. Among the number was one which was very much admired for its beauty, size, and the sweetness of its flavor. It was as handsome as a finely colored pear, with a delicate bloom upon it which resembled a plum. It had the appearance of a crab, and yet it was sweet as honey. Its general appearance and characteristics gave rise to a discussion among pomologists as to whether it was a crab or an apple. In fact, the idea generally prevailed that the crab, being in the first instance a hybrid from the apple, had gone back to its origin. Among the number who claimed it as a crab, was Mr. Fuller, and Mr. Chas. Downing, both deciding it to be a crab. But Van Wyck's crab-apple would be just the same fruit if the word crab was omitted and it was called an apple. It lacks the acid flavor which we have always considered essential to the crab, although it retains the long slender stem.--*American Cultivator.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

MONEY WELL SPENT.

Noting your kindly reminder in the HORTICULTURIST, I hasten to comply, and therefore enclose you the usual fee of one dollar, which to me I can truly say is one of the pleasures of the season, and further, is an investment the interest upon which is beyond computation, when taking into consideration the important work in which the Association is engaged. With regard to the plants already received, being comparatively a new member I have very little to report. The Burnet grape with me appears to be very close jointed, and consequently a slow grower. It did not fruit the past season. The Ontario apple is doing well, having made a fine growth the past season, as did also the raspberry plant received last spring. I wish the Fruit Growers' Association continued and increased success.

GEO. A. AUSTIN, *Simcoe.*

THE SORGUM QUESTION AGAIN.

I am satisfied that sorgum culture if properly managed will pay. I made fifteen gallons of first class syrup. There is a ready sale at 80 cents per gallon. I planted on the 23rd of May, and it was ready for the mill the 20th September; stalks from nine to eleven feet high. The ripest seed made the best syrup, but not so much in quantity. Now the next thing is to find out how to make the sugar. The longer it stood in the stalk the better the syrup. The only question is how to make sugar. When the plant attained about two feet in height it was attacked with a green plant louse that stayed in the centre until the seed stalk pushed them out. Now I hope to hear from some of the members more experienced in sorgum culture, and especially in the manufacture of the sugar.

JONAS NEFF, *Port Colborne.*