

## WESTERN JOURNALISM.



copy of the "Montana Fruit Grower" has just been examined by the writer with considerable interest. The free and easy manner with which the typical Western Journalist and correspondent uses the English language is well known and easily recognized. That this peculiar style of diction is not in vogue only with daily and weekly news and business sheets, may be inferred from the following sentences taken from a more than usually racy article in the Journal mentioned above, in which the practice of buying foreign grown nursery stock is denounced and the danger of importing injurious diseases and insects is emphasized.

"Here we see a quarrel in progress between New York and Washington as to which has given us the great wild, woolly, white-eyed, bald-faced, and peaked-toed tree aphids. This terrible monster was purchased by some 'd——' like myself, from one or the other of them, when he could have bought better stock at half the price right across the next section from his home ranch. Yes, Mr. Editor, that is just what I did, although I did not import the wild and woolly monster then or since. I can, however, produce a man who knows the "wall-eyed critter" by his roar, who found one, a whole one, alive and foaming at the mouth, on a tree that came from New York the same as mine did. Mine, however, was small fruit, and had sat in a flat car at Missouri 7 days, and were dead or died shortly after planting. I paid \$1 apiece for some varieties. Three of us—neighbors—saved one tree, a plum, out of orders aggregating \$50, with the best of care, out of that flat car. At the same time I planted the same kind of fruit from the nursery across the section, which are in blossom this year, and may perhaps bear some fruit. These last did not cost me a cent, the owner of the nursery having given them to me to place along side my boasted \$1 apiece New York stock to see if they would grow, he said. He is an old country German, was a 'König's Gärtner' there, sort of purveyor to the 'Pooh Bah,' of Germany, I suppose."

The following advice is given with regard to purchasing Eastern nursery stock :

"I say, let us ranchers buy from neither a 'New York insect and tree raiser,' or a 'Washington bug and blackberry grower,' or an 'Idaho snail and strawberry planter,' but, let us buy our fruit trees right at home in Montana. Let us band together to get State laws passed so that no one can sell these pestiferous, infectious things to suckers like myself who give them a dollar apiece for their dead and dying—travel-killed—bug coffins. We shall not anyhow have to be paying freight on such monsters as the woolly aphids."

Comment on the above is hardly necessary. We trust that the need of this vivid "Arizona Kicker," style is not felt at present nor likely to be demanded by CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST readers in the future.

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