

and very interesting indeed; we are indebted to our friends across the way for them.

I might say that this matter of growing Plums and improving our native plum has been greatly neglected. What little that has been done has been done by private experimenters. Of course, in that case they have not a great deal of time to devote to it, but there is no doubt that there is no fruit that offers such an inducement for improvement, as our native plums.

There are some varieties which can be found growing wild, all over, and if the work was taken up and these wild varieties classified, much good could be done. On the other side of the line all those wild plums originated from the natives, and I do not see why the same work cannot be carried on here. I might say that they have a splendid organization which is being carried on in Minnesota, but it has been neglected here, except by a few private individuals who have taken it up voluntarily.