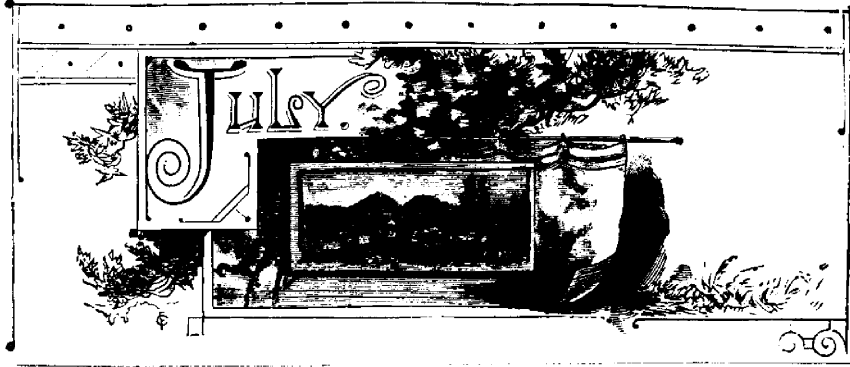


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OF LATE it has been the practice in some quarters to disparage the efforts of those who originate or introduce new varieties of fruits, on the ground that by means of glowing circulars, handsome colored plates and over-drawn descriptions, they are making fortunes out of the pockets of an over-credulous public, and at the same time giving them varieties inferior to those already in cultivation.

Now while this is in many instances true, and we, as guardians of the interests of our brother fruit growers, would warn them to invest very sparingly in two-dollar novelties of any description merely upon the seller's recommendation, we must at the same time put in a plea for the toleration and even the encouragement of that

branch of horticulture by which new varieties are produced and made public property. Do not all agree in extolling the merits of the Wilson strawberry, and yet not long ago it was a novelty, raised at Albany, N. Y., by a gentleman named James Wilson! How firm a place in the lists of first-class grapes is held by the Concord, and yet not long ago it was a novelty raised from seed by E. W. Bull of Concord, Mass! And so of most of our finest fruits now in cultivation, and who knows how far we may in time eclipse the record of the past. We therefore are desirous of forwarding this line of horticultural progress, not in the interests of nurserymen, but in the interests of fruit growers. We aim at informing our readers as early as possible concerning the origination of new