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BRITISH ORCHARDS.—Last year there were 194,723 acres of fruit orchards in Great Britain. This year the area has increased to 197,532 acres. Last year 52,975 acres were devoted to market gardens. There are now 59,473 devoted to this purpose.