

window decoration. The leaves are a deep green, with broad dark zone, which heighten the effect by their contrast.

LORD BELPER is usually described as a blood-red, but in reality it is a strange blending of Arthur Pearson and Ianthe, quite different from any other geranium, and well worthy of a place in a choice collection. The leaves are light-green, faintly zoned, the habit of the plant good, free-flowering and compact.

PALLAS does not seem to us to be any improvement on Master Christine, indeed we prefer the older sort.

CROMWELL, though good, is not equal to Sir Chas. Napier, which it closely resembles.

HAPPY THOUGHT is now well known to all of our readers, and continues to be admired for its novel leaf variegation, a creamy-white centre with green margin.

DISTINCTION has not become as popular as Happy Thought, though its very narrow black zone sets off the deep green of the leaves in very pretty style.

WINTER PROTECTION OF GRAPE VINES.

A member residing at Stratford writes to the HORTICULTURIST for our views on wintering grape vines in an elevated region like Stratford; whether laying them down, or leaving them exposed with some protection around the roots would be the better way.

To this we can only reply, that our experience leads us to prefer taking the vines down from the trellis and laying them upon the ground, and, if it be practicable, it is very advantageous to cover the vines with a few evergreen boughs. A variety of grape that will not pass the winter safely in this way had better be dug up, and a more hardy kind put in its place. There are a number of hardy vines now in cultivation which ripen their fruit early, and which will yield a good crop of grapes and ripen them thoroughly in the climate of Stratford. We should expect to succeed with the Concord, Creveling, Eumelan, Telegraph, Champion, Wilder, Massasoit, Martha, Burnet, and Moore's Early.