

very account, and find more ready sale than those in the smaller barrels. The importance of keeping to some standard is evident, when we try to make contracts with buyers at a distance. This is almost impossible unless there is a standard size which is known to both parties.

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THE LATE P. C. DEMPSEY.—In reply to a letter of condolence, in behalf of our Association, to the family of the deceased, we have received the following letter from his son, Mr. Walter Dempsey :

"*My Dear Sir*,—In your letter of the 2nd of September, you ask for some notes concerning my father's death. This is a hard task for me, the loss is so great, and often seems more than I can endure. He was more than a father to me, leading me on in the study of horticulture. He was always a great student of that subject himself, always spending his leisure hours in studying either books upon it, or his Bible. There are five hybrid pears and four hybrid apples fruiting for the first time this year. These he was watching very closely, as long as he was able to go to see them, and then he had me bring samples that he might examine them, often remarking that he would like to live to see them come to maturity.

"He complained a good deal all winter. Last March his feet began to fail him. In June the trouble settled in his right foot, and, in the latter part of July, gangrene set in, causing death. He bore his intense pain cheerfully, quoting favorite promises of the Master. The day before he died he seemed more cheerful than usual and he walked out, with the aid of his crutches, to admire some flowers, and went to see one of his hybrid pear trees. He had a good night's rest, and rose between five and six the next morning ; but, a few minutes after six o'clock, he was gone. I am very grateful to the Directors, and to yourself, for the sympathy expressed to me and mine.

"Yours truly,      WALTER H. DEMPSEY."

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TUBEROUS BEGONIAS.—Mary Frost, a Canadian writer in the Rural New Yorker talks of flowering begonias. Sandy soil, she says, is best suited to them. Although the tuberous kinds have large flowers and are very showy, the older flowering kinds are still much grown and are very useful for variety. Begonias are charming in foliage, colors and flowers, and they are as easily cultivated as geraniums. Those bedded out during the summer should be potted and brought in before the frost comes, or, if they have been in pots during the summer, they need to be re-potted in fresh soil and well cut back. They will then soon start into bloom. Begonia rubra is one of the most desirable. Argentea, metallica, Saundersoni, and others, are free flowering, and have very fine foliage. The earth in the pots should not be left to get dry, for, if the soil dries out, the plants will not look well again. With good drainage in the bottom of the pots, they cannot have too much water. Liquid manure will help their bloom.