

QUESTION DRAWER.

Apples and Plums.

900. SIR,—Would you kindly try and find out from some fruit grower if Starke Fallawater, Ontario, Utters large Red, Delaware Red, York Imperial, and Scott's Winter apple trees are early, abundant, and regular bearers, or which are the best. Also, Bradshaw, Washington, Shipper's Pride Plums, which are best as abundant and regular bearers. Also, whether Cuthbert, Golden Queen, and Shaffer's Raspberries, are the best varieties. I have plenty Ben Davis, Baldwin and Pewaukee apple trees. I want to get more apple and plum trees to plant next spring, and I want to get the very best early and abundant and regular bearers. I take THE HORTICULTURIST, but cannot get this information in the journal so far, and if you would please ask some reliable fruit grower, and let me hear, you will confer a favor on, yours truly.

THOS. F. CHAPIN, *Lisle.*

The Ontario is an early and regular bearer; it is one of the best for profit. Fallawater is neither an abundant or a regular bearer. Stark is counted one of the profitable export apples at our Bay of Quinte Station.

The other three varieties have not been sufficiently tested in our province to furnish a reliable reply. The three varieties of plums are all about equally valuable. Of raspberries the Cuthbert is best for main crop, Marlboro' for early, and Shaffer for canning.

Will some of our growers add their experiences?

Tarred Paper for Mice.

901. SIR,—I notice in THE HORTICULTURIST, that tarred paper is suggested as a preventive for mice gnawing fruit trees. My experience is, that it will not only keep the mice away, but will injure young trees as well. I wish some of your correspondents would give a remedy for this evil, that is simple, cheap, and effective.

WM. B. LEAVENS, *Chisholm, Ont.*

Our own plan is a very simple and effective one. We simply clear away all rubbish and then place a mound of fine earth about the trunk of each tree. This can be done quickly with a sharp spade. We have practiced it for thirty years and never lost a tree by mice where properly done.

An Early Grape Wanted.

902. SIR,—I have a vigorous growing Isabella grape vine, but which, owing I suppose to the shortness of our seasons, fails to ripen the quarter part of its fruit. I propose to graft it to some earlier, and better variety. I shall feel obliged by your giving me name of the most desirable grape for my purpose.

GEO. THOMSON,
Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Moore's Early is one of the best early black grapes; Lindley is one of the best early red, and Lady one of the best early white varieties.

Covering Grapes.

903. SIR,—Is it necessary to cover grape vines in winter, and is it the practice of all large growers.

E. F., *Brantford.*

In Southern Ontario, at least south of Hamilton, in favored localities, there is not the slightest necessity of covering the vines for winter protection, nor do our vineyardists practice this custom. Further north it is best to give winter protection in this way in order to obtain the best results.

Keeping Celery.

904. SIR,—What is the best way to pack celery for the winter?

E. FRENCH, *Brantford.*

That intended for late keeping should be left in the rows as late as possible, and packed in dirt half way up the stalks, and kept at a temperature of about 40°. Or, it may be stored in trenches outside. The trench is dug in a dry place, a foot wide, and as deep as the plants are tall. Set the celery plants in rows across the trench, close together. As the cold weather increases cover with leaves, and short boards, and earth over all. It may then be taken out as wanted through the winter.