

very little crab flavor being noticeable. Ten varieties of Russian apple trees carried fruit to maturity last summer. Blushed Calville, a summer variety, bore rather better than a bushel of apples of good size and of fair dessert quality, and were ripe on the 25th August. A weakness of this variety, more noticeable than in previous years, was its tendency to drop its fruit with every high wind.

The following fall varieties also carried full crops of large to extra large apples, suitable for cooking purposes:—Lieby, Ostrekoff, Silken Leaf, and Russian Gravenstein. The latter variety is, in quality, size, coloring and appearance, second to none of our eastern grown apples. A number of the Wealthy apple trees were again well loaded with fine large apples. One of the lessons learned among the apple trees the past summer is from the flat headed apple tree borer. Their work was first noticed last fall, when they worked considerable damage. They are detected by the borings or sawdust-like castings found at the root of the tree. When this is noticed the parts should be cut into with a knife until the borer is found.

Three years ago the first attempt at topworking the large apple on the crabapple was tried. So far as noted it has been a success. A number of the scions first inserted bearing heavily the past summer. The benefit of this work consists in the fact that top-working a half hardy scion on a hardy stock increases the hardiness of the scion. Such varieties of crabapple trees as Transcendant, Hyslop, Sweet Russett and Virginia, are congenial stocks, and make a firm union with the large apple.

The lack of a snow covering on the perennial flower beds killed out a few varieties, such as Sweet William, Pinks, Perennial Phlox and Bleeding Heart. But the following varieties grew vigorously, and with age appear to increase in beauty: Dictamnus, all the Larkspurs, Platycodon, the various Columbines, Coreopsis, Achillea, and a number of others. These are all hardy and desirable and are easily propagated.