

MR. CHARLES A. GREEN, in reply to the question, "How shall we keep grapes?" very sensibly says:

"How shall we keep grapes?" Why, keep them cool, dry and in thin layers. If you heap them in baskets they weigh down those in the bottom so closely as to cause mould. Place a layer of paper in the basket when half filled, then place on more grapes. We keep

ours in a cold room. When in danger of freezing we stack the baskets four or five deep in a pile and cover with heavy blankets. If desired to be kept very long we sometimes pack in dry sawdust. We have tried bran, but it did not serve a good purpose. There is no trouble in keeping ripe grapes, even the Concord, though thick skinned varieties such as Agawam, Salem, Wilder, etc., keep better.

RASPBERRIES—VARIETIES TESTED.

IN the Report of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, we find some results of experience that may interest our readers, and here present them:

Ada.—This is the second season that *Ada* has fruited here, and it has thus far been satisfactory, with the exception of showing a tendency to blight. As the blight is not troublesome in most other sections, and so far as known does not appear at all in those localities where the raspberry is most at home, there need be no fear on that score. In vigor and productiveness the *Ada* equals the *Gregg*, and perhaps excels it in the latter particular, and is about the same in season, continuing in bearing a little longer, if there is any difference. In fruit, the two varieties are similar, the *Ada* being a trifle the smaller. We have not been able to test its hardiness, but there can hardly be a doubt but it will prove satisfactory in that respect. Commercial growers will do well to give it a trial.

Hilborn.—This variety has thus far given entire satisfaction here, the plants being hardy, vigorous and productive, while the fruit is unsurpassed in appearance. It can hardly fail to take rank as one of the best second-early black caps. Another season's trial confirms what has been said of this variety in previous reports. Its uncommon vigor, productiveness and beauty of fruit commend it to the attention of fruit-growers generally.

Johnston's Sweet.—This is another good second-early black cap, and is thought by some to excel all others in quality. It has shown no weakness here, except that the canes have been affected more than most other varieties by blight. It produced but little fruit the past season, owing to the blight. As stated concerning the *Ada*, this

need cause no uneasiness to those living in more favored sections. It is a safe variety to try.

Marlboro.—There is still much difference of opinion as to the value of this variety. It does not rank as a prolific bearer here, and yet is valuable, as it uniformly gives a fair crop of very fine berries. It surely has sufficient merit to warrant further trial.

Nemaha.—Thus far this variety has not proven equal to the *Gregg* in productiveness and size of fruit. Not fully tested as to hardiness. Another season's trial shows that it is decidedly inferior to the *Gregg* in the above respects, the berries being about the size of the *Ohio*.

Earhart.—Fruited here for the first time last season. The plants are vigorous and healthy, and apparently productive. It is probably one of the best of the ever-bearing sorts. The first crop this season was nearly equal to that of most other varieties, and there are still considerable numbers of unripe berries and blossoms.

Golden Queen.—So far this variety has proven to be all that has been claimed for it. The plants are hardy, vigorous, healthy and productive, while the fruit is beautiful in appearance and excellent in quality. It is an excellent variety for home use, and might be profitably grown for some markets.

Tyler (Souhegan).—The most reliable and profitable of early black caps. The fruit is small, and not of high quality, but sells at good prices because of its earliness. It has been reported as having a tendency to rust in some localities, but it has not exhibited that weakness here, and it is a matter of doubt if those so reporting it have it true to name.

Turner.—Among the red varieties the *Turner* is still the standard for earliness and productiveness. It may not show the first ripe berries, but it will yield a good picking