

The Apricot Plum is a large greenish-yellow plum, measuring 6½ inches in circumference, and has a very small stone.

The County of Peterborough can by no means claim exemption from the ravages of injurious insects.

The *Galeruca vittata*, commonly called the Cucumber Beetle, appeared on my melon vines in June, in far greater abundance than usual. Being unlike the Potato Beetle, exceedingly active and very wide-awake, it is not so easily captured as its larger and more formidable congener. On approaching a bed, those beetles that are on the surface of the leaves, either fly rapidly away or run beneath the leaves, and dropping to the ground, quickly make their escape. I found the best method of capturing them was by the careful manipulation of a small butterfly net.

Another small beetle that attacked the grape vines about the same time, was one of the flea-beetles, the *Haltica chalybea*. This beetle destroys the buds as well as the leaves of the vines. These beetles are also pretty active, although not so much so as the *Galeruca*. As their name indicates, they hop as well as fly, but I caught the majority of those I found in my garden without much difficulty. They, like the Cucumber Beetles, are very conspicuous in appearance, varying in color from a glossy blue of different shades to a green, and measuring nearly one-fifth of an inch.

The Codlin Moth, *Carpocapsa pomonella*, an unwelcome immigrant from the "Old Country," is a constant visitant. Numbers of the caterpillars may be captured by pinning a piece of old cloth around the trunks of the trees at a short distance from the ground early in the summer, and destroying the *larvæ* that have found shelter there day by day.

- The Pear-tree Slug, the *larva* of one of the saw flies, *Selandria Cerasi*, is an occasional visitor, although I have not found them during the present season. They feed on the surface of the leaves of pear, cherry and plum trees, and thus, the lungs being destroyed, the trees ultimately perish, or at all events are unable to mature their fruit.

Last year, during my absence from home in August, the gaudy red-humped caterpillar, the *larva* of the *notodonta concinna*, defoliated a flourishing specimen of the Pomme Grise apple tree which I had received from our Association.