

❧ Question Drawer. ❧

Sarah Raspberry.

1034. SIR,—Kindly let me know whether you consider the Sarah raspberry a suitable variety to plant for market. How would it compare with Loudon, Shaffer or Columbia for hardiness and productiveness.

J. PARKINSON, *Portage la Prairie.*

For hardiness we think it speaks well for Sarah that it succeeds so well at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Mr. McCoun, the Horticulturist, says of it:—"The Sarah raspberry continues to give good satisfaction here, being productive and making very strong canes. We have not yet compared it with Loudon as regards yield, but I think it will compare well with that variety and other such sorts. It also seems quite hardy."

This raspberry was produced in London, Ontario, by Dr. Saunders from seed of Shaffer. The plant is a moderate grower, and suckers freely. The fruit is large and round, color deep garnet and very juicy, and very rich; in season it succeeds the Cuthbert.

Ginseng.

1035. SIR,—Can you tell me where I can get Ginseng seed? I would like to try a bed of it, but do not know where to get the seed.

ALFRED LAKE, *Newcastle, Ont.*

Ginseng seeds and roots are offered for sale by George Stanton, Summit Station, Onondaga County, New York; or by H. P. Kelsey, 1123 Tremont St., Boston, Massachusetts. The seeds are

sold for \$1.50 per ounce, and the roots at from \$3.00 to \$6.00 per hundred.

Very truly yours,

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Assist. Botanist, U. S. Dep. Agr.

* Mr. A. Mickle, Grimsby, Ont., also had a few seeds for sale.

Pears for Export.

1036. SIR,—I am about to plant a pear orchard for export, as I think when the Cold Storage is brought down to business shape, there ought to be something in pear culture. My idea is to have two fall and one or two winter varieties. Will you kindly advise me as to whether the Duchess, Kieffer, Lawrence and Anjou would be the right kinds, and if not, what others would do better.

W. B. STEPHENS, *Owen Sound.*

It is yet too soon for us to say what varieties of pears will take best in the English market, but one thing seems certain that small pears are not wanted; and very often this is the fault of the otherwise excellent Lawrence. We had fine prices for Bartlett's, Boussock, Clairgeau, Bosc, Duchess, Anjou and Kieffer, especially the Clairgeau and Anjou. We doubt not that the future planter will select among these when he plants an orchard for export. The Anjou succeeds best on the quince, while the Clairgeau does well either as a dwarf or as a standard.

At Thornbury we noticed a very fine standard Clairgeau, bearing heavy crops of magnificent fruit, but unfortunately the owner thought it was Louise, and had shown it at various fairs for that variety, and had actually been awarded the 1st prize!!

Wash tea roses frequently with clean water. Give liquid manure once a week, but have the soil moist when applied.

"Oh, Bridget! I told you to notice when the apples boiled over." "Sure I did, mum. It was quarter past eleven when they boiled over."—Brooklin Life.