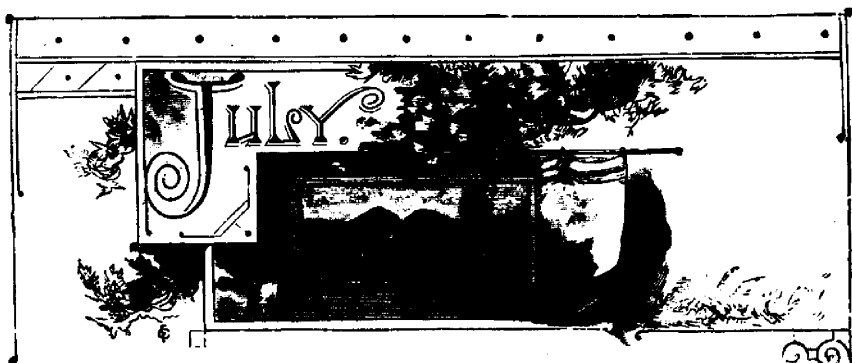


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THE BRIGDEN PEACH.



OUR colored plate for this month introduces to our Canadian fruit growers a peach that was highly commended at the last meeting of the New York State Horticultural Society, but which, so far as we know, has not yet been grown by any one in Ontario.

This peach originated near Auburn, N.Y., with a Mr. Brigden, after whom it is named. An attempt has been made to name it the Garfield, after the late President, under the impression that a great name would give it greater acceptance, but such an attempt seem to us quite uncalled for. It would not only be an injustice to the originator, unless at his own request, but it is also unavailing to produce the desired results. Let a good fruit make its own name illustrious; and, should the novelty prove valueless, its failure will be the less conspicuous. Hundreds of young Americans have been named George Washington by their fond and aspiring mothers, and not one of them has proved, on this account, any more worthy of comparison with his great original. And among the fruits, how many Presidents, Kings, Queens and Governors have utterly failed to command the slightest homage, while the very commonplace Baldwins, Wilsons, Concords and Crawford's have risen to the very highest places among the world's fruit aristocracy, and their names and praises are in everybody's mouth.

The Brigden peach is said to have some points of especial merit; it resembles in appearance and in general characteristics that queen of peaches, the Early Crawford; in some points it quite surpasses it, for it is earlier, more productive, more uniform in size, and superior in quality.