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ABUNDANCE PLUM.



THE Japan plums are quite distinct from either our native, or the widely known European, varieties. In habit of tree they resemble somewhat the vigorous Chickasa varieties, but their foliage is peculiarly large and distinct. A few of the Japan plums are fairly hardy, but most of them are better adapted to the Middle and Southern States than they are to Ontario, and there their introduction has given a fresh impetus to plum growing, owing to their large size, beauty and excellent flavor.

There are two varieties which have been considerably pushed by nurserymen through their agents in Ontario, namely the Abundance, which is an American name for one of the Botan plums, and the Burbank. The latter will be treated of later on in this journal; the former, we have chosen to use as a frontispiece in this number. It is yet too early for any reliable statements to be made concerning its adaptability to our Canadian climate; but, from the fact of its succeeding well during the last three or four years in New York State, and Michigan, it is natural to infer that it will also be a success if planted in Southern Ontario.

Mr. Lovett, of Little Silver, N. J., viewing it from a nurseryman's standpoint, says of the Abundance: "This plum is unlike any other. In growth it is strong, and handsome enough to be planted as an ornamental, and equals the