

be packed in fancy packages and sent over in large quantities. Let them be peddled on the streets of the great cities by the costermongers, and thus intro-

duced among the middle classes, until a demand has been created; then there will be no trouble in finding agents who will gladly receive them from us.



FIG. 1612.—A SEEDLING PLUM.

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A blue plum in my garden here is remarkable for its hardiness and productiveness. It most closely resembles the variety "Prince Englebert." The tree is said to have been planted about 25 years ago, and to be the only one of a number purchased at the same time which has lived. The trunk divides in three parts almost at the ground, where it has a diameter of about 15 inches. It is absolutely hardy, and yields enormously about every second year. In

1898, I gathered from it 440 pounds of fruit. At least 60 pounds more fell owing to the wind, or with branches which could not be propped. The size of the fruit is medium to large, and the quality good. The variety seems a desirable one to propagate, especially in the East; and I shall be glad to give scions for budding, at the proper time, to all who may desire them. Fig. 1612 shows a terminal cluster of the fruit.

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