

## \* Open Letters. \*

### New Strawberries.

SIR,—I have some eight or ten seedling strawberries that fruited the past season and which give indication of being first class. I picked these out of some two hundred seedlings and I have about two hundred more that will fruit for the first time next season, choice crosses with the best kinds for parents, such as Woolverton, Marshall, Brandywine, Bubach, Haverland, Greenville, VanDeman and others. Clyde did the best in either old or new kinds, and it is going to take a first place as a general purpose berry. It is of large, firm, good flavor, good looking and the plant is perfect in every way and stands the hot dry time well. I am sure of what I say, as I have fruited it now three times. It came out best this year in a test with over one hundred and thirty of the best kinds.

E. B. STEVENSON, *Freeman*.

### Conn Gooseberry.

SIR,—Have you noticed the quality of the Conn, or Autocrat when fully ripe. Some friends here pronounce it the best berry for eating and all remark how much it resembles the Gage plum. Two of my friends remarked that it was a revelation to them that gooseberries were so fine for eating. Certainly nothing but Lancashire Lad comes up to it in this respect. It has one bad fault, namely, the early loss of its foliage.

STANLEY SPILLETT, *Nantyr*.

### Pewaukee Apple.

SIR,—For six years in succession here six Pewaukee apple trees have yielded fifteen barrels a year, that is an average of two and a half barrels per tree, to my certain knowledge. They were sold right in the orchard for \$1.25 a barrel. The present owner of this orchard purchased forty acres four years ago upon which were two hundred trees of every variety almost, about eighteen years planted. I have made a little calculation as to the result as follows :—Had these two hundred trees been all Pewaukee, he would have paid for his place off the four acres of orchard in three years and had a surplus of \$375 in his pocket. As it is, the orchard has not paid the interest. So much for judicious selection of varieties in planting for money. If planters are setting out apples as ornamental trees, something cheaper would surely be better.

STANLEY SPILLETT, *Nantyr*.