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THE CROSBY PEACH.



Uncertain is the peach crop in Ontario that very few plant orchards with confidence. The venture compares well with gold mining; here and there one makes a fortune, while some meet only with failure. Mr. Tyehurst, with his seventy-five acres, gets a crop worth \$10,000 in a single season, while many have either a small crop or a complete failure. The disease known as the Yellows has cleared out many orchards before they have given any returns, and climatic influences are often destructive to the fruit buds, even in places where other conditions are favorable.

The Crosby comes highly commended from the Eastern States. It is an attractive looking peach, but its great merit consists in the hardiness of its fruit buds, an important consideration with us. During the last decade it has been on trial in Massachusetts and Connecticut, and has given ten consecutive crops of fruit, when the standard varieties, during the same term, gave only two or three crops.

The Crosby resembles the Wager in tree and fruit, but the Wager cannot be compared with it in hardiness of its fruit buds.

Our colored plate of this peach shows a very large sample, quite above the average, such as would only be produced under special conditions. The fruit averages only medium in size, from two to two-and-a-half inches in diameter.

This peach was first sent out in 1876 by a Mr. Crosby, a nurseryman of Massachusetts. It was distributed by the Massachusetts Agricultural College,