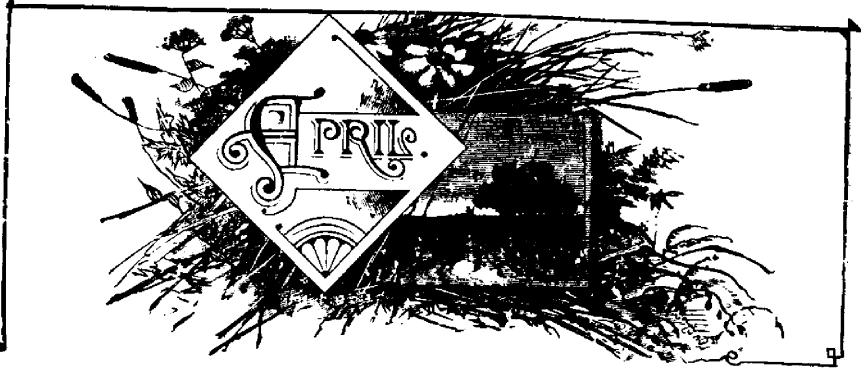


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THE MOORE'S EARLY GRAPE.

ONE of the prominent objects of our Association of late years, is the encouragement of fruit culture in the northern portions of Ontario, and the introduction of hardy varieties for this purpose. One of the best black grapes for northern sections is the Moore's Early, well represented in our colored plate. Both the wood and the fruit ripens early, two all important characteristics; while the quality is pretty good, superior to its competitor in early ripening, the Champion, if not quite as productive. It is hardier than Concord, which variety it precedes from two to three weeks in time of ripening, and by some is thought to excel it also in quality.

The bunch is medium, shouldered, compact; the berry, large, round, black, with a heavy blue bloom, and the vine is hardy and moderately productive. After the fruit is ripe the berries are inclined to drop, and when gathered it soon deteriorates in quality.

The Moore's Early grape was raised by Mr. J. B. Moore, Concord, Mass., and was first exhibited before the Horticultural Society of that State, in the year 1872, gaining the first prize for the best early grape.

Mr. R. B. White, of Ottawa, says that with him the Moore's Early ripens from the last of August to the middle of September; and he would place it first among the black grapes suitable for the Ottawa Valley.

Mr. Robson, of Lindsay, considers it one of the best black grapes for his section, on account of its quality and its earliness.