

devotedly giving their attention to these matters. Only think of the talents of such men as Rogers, Ricketts, Wilder, Campbell, Anderhill, Rommel, Moore, and Miller, of American renown; and Arnold, Saunders, and Dempsey, for Canada, all employed in the same work, and for the same object. Surely, if advancement is possible, it must certainly be effected. Mr. Ricketts, with considerable enterprise, was present at our Provincial Exhibition, at Ottawa, last September, with a large and fine display of the results of his popular labours, his "Seedling Grapes;" they attracted much attention. Perhaps the most remarkable and the most promising of the grapes of this gentleman's introduction, is the one he has named "The Welcome;" it is a decidedly welcome addition to the list of hot-house grapes; it is a cross between Pope's Hamburg and Cannon Hall Muscat, like those famous sorts, it cannot be ripened out of doors in this climate, but it is suitable for both the hot and cold graperies. All good judges of fruit pronounce it superior not only to both of its parents, but to any foreign variety. This is high commendation, and will do much to introduce it to the notice of grape growers generally, over the continent. It is a fine large bunch, double shouldered and compact, very large berry, roundish oval; black, and covered with a greyish blue bloom; flesh tender, juicy and sweet. Others of this Hybridist's grapes have attained considerable notice, as Lady Washington, Bacchus, Jefferson, etc. Bacchus is a smallish black grape of great promise, and very highly recommended as most excellent for wine-making purposes. Jefferson is a fine large red grape of good character, and succeeds well for out-door growing; it is a cross between Iona and Concord, very healthy and is at present the property of Mr. J. G. Burrows, Fishkill, New York. A new sixty dollar prize grape, is largely advertised by John B. Moore, Concord, Mass., called "Moore's Early." We have received circulars of this new hardy grape, that is said to have the following desirable qualities: hardiness, size, beauty, quality, productiveness, and earliness. Surely this will fill the bill, and please even the most fastidious. We have not seen the fruit, and cannot pronounce upon it. Mr. George Campbell's new white grape, he has named "Lady" is steadily increasing in popularity, and is promising to be a valuable acquisition to our list of hardy grapes, especially in the east. Mr. Hooker's "Brighton," is perhaps one of the most promising of the lately introduced grapes, it is very popular and is doubtless a grape of much merit. It is very hardy and well suited to a wide range of cultivation, and marks high as a table and market fruit. We have fruited for the first time this season several (to us) new varieties, claimants of popular favour, as Walter, Martha, Alvey, Creveling, Adirondac, etc.; of these, the Walter is remarkable, both in bunch and berry, and is, perhaps, the highest flavoured grape in our collection; it is a cross between the Diana and the Delaware, and was raised and brought into notice by Mr. A. J. Caywood, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In general appearance and flesh, the characters of both parents are distinctly discernable. The bunch and berry are of medium size, of light colour; flesh tender, rich and sweet, with an agreeable spicy flavour, thoroughly reminding one of the Diana. As far as late Canadian originators are concerned, not much is said of them, or of their products. It may be in the course of time, however, more attention may be given to these matters amongst us, and our patient workers in this field become better appreciated. We are glad to notice that Mr. Charles Arnold's Hybrids are very popular, and well recommended on the other side of the line.

THE RAGE FOR WHITE GRAPES

is at present the distinguishing future of the age in horticulture. For some unaccountable reason there are great and prolonged efforts made for a better white grape than those we already have. When a good one is produced at an enormous expense of time and effort, for some reason or other its course is soon run. As far as quality is concerned it is found to be very difficult to produce a white grape superior to Allen's Hybrid (said to be the first of American Hybrid grapes), or in hardiness and healthiness of vine to get one more desirable than Rebecca. The *American Agriculturist* for November, 1879, page 468, says: "Every one who grows fruit for market would gladly welcome a white grape with all the good qualities of the Concord and as few of its defects as possible." At the late meeting of the American Pomological Society, held at Rochester, N. Y., last September, consider-

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