

August 4.—Early Beatrice is now ripe, but after enjoying such magnificent fruit as we have for the last few days, this small peach fails to give satisfaction, and is of little value here. Mr. Myers writes me that he has marketed thousands of bushels of this peach, and he finds it valuable; though small, it is produced very abundantly; the tree is hardy, and the fruit is exempt from rot.

August 7.—Early Louise, now in perfection, seems to be a profitable market variety. Mr. Myers says that in Delaware the tree is remarkably productive, and when in bloom it is capable of withstanding, without injury, a greater degree of frost than any other peach.

August 10.—That delicious peach, the Early Rivers, is now in fine condition for eating. In this vicinity it is, beyond question, the best variety we have. Mr. Robert Hogg, in his *Fruit Manual* says: "This peach was sent to me by Mr. Rivers on the 20th of July, 1867, when it was first produced, and I was so struck with its superiority over all other early peaches, and its perfectly distinct character, that I considered it a fitting opportunity to record the name of the raiser by associating it with a fruit which cannot fail to become a universal favorite. In France it succeeds so well that Mr. F. Jamin says it is the finest early peach in France. Its only fault is that it splits at the stone." In one of my reports on peaches, I expressed the opinion that Early Rivers would not be of much value for market, owing to its thin skin and delicate flesh, but Mr. Myers, who for ten years has made a specialty of peach growing for market, informs me that Early Rivers is the most valuable of any of the early peaches for market. It is a great satisfaction to be able to commend so choice a peach for both purposes. In many instances only the coarser fruits can be recommended for market.

August 15.—Early Leopold is too small, and the quality too poor, to render it worthy of a place in the collection.

August 18.—Rivers' Early York is the earliest freestone we have fruited. Fruit of medium size, good quality, and tree yields well. Snow is a beautiful white peach, especially valuable for canning and preserving. It deserves more extensive culture.

August 20.—Large Early Mignonne is of medium size, fine quality, and a freestone. The tree, loaded with fruit, presents a remarkably fine appearance.

August 22.—Hale's Early is ripe.

August 23.—Acton Scott, Early Rose, Early Savoy and Belle Coquette are good peaches, but not large enough to be grown profitably. Belle de Doue, Belle Beauce, Grosse Mignonne and Belle de la Croix have the highest flavor, and can be recommended to all seeking after delicious fruits.

August 25.—Two of the best peaches in our collection are now ripe. I refer to Haine's Early and Large Early York—varieties which are undoubtedly identical. I have no hesitation in placing them at the head of the list, either for garden or orchard. George the IV. is another high flavored peach, resembling the two last named very closely. Cooledge's Favorite is one of the most valuable varieties. The fruit is not large, but