

Tyler and Souhegan are the best for an early crop, Mammoth Cluster for medium, and Gregg for late. The Gregg is a very large and productive berry, but it is not quite hardy in some localities.

Shaffer's is the best cap variety, all things taken into consideration, with which I am acquainted for canning purposes. It is a purple berry, and if left to get a little over-ripe it turns brown, which will materially lessen its sale in any market where it is not known.

#### RED OR SUCKERING VARIETIES.

These should be grown in about the same way as the cap varieties, but the rows should be only six feet apart. Do not, on any account, neglect to cultivate them as early in the spring as the soil will permit. Suckers form almost without number on their roots in the fall, and come almost to the surface of the soil (sometimes even showing above), and they begin to grow very early in the spring, and almost before you know it the ground will be covered with young plants, which take the substance away from the bearing ones. They should be cut off as weeds; and, if not allowed to grow in the fore part of the season, they will give very little trouble later.

Hansell is the earliest. It is not large, and it resembles the wild raspberries in its habits of growth, and it is not the best in quality. Yet, with all its faults, I believe it is the best early market red raspberry we have. It requires rich soil. Turner is not quite as early, but good in quality; it is larger and the

hardest of them all. It is not firm enough to ship to a distant market.

Cuthbert is the largest, latest and best market berry where it does not kill too much back with the winter.

#### OUR GARDEN AND ORCHARD.

BY JOHN CROILL, AULTSVILLE.

(Concluded.)

GRAPES.

With an assortment of fifteen kinds we have the same tale to tell. A large crop, beautiful bunches, but only about one-quarter of them reaching maturity. No vine is worth planting in our cold North that does not ripen its fruit by the middle of September. The Champion, of course, always does—*better it than none*,—the Hartford and Delaware generally. Moore's Early and Worden ripened well with us this year, and are a decided improvement on any we have had. All Rogers' Hybrids we have tried are too late in ripening—beautiful, many of them. Salem, Wilder, Agawam, Brighton and Massasoit, heavily laden and beautiful. All the more tantalizing to have them all destroyed by frost when just on the eve of ripening.

#### STRAWBERRIES.

We had seven kinds on three quarters of an acre. In future we will confine ourselves to the Wilson, Crescent and Early Canada. The latter for its only recommendation has earliness. It is a poor berry, and is liable to be destroyed by frost when in blossom. Our plants wintered well, and promised a good return; but we are far from boasting of the same. I'll venture to boast, however, of my friend Mr. Beall's crop—too modest he to boast of his own. He