

ground till I can get them tied up to the trellises, which should be done before the buds begin to burst, as they are then so easily rubbed off in handling.

But what is most important in grape culture is a knowledge of the varieties best suited to our climate. For want of this, many get discouraged and give it up, and those who persevere lose a great deal of time and labor on kinds which ultimately prove quite unsuitable. From the shortness of our summers in this latitude, we are of necessity confined to the earliest ripeners, whatever may be their qualities in other respects. I shall mention a few which I have found from experience do well here.

THE CHAMPION I have found the earliest, ripening about the first of September. It bears well, but is not a fine grape.

MASSASOIT (*Rogers' No. 3*) is my next earliest. Comes in about the second week in September. A good bearer. Bunches a little straggling. Fruit large and finely flavored. My favorite.

DELAWARE does very well here. Is a fine table grape. Ripens from middle to end of September.

WILDER (*Rogers' No. 4*) does well, but is not a heavy bearer.

HARTFORD PROLIFIC.—A good grape. Ripens well here.

The CONCORD, CREVELING, and ADIRONDAC ripen in ordinary seasons, a little later than the Delaware.

The SALEM (*Rogers' No. 22*) is a fine grape. Large bunches and berries. Juicy, and well flavored. Ripens about the same time as the Delaware. But this year, for the first time with me, was considerably affected with mildew.

The CLINTON is our hardiest grape, but is good only for wine, and from its rampant habit of growth is very troublesome. This winter I have left my vines upon the trellises, caring little if they perish or not, as I can easily replace them with better varieties. It seems to be the greatest favorite of thrip; and for this reason it would probably be well to exclude it from the garden.

I have also tried the Isabella and Catawba, and some others, but find them too late for our latitude.

I am still experimenting with some of the newer varieties, but have not had them long enough to speak of their merits.