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✧ Notes and Comments. ✧

GUMMING OF PEACH TWIGS.—Mr. John Craig, of Ithaca, N.Y., writes in American Gardening, that he has found the gumming to be associated with *monilia fructigena*, or grey rot; and he believes that the former is caused by the latter. He is of the opinion that both can be overcome by spraying.

TOMATOES FROM CANADA ought to succeed. We notice in the Green Grocer of London, an article saying that tomatoes in October were getting scarce, and worth from 3d. to 4d. a lb. These prices would give us excellent returns of about fifty cents for a twelve-quart basket, which would make tomato growing one of our best lines of fruit culture. We have not succeeded so far in getting tomatoes over in good condition. We have packed them too ripe. They should not be more than half red.

CANADIAN FRUIT IN LONDON.—Mr. A. W. Grindley, the agent in England, of the Department of Agriculture, says that Canadian consignments of pears and apples are reaching here in very satisfactory condition. Peaches, plums and tomatoes, however, have been gathered too ripe, the result being that most consignments have reached Bristol market in a more or less rotten condition. To a mere layman it appears surprising that Canadians have not before taken full advantage of the market here for fruit. Buying apples in the London streets from the hawkers' barrows, one has to pay a penny, or even three half pence for a good "eater," while good eating pears are usually ticketed 2d: yet farmers in Ontario in a good year feed eating apples fully equal to those I have mentioned to their pigs. Surely there is a means of getting such fruit on the London market in fair condition.