

much attention to our vegetables. It must not be forgotten either that their title to friend would even then stand upon the weak foundation of our want of appreciation of the burdock, for in Japan this plant is one of the most highly esteemed vegetables.

THE YELLOW TRANSPARENT IN QUEBEC.

No. 491.

SIR,—I take pleasure in sending you two Yellow Transparent apples, grown in my little garden, as specimens of what, with care, can grow here, under the 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ latitude, but not with the pretention that something superior can be produced in more favorable localities. They are off a two-years-ago top-grafted tree; first bearing the worst apples I ever saw in this and the Old Country. No human being could eat the fruit, and yet it was sold to me by a good(?) agent for a grafted tree! I consider the Yellow Transparent as a precious acquisition for this part of the country. With the best wishes for you and your work.

PASCHE, *Bryson, Quebec.*

These samples are fine. Indeed, no better can be produced in any other part of Ontario. They are quite large, reaching about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, and beautifully clear in skin. With many varieties of apples, the farther north they can be grown with success, the finer the sample.

FALL vs. SPRING PLANTING OF STRAWBERRIES.

No. 492.

SIR,—Is it better to set strawberry plants in the spring or in the fall?

W. H., *Rockton, Ont.*

Strawberry plants may be set almost any time during the summer, from April to October, but the most favorable months are April and May in the spring, and September and October in the fall. Most fruit growers have the most leisure in the spring, and, therefore, choose that season. There is little advantage in planting in the fall unless it can be done quite early so that the plants may become well established before the winter. Well-rooted young plants cannot often be found before September, and, if they can, August is generally too dry a month for success in transplanting. But, if set by the beginning of September, a small yield may reasonably be expected the following spring.

FERTILIZERS FOR STRAWBERRIES.

No. 493.

SIR,—What is the best manure, when you have not barnyard manure, to use on strawberry and all other small fruits, including grapes?

W. H., *Rockton, Ont.*

For vigor of plant growth, the strawberry, and all other small fruits, need nitrogen. This is well supplied in dried blood or nitrate of soda. For the perfecting of the fruit itself, potash and phosphoric acid are needed. The latter is easily procured in the form of ground bone, and the former in wood ashes.