

I don't know. But they are good. I suppose the stones of these dried ones would grow. They bring also green oval grapes, almonds, and such like things, also dried plums. I seldom saw a village in the hills without its apricot orchard, I suppose a sort of common property for the whole village.

The Indian Government has its summer quarters at Simla, about 8,000 ft. elevation. Here the apricots grow to some extent, but there are much more further in the interior. The summer there is not at all warm: I was nearly two months there, (July and August), and never saw a greater temperature than 65°. But this was during the rainy season, and in May and early June it may have been warmer. They cannot grow apples there, I suppose on account of the great dampness and little sunshine, when apples most require it.

Perhaps you have some of these Bokharian apricots on trial. If there are any to spare I should be glad of one. The "Siberian Apricot" I have, has been winter killed more or less, and it is a sort of low thick bush now but it does not blossom. I suppose it is one of the common kind which is from a far warmer country than Canada.

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Wintering the Hydrangea.

Answer to Question 771.

SIR,—Noticing this question asked by "Iroquois," relative to the wintering of the hydrangea, I may state that I have probably the largest and finest flowering Hydrangea in the Ottawa valley. Each year it is covered with a mass of large full blooms. It requires no winter protection even here where that season is always severe, the mercury often falling to 40° and 42° below zero. It is not protected from the wind which sweeps against it from the north with terrible force. The snow that falls round it through winter is all the protection it gets, but it comes out better each year.

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CATALOGUES.

Catalogue of Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Small Fruits, Roses, etc., 1896. Fred. E. Young, Nurseryman, Rochester, N.Y., U.S. Illustrated.... Lovetts' Guide to Horticulture, Spring 1896, well illustrated. The Lovett Co., Little Silver, N.J., U.S.... Catalogue of Green's Nursery Co., Spring 1896. Chas. Green, Proprietor, Rochester, N.Y., U.S.... Price List and Descriptive Catalogue for 1896, of choice seed Potatoes, Grains, Bulbs, etc. Closson Bros., Highland Creek, Ont.... Trees, Plants and Vines, 1896. A. G. Hull & Son, Central Nurseries, St. Catharines, Ont.... Descriptive List of Chrysanthemums, Pansies, etc. E. W. Bowslough, Kingsville, Ont.... Catalogue of Fruit Trees, Vines, etc., for 1896. Lewis Roesch, Fredonia, N.Y.... Illustrated Catalogue of Flower and Vegetable Seeds, 1896. Ed. Mautner, Budapest, Hungary.

THE SPRAYING OF PLANTS, a succinct account of the history, principles and practice of the application of liquids and powders to plants for the purpose of destroying insects and fungi, by Prof. E. S. Lodeman, of Cornell University. Published by McMillan & Co., New York. Price \$1.00.

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