

high, and gave first specimens of fruit last summer of such size and quality as to warrant its further propagation.

Among the ornamental shrubs a few failures were noticed. Strawberry Tree, Russian Hop Tree and Russian Mock Orange, have been thrown out as being worthless on account of their being too tender to stand our winters.

On the other hand some varieties have increased in favor. Among those worthy of mention are Russian Snowball, Siberian Almond, Mock Orange, 144 Varonish, Mock Orange Grandifolia, Sea Buckthorn, Ginnalian Maple, Golden Elderberry, Russian Olive, L. Media, a number of Spireas and Barberry. The last mentioned, to my mind, are fully as ornamental in winter as in summer. At the present time the bushes are covered with hanging clusters of bright scarlet berries.

The black list among the roses was very heavy. The Hybrid perpetuals died almost unanimously, although carefully protected.

The semi-double Rosa-Burgosa rose are the hardiest of all good roses we have in cultivation. It has stood for nine winters without any protection. Other roses that we considered fairly hardy, such as Scotch Yellow and Old Cabbage, were killed back to some extent for the first time last year.

While the past winter bore hard on all small fruits in our locality, crab apples, wherever grown, were an extra heavy crop. Our most prolific crop is the Transcendant, one tree alone yielding fully two barrels of apples. This is the first variety to blossom in spring; on that account there is some danger in certain localities of injury to the blossom by frost.

Mulching around the roots of the trees with half rotted straw, above the snow during winter, has been tried in order to retard early blooming, but without any apparent advantage.

Sweet Busnett is the name of another variety deserving of special mention on account of its fair cooking qualities,