

high cultivation. Fruit, large, handsome, round, brilliant crimson, very



Fig. 5. MARLBORO'.

firm; quality, medium to poor. Season, among the earliest; fairly productive.

MUSKINGUM.—Purple. From Ohio. This is of the Shaffer type, but does not seem to be any improvement on that variety. It is a trifle firmer and somewhat smaller.

NIAGARA.—Red. Planted in 1888. Plant fairly vigorous and hardy; very productive. Berries medium to large, round, dark red, moderately firm, pleasant acid, ripens with Marlboro'. A good many of the berries are imperfectly developed. This variety is worthy of trial.

OLDER.—Black cap. Said to have originated as a chance seedling in the garden of Mr. Older, of Independence, Iowa, it was first introduced in a small way by L. K. Ballard, of Warren, Ill., but in 1882 was offered to the trade by R. D. McGeehon, of Atlantic City, Iowa. It was planted on the Experimental Farm in the spring of 1892, and has given an abundant crop of berries the past two seasons. The cane is an exceedingly vigorous grower, is hardy and strikes from the tip very readily. Berries are large, round, dead black; bloomless, with very large drupes. The seeds are not prominent, and the berries are borne in good sized clusters. It also has the habit of fruiting heavily on young wood. During the past season it