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#### AN EXTENSIVE FRUIT FARM.

The *London Garden* says that Lord Sudeley is the only land owner in England who has taken up fruit farming in a thorough and business-like manner. He has already planted 500 acres, and 200 more will be at once added. This 700-acre fruit garden is not like McKinsty's 300-acre fruit orchard on the Hudson, or some of the 500-acre peach orchards at the South. It takes up no fruit as a specialty, but embraces the whole catalogue of large and small fruits. It is situate in the northern part of Gloucestershire, some forty or fifty miles north-east of Bristol, and cannot but be well situated for market, in that full arrangements are made to consume the whole of the fruit in home manufacture. Although only four years have elapsed since planting, 10 tons of strawberries were raised last year, and it is expected that 100 tons will be grown the coming season.

Our readers may judge of the miscellaneous character of the selections when informed that the plantation includes 3,000 trees of the best sorts of apples, 800 pears, 32,000 plums, including 9,000 damsons, 50 acres of black currants, 100 acres of strawberries, and 60 acres of raspberries. The gooseberry bushes number 130,000, the black currants number over 200,000. It is probable, we think, that experience will cut down the lists of some of the fruits, such, for instance, as the 44 different kinds of plums, and the 45 different varieties of the gooseberry.

Shelter belts are regarded as important, and such quick-growing sorts as poplars and Scotch firs have been placed around the plantation to shelter it from prevailing winds. Beds of osiers have been planted along the margin of a stream and have succeeded so well that the addition of 10 acres will supply all the materials for the baskets needed on the estate. A nursery for raising trees and bushes has been formed, where standards, pyramids and bushes of all sorts are grown, trained and worked, and the owner is thus sure of obtaining what he wants. It will thus be seen that this is a complete establishment within itself, including the raising of the trees and plants for setting out, the manufacture of the baskets for the fruit, and the finishing preparation of the fruit itself in jars for market. Such a plantation as this, with the great number of laborers which it must profitably employ, affords a favorable contrast to the large domains kept only for hunting grounds. —*Country Gentleman*.

#### PRUNUS SIMONI.

This new plum is a native of Northern China. Eugene Simon, when French Consul at Peking, sent specimens of it to the French Jardin des Plantes, whence it was disseminated. Prof. Budd has, through his writings in the *Prairie Farmer*, probably done more to introduce this new fruit to the American public than any other person. In the issue of June 17th, 1884, he said: "Beyond all reasonable doubt this tree will prove a valuable ornamental and fruit tree on the prairies, wherever it will endure our winters. The young trees bore the past test winter on the College farm far better than our apple trees of the hardiness of Ben Davis."

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In all respects this is a botanical curiosity. In color of bark,