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## CHABOT

IT is only about twenty years since the Japan plums began to be propagated in America for commercial purposes, and it wonderful how quickly they have become distributed throughout the United States and Canada, while still almost unknown in Europe. Perhaps this is because the European varieties succeed so well there that the Japan varieties are not sought after in that country, while here the former class are subject to many drawbacks, such as black knot, plum rot, etc., from which the Japan varieties are apparently more or less exempt.

The Chabot first fruited at Maplehurst in 1902, and at once attracted our attention as being exceptionally beautiful in appearance and delicious for eating. It was imported from Japan by Mr. Chabot, of Berkeley, California, and afterward sold to Mr. Burbank, who introduced it to the trade in the year 1886. It has borne several names, as for example, Yellow Japan, Bailey, etc., but in justice to the importer, it is now generally known as the Chabot. A good many are puzzled over the pronunciation, so we may as well state that the accent is upon the last syllable, phonetically written it is "Shab-bot."

This plum has been tested at our Geor-

gian Bay station by Mr. John Mitchell, of Clarksburg, and described by him as follows :

"A very strong grower, of a large beautiful and stately top; bears the third year; fruit about the same size and shape as Red June, but not quite so conical; skin amber, and nearly covered with red spots and markings; very attractive; season late in September; very hardy."

At Maplehurst our record of its season is the first half of September, but perhaps it would be ten days later at Clarksburg. It did not bear the third year after planting with us, indeed it was about the fifth year before we had any samples. No doubt early bearing depends a good deal upon the soil; and our deep rich sandy loam encourages the production of too much wood and too little fruit. In respect to size also, it was larger with us than Red June, indeed, almost equal to Washington; but with us the crop was light, while with Mr. Mitchell probably it was heavy.

Everyone who has fruited it gives the Chabot credit for being the best Japan of its season, which is about two weeks later than Burbank. The flesh is yellow, and the flavor very pleasant, though inclined to cling to the stone.