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sprayed April 14 to 22, and in the following September were fully loaded with fruit.

POMPON CHRYSANTHEMUMS. — We notice American Gardening speaks favorable of this class for amateur cultivation. For some time this old group has been somewhat neglected, owing to the more showy and popular greenhouse monstrosities. But it appears that many are paying attention to Pompoms, because of their ease of cultivation, and of their abundant bloom even under considerable neglect. The varieties mentioned in Gardening as worthy of a place in the amateur's garden are (1) Rose Trevenna; (2) La Sœur Melanie; (3) Emily Roeboltom, and (4) Jules Lagravere.

THE WORDEN SECKEL pear is figured in the January number of the American Nurseryman, as being considerably larger than the well-known Seckel. This new variety was originated by Sylvester Worden, of Oswego Co., N. Y., originator of the Worden grape. It is claimed for it that it is a first class dessert pear, of very beautiful appearance. The tree is said to be hardy and productive. We expect fruit of this pear at Maplehurst this coming season, and will then report farther.

NEW AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.—Seven new Societies have been formed this year in affiliation with us, viz.:—St. Catharines, Kemptville, Carleton Place, Arnprior, Millbrook, Cardinal, Brockville. This makes forty-two in all that have thus been formed during the past three years in connection with our Association, and so popular and successful are they, that they gain in numbers and interest year by year. The old fashioned societies are dying out, be-

coming every year involved in financial difficulties, and in time we doubt not nearly all the provincial horticultural Societies will become associated with us.

THE RUSSELL STAPLE PULLER, of which a sample has been sent us by Russell Hardware Company, Kansas City, Mo., is a fine handy tool combining staple puller, wire cutter, hammer, wire splicer, pincers, monkey wrench, etc. The firm would like some firm to take charge of it in Canada. It certainly would be a very convenient tool in keeping the wire trellesis in order in a vineyard.

WOODALL & Co., apple receivers, Liverpool, send us a review of the apple market to 31st Dec. They note the almost entire absence of Newtown Pippins, of which in the past there have always been a few fine samples, enough to satisfy the fancy trade, but this year they have been conspicuous by their absence. A few inferior to medium did come forward, but were a sorry representative of the well-known and much appreciated fruit, and not being what was wanted were ignored, although some few sold up to 35/ per barrel, which was very much beyond their value, and which buyers discovered too late and to their cost.

Californian Pippins, in boxes, have to some extent taken the place of Newtowns, and although of fine appearance, are not considered equal in flavor, so that when there is a good crop of the old favourite, it will not find that its position has been usurped.

NOVELTIES.—The Baldwin cherry is a new claimant for patronage, named after the introducer, Mr. S. J. Baldwin, Seneca, Kansas. A sweet and rich cherry of the Morello type.