

The Windsor Cherry.

658. SIR,—Is the Windsor cherry of good quality?

E. B. EDWARDS, *Peterboro'.*

It is counted an excellent variety. It originated at Windsor, and was introduced to the public by Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry. It is thus described by that firm: Fruit, large, liver-colored, resembling the Elkhorn, nevertheless quite distinct, ripens three or four days after that variety; flesh, remarkably firm and of fine quality; tree, hardy and very prolific; a very valuable late variety.

Plant Louse on the Spruce.

659. SIR,—I enclose some twigs of spruce, showing some insects which infest the spruce trees on my lawn. They have, for the last two seasons, stripped the branches, making the trees look badly, and destroying their symmetry. Can you tell me what it is, and the remedy?

E. R. CARPENTER, *Collingwood.*

Reply by Prof. Fletcher, Ottawa.

The insect is a species of plant louse, which I am unable to recognize from the specimen sent. It is, however, very similar, if not identical, to a species which has done much damage at times to white pines. This we have treated quite satisfactorily with the kerosene emulsion, diluting the ordinary Riley formula, which has been published in the HORTICULTURIST, with fifteen parts of water to one of the emulsion.

Clearing a Lawn of Ants.

660. SIR,—How can ants be got out of a lawn or terrace?

FLIP.

Several remedies for this evil have been suggested. Air slacked lime, plentifully dusted over their hills and other places infested, is one; another is, four ounces of quassia chips, boiled in a gallon of water about ten minutes, and four ounces of soap added to the liquid as it cools, and this well sprinkled about their nests and ruins. A remedy much commended is to stick a match, phosphorus end down in the holes they make; as a result the ants immediately clear out.

Spraying.

661. SIR,—Does spraying injure trees?

FLIP.

That depends upon what mixture is used. Paris green, if too strong, injures the trees; while Bordeaux mixture is a great benefit, for it prevents fungi from growing upon the foliage or plant.