

will be more apparent. I am no partizan in politics, but speak from a standpoint of practical utility, the only impartial point one *can* speak from. But lest I become tedious, I will close by urging the amateur fruit-grower to *persevere* and success is certain.

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KEEPING GRAPES.—A correspondent asks for further information concerning keeping grapes. Of course a fruit house is the proper thing for those who go extensively into the preservation of grapes to supply a winter market. My own success has been best in clean drawers, where the grapes, after being spread without one bunch lying on or crowding another, are kept as cool as possible without freezing. If I intended to make a business of it, I would construct tiers of shallow drawers as cheaply as possible. The very best grape for storage with me is Diana. It is a rich grape when slightly dried, and keeps well into January or February. Herbert is a grand grape, but loses quality by the end of December. Iona, though tender, thin-skinned and brittle, is a capital keeper for early winter use. Goethe keeps fairly, but loses flavor.

That the American people are getting to be less a nation of meat eaters and more a nation of fruit eaters, I am pleased to make sure of. The consumption of grapes is enormous, but so far the supply is not increasing beyond the increase in demand. However, the main thing to aim at in horticulture is well-supplied houses. Every house should have a Worden, a Diamond, a Niagara and a Brighton grape vine; and if climate is too severe, cover them winters. They will endure almost any degree of frost while leafless. Pack snow about them to induce slow starting in spring. At all events have them, even if you must grow them under cover. They furnish the very best fruit product known. Eat less meat and no pastry; and eat all the fruit you desire, and see how great is the advantage to health. My own children never eat meat or butter, but grapes and honey and cereals, and never know an ill of stomach or head.—*Popular Gardening*.

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TREES FOR PLANTING IN TOWNS.—On October 15th the Ash trees were fresh and green, whilst the majority of other trees were either leafless or looked seedy. The Ash was late coming into leaf, but its smoke-enduring properties render it a most desirable tree to plant. The Canadian Popular is another most valuable tree for this kind of planting. The Sycamore retains its foliage to a late period in the season, and in shape is well suited for avenues. Thorns are also good town trees, but are not, perhaps, sufficiently arborescent for an avenue. The Horse Chestnut would be also found a suitable tree for town planting, and several kinds of Willows would succeed well in smoky districts. These are all deciduous trees; the only evergreens that could be recommended are the Privet and Box.