

jectionable for surface rooting crops. There is no chemical objection to using them together. The salt gathers moisture, and in this way facilitates the downward action of the potash.

(2) No objection. The salt will act with superphosphate similarly as with salt, and is only objectionable when the crop roots near the surface.

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REPORTS ON PLANTS RECEIVED.

When I wrote before I forgot to tell you about my Dahlia which I received last spring. I broke it into two sets and planted them late, yet I had a most beautiful display of fine flowers as any one would wish to see. I would not take three times the price of the *Horticulturist* for my flowers alone.

My flowering shrub I got the spring before last is doing well, but it has not blossomed yet. My grape I got in 1883 is not doing very well yet, but I think it is my own fault, as I planted it alongside of a very strong vine, and I think it is shaded too much.

A. C. McDONALD.

Dunlop, Huron Co.

As you desire reports on premiums received, and as you are aware of the high opinion I have of the journal and the efforts made by your society, I beg to enclose you the following report: The Burnet grape has grown well with me, but unfortunately most of the bunches have small seedless grapes with a few proper ones in the bunch. However I have concluded to give it a chance in hope of its yet succeeding. Moore's Early and Worden have exceeded my anticipations, and have fruited for this last two years, and I am inclined to think are about the best varieties for our northern climate though I adopt the principle of laying them down and littering

as I don't think any grape vine uncovered would stand the rigour of our northern climate. The Ontario apple is just where it ought to be up here and is a decided acquisition to the limited list of apple trees that will stand our winters. As to pears the Clapp is the only one that has yet given me any satisfaction. The *Hydrangea paniculata* will not, I fear, prove a success. The one I got from you I planted where it is entirely sheltered by a cedar hedge on the north; but it won't flower. As I put in three others I find it is not the fault of the plant, so must ascribe it to the climate.

Barrie, Simcoe Co.

J. R. C.

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY.

PRUNING AND TRAINING THE GRAPE.

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly publish a simple system of pruning and training the grape. Give us something *practical* that can be understood by amateurs. The trouble with all you professionals is that you always begin your instructions by assuming that the amateur knows a great deal. Hundreds of people try to grow a few grapes for home use, who know nothing and care less about the art of propagation. Begin your instructions with the one and two year old vines as they are received from the nursery in the spring, and you will much oblige many of your readers besides.

Yours very truly,

GEO. SUTHERLAND.

Meaford, Ont.

We are much gratified that any of our readers should thus specify the information they desire to receive. It will ever be a source of pleasure to us to endeavor, as far as in us lies, to supply the information. Now to the mat-