

Garden and Orchard.

Useful and Ornamental Trees.

We have heard of one farmer near Rochester, N. Y., who planted a row of crabapples around his farm for ornamental and shade purposes, and he made more money from them than from all the other productions of the farm. In the northern part of our Dominion they are the only reliable fruit of the apple variety that can be depended upon.

The accompanying illustration was taken from a photograph of Mr. A. R. Whitney's orchard, Franklin Grove, Illinois. The grafts were set in 1874, and the trees have now borne six consecutive seasons. This variety, Whitney's No. 20, is a great producer, and is also good for ornamental purposes.

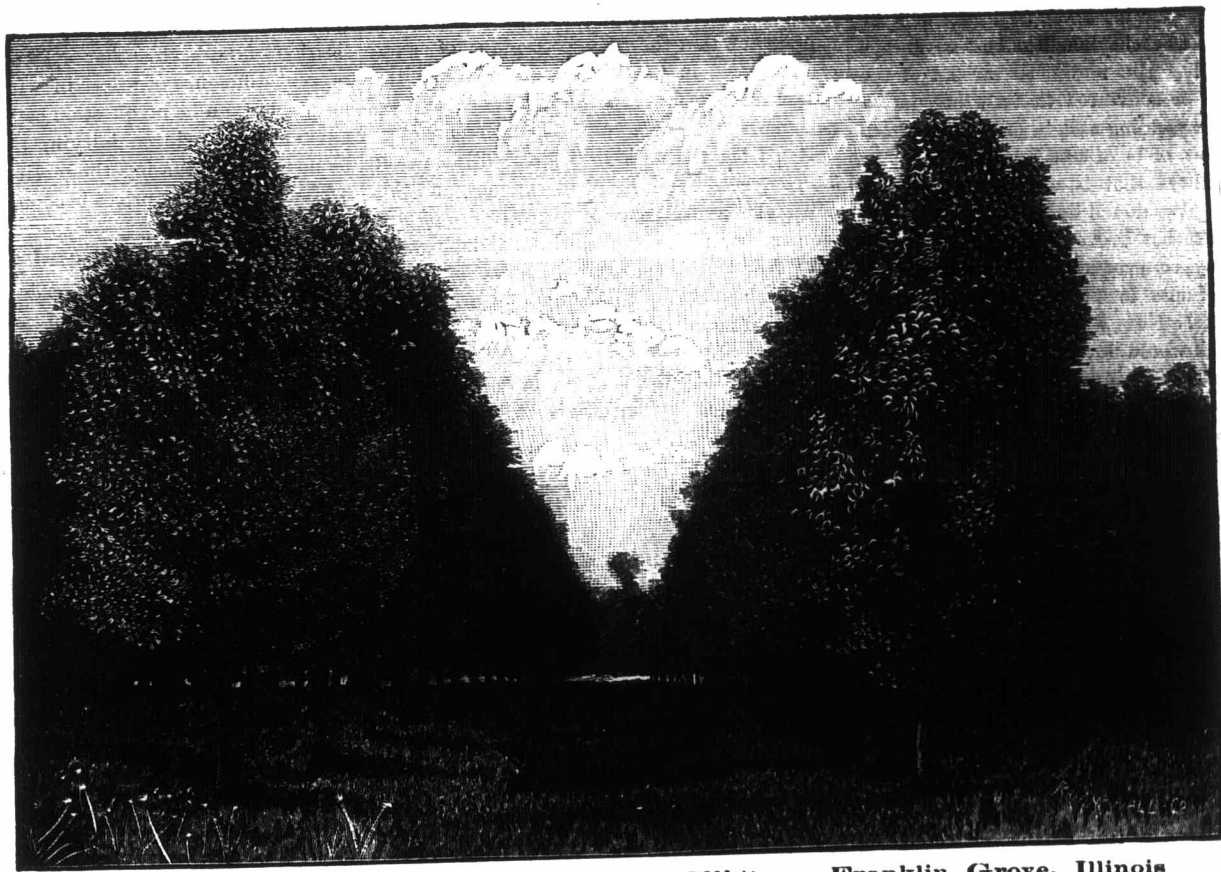
northern latitudes would do well to plant seeds and cuttings of such trees as are known to be hardy. They might make quite as much by paying attention to this as by any branch of agriculture.

Crab Apples.

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Amongst the many useful varieties of fruits grown in Canada the crab apple deservedly occupies an important position. Indeed no orchard or fruit garden is complete without its crab tree, from which the careful housewife makes her winter's stock of jelly and other forms of delicious preserves. Though they have always been a popular fruit, not much attention has been paid in a general way to their cultivation, or a very keen interest

ing so many valuable qualities, they commenced its culture for dissemination throughout the country. The fruit is exceedingly large for a crab, of a pale yellowish green when ripe, with a faint glow of red on the cheeks. The flesh is sweet and sprightly, and makes the very best of preserves. Several varieties of Russian origin are also very useful and worthy of a place in the orchard. The Marengo crabs are valuable and worthy of cultivation. For ornamental purposes the crab tree is invaluable. In the spring its beautiful blossoms attract loving admiration, while when the tree is loaded down with its attractive fruit nothing can be more ornamental. For the lawn or small places, the crab is a desirable tree. The double flowering variety is a very handsome ornamental tree when in full flower, the blossoms resembling miniature roses, very double,



Crab Apple Orchard Owned by Mr. A. R. Whitney, Franklin Grove, Illinois

Mr. G. Leslie, of Toronto, has tried all the varieties, and claims to have originated the best crab in the world. As Mr. Leslie's knowledge of fruits and his wide-spread and honorable reputation stand as high as those of any nurseryman in Canada, we have concluded to introduce this crab among our prizes for this year. We recommend all of our subscribers to plant one somewhere, and those who reside beyond the safe limit for growing apples should by all means plant a few trees of this superior variety. A good crab is better than a bad apple, and will grow where apples will not. There has been a great loss sustained by farmers by unprincipled agents selling unsuitable apple trees in our northern latitudes, where the vendors well knew that they would not stand the severity of the climate. Trees that have been procurable in the nursery rows at from 3c. to 5c. each, have been sold by the travellers at 75c. to \$1 each. Some of our subscribers in

taken by the public in learning the best varieties. Of late years, however, their cultivation has been of increasing importance. First, for the great hardiness of the tree; it is planted in those portions of our country where the climate will not allow the growing of less hardy fruits. In such places the crab apple is put to all the uses that finer fruits are in the more favored parts of the country. The increasing demand for the trees and the great interest taken in growing the fruit has led attention to raising new varieties. We have now offered by nurserymen for sale, with glowing descriptions of each, over thirty different varieties. They all have certain merits, and a fair specimen of the best of them is the Transcendent. This variety is very desirable, the growth of the tree is remarkable, and the fruit abundant, large and good. A most interesting and valuable variety is Leslie's Sweet Crab. It was raised from seed by Messrs. Leslie & Son, and possess-

and of a bright rosy pink hue. Crab apples make capital cider, and for this purpose whole orchards are planted in the Eastern portion of Canada. The Transcendent is generally planted for that purpose.

Farmers seem to observe no regularity in planting trees along the road sides. There seems to be room for difference of opinion with regard to the extent to which farmers may encroach upon the road allowances. Of course all farmers would like to plant their trees as far in upon the road as possible, thereby securing more land for themselves; but there must be a just measure between the interests of farmers as farmers and their interests as travellers on the roads. If the rows along the road-sides are planted close together, the travellers will have fine shady avenues in a dry summer, but during the wet seasons the roads will remain muddy for too great a length of time.