

young caterpillars which require vigilance to keep them from spreading. At that season there are no caterpillars on our Black Walnuts. Later on a very few may appear, but in such small numbers that it appears as if, so far, the Black Walnuts have found no special enemy in their new home. The strong aroma emitted by their leaves may tend to keep away caterpillars.

GOOSEBERRY FRUIT WORM.

SIR,—Last year our currants and gooseberries were webbed together by some insect with a web resembling a spider's web. When the fruit was ripe, a green worm resembling a cabbage worm was found. Fully one-half the fruit was destroyed.

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This pest is no doubt the gooseberry fruit worm. According to Mr. Saunders' "Insects Injurious to Fruits", it spins its silken cocoon in the leaves or rubbish and remains in a small brown chrysalis until the following spring. In the month of April the moth appears and deposits its eggs in the young gooseberries soon after they are set. As there is only one brood during the year, they may be more effectually destroyed by hand picking, particularly as its habits are such that its presence can be easily detected. All berries coloring prematurely should be examined and the larva destroyed before it escapes to the ground. The leaves or rubbish under the bushes should be gathered and burned and the ashes scattered freely over the ground in their places. Dusting the bushes freely with air-slaked lime early in the spring helps to deter the worms from depositing their eggs on the young fruit as it forms.

PLUMS FOR LACHINE, QUEBEC.

Sir,—Would you please advise me what kind of plums would do for this district; an early, medium, and a late variety? The kinds I see mentioned for South Ontario are too tender here. The Damson bears well but is not profitable. Are those western kinds—Weaver, Mariana, DeSoto, etc.—of any decided merit? I have planted some Moore's Arctic, but have seen it unfavorably spoken of lately.

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Reply by A. A. Wright, Renfrew, Ont.

In reply to Mr. C. P. Newman's letter, asking for information about Weaver and DeSoto plums, I can state that they are undoubtedly good varieties for northern latitudes, not only as regards hardiness and productiveness, but also as regards quality. Mariana, I know nothing of. Moore's Arctic is too tender for us here, but doubtless will succeed with him. But Mr. Newman is in a very favored locality—considering his northern latitude—for, owing to his insular position, and consequent exemption from early fall frosts, he can grow varieties that would be perhaps more saleable than any of these above mentioned. For example, Corse's Great Bearer or Bradshaw, both dark color, for early, or, if he prefer a yellow, take Yellow Gage; Admirable, for medium, and Victoria, for late.