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THE LOMBARD PLUM.

This old variety continues to be one of our most valuable sorts, especially for those who grow plums for market. It is said to have been raised from seed by a Judge Platt, of Whitesboro, New York, from whom a Mr. Lombard, of Springfield, Massachusetts, received it, and brought it to the attention of fruit-growers in that State. Out of compliment to him for bringing it into notice, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society named it the Lombard, by which name it is now generally known, although it was, even before that time, cultivated by fruit-raisers on the Hudson River, and called there Bleecker's Scarlet.

The trees of this variety are very healthy, vigorous and hardy in those regions adapted to the cultivation of this class of plums, and extremely productive. The fruit may be said to be of medium size and of a delicate violet red colour, covered with a thin bloom. The flesh is of a deep yellow, not rich, but juicy, and of a pleasant flavour. It ripens here in the beginning of September. Large quantities have been raised at Owen Sound and shipped from thence to the city markets.

The cultivation of the plum for market by our fruit-growers has been attended with serious difficulties, which have discouraged most persons from making the attempt. The curculio or plum weevil, a little insect with which most of our readers are already too familiar, has been so destructive to the fruit, which it punctures and then deposits its eggs in these punctures so that the young larvæ may feed upon the growing plums, that the crops have been ruined by them wherever they are numerous. Fortunately the vicinity of Owen Sound has hitherto been exempt from this troublesome insect, so that plum-growers there have not had to contend with this enemy. In other places they have been obliged to resort to some method of getting rid of these insects. The most effectual is that of spreading a sheet under the tree, giving it a sudden jar, which causes the insects to fold their legs close to their bodies and drop to the ground, and then gathering them from the sheet upon which they have fallen and destroying them. In addition to this, the plums that fall prematurely are gathered and thrown into the fire, or scalded, so as