

## ❧ Question Drawer. ❧

### Best and Most Profitable Market Plum.

**564.** SIR,—In answer to Mr. Hickling, I would say, for sandy soil, Washington, Improved Gage, Lombard, McLaughlin, Reine Claude. For clay, which is far the best soil for plums, Bradshaw, Niagara, Washington, Imperial Gage, Lombard, Glass Seedling, Yellow Egg, Pond's Seedling, Reine Claude, and Coe's Golden Drop, and a great many more varieties about as good; but different soils and localities make so much difference in growth and hardiness, that it is hard to give a list that will always suit.

Yours etc.,

G. W. CLINE, *Winona.*

### Earliest and Latest Plum for Profit.

**565.** SIR,—In reply to Mr. Switzer's question, the earliest with me is Bradshaw, Niagara, Washington, Duane's Purple, all ripening in the same week. Mr. Holton, of Hamilton, has a green plum which is very much earlier and when put on the market will be a great acquisition for early market. For late, German Prune, Reine Claude, and Coe's Golden Drop, all ripening about the same date. There is a late plum that I have not fruited yet, Grand Duke, a Bradshaw in size and color and later than all; recommended by gentlemen of reputation, and I believe it will be our best yet for latest.

G. W. CLINE, *Winona.*

### Rocky Mountain Blue Spruce (*Picea Pungens*).

**566.** SIR,—Kindly say by return mail what the premium, *Picea pungens*, is like. Has it a good color? It is in the color that its value as an ornamental tree would consist.

C. W.

*Reply by Mr. John Craig.*

As grown from seed, of course there is always more or less variation in color of the young plants, some of them do not surpass in beauty good specimens of our native white spruce, but the majority exhibit the characteristic bluish green shade so much admired. The finest specimens are multiplied by grafting or by means of cuttings. The plants furnished the Association are grown from selected Rocky Mountain seed, but may be expected to vary considerably.

### Yellow (or Golden) Willow.

**567.** SIR,—Can you give me the name of the yellow barked willow that grows in the vicinity of Hamilton;

C. W.

*Reply by Mr. John Craig.*

The willow referred to by your correspondent is probably variety *vitellina* of *Salix alba*. This, with the common crack willow (*S. fragilis*), was introduced at an early date from Europe, and large specimens of both are found in Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces. In the Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia,