

also a place where the soil is right for his business. I am of the opinion that it is easier to buy the right kind of soil than it is to make it after you have bought that which is unsuitable.

In planting small fruits, etc., it pays to use the plough a great deal, and to mark out in such a way that the plants can always be cultivated in two ways.

At the outset, two crops may be grown ; for instance, with grapes, by planting twelve feet apart, the space intervening may be utilized with vegetables.

What should be planted in order to realize the most money will depend upon the soil. On a clay loam, for instance, I would plant largely of currants, but on a light sandy soil I would plant few currants. In suitable soil I find currants profitable, and gooseberries also on a moderate scale.

Raspberries I have grown very largely, and have found them as profitable as any other fruit. I always cultivate them two ways.

My method of sale is to take orders from private families, dealing as much as possible with them ; because in this way I can get back all my baskets, and, with them, the cash the same day.

Blackberries, grapes, quinces, with a few plums and pears, are all suitable to be grown on a ten-acre lot.

One great secret of success is constant cultivation, and this there is no reason to neglect on a small place. I sometimes cultivate and hoe my fruit garden as often as fifteen times in a single season.

HOW TO GET BIG BERRY CROPS.

M R. L. B. PIERCE, writing in *Vick's Magazine*, gives some excellent hints for success in the culture of raspberries and currants, from which we take the following points :

For Black Cap Raspberries or Currants there is little danger of getting the ground too rich. A study of the native haunts of the Raspberry, growing by decayed stumps and logs, and in rich fence rows, should convince anyone what the needs of this fruit are. Raspberries seem to take considerable from the ground, and, unlike Blackberries, leave it after a few years very much impoverished. The difference in the first crop of raspberries between rich and poor soil is wonderful. A neighbor last year gathered two and one-half bushels of Gregg Raspberries from three rows twenty-four feet long. The canes arch seven feet from the ground, and are wonderful to see. The ground is a rich garden, and was top-dressed with fine manure.

An acquaintance planted one thousand Gregg Raspberries on a barn lot of very rich soil, and gathered, fourteen months later, thirty bushels of fruit.