

A HUGE TOMATO.



EARLY last month the writer received from Mr. John Kerman, Grimsby, samples of his fine Ignotum tomatoes grown under glass here at Grimsby. The samples were accompanied by the following note:—

SIR:—I would like to call your attention to the large tomato which weighed when picked 1 lb. 11½ oz. This is the largest tomato I have ever grown. I picked one a few days ago which weighed 1 lb. 8½ oz. I sent it to Prof. Bailey, of Cornell; when acknowledging it he said it was by far the largest hot house tomato he had ever seen, and he had only grown one larger outside, which was of the variety Ponderosa, and weighed 1 lb 10½ oz.



FIG. 979.—IGNOTUM, REDUCED NEARLY ONE-HALF.

We measured the large sample referred to, and found it was 16¼ inches in circumference; and then we photographed it that our readers might see it also. Mr. Kerman has about four hundred feet of glass devoted to growing the tomato, and seems to thoroughly understand his business. He has wide connections with the best American markets where his fine stock commands the best prices.

Wash for Peach Trees.—We usually wash our peach trees in May with a solution composed of 15 pounds of potash to a 48 gallon cask of water and 1 quart of crude carbolic acid, and lime enough to make a good paste. We have used cotton hull ashes for a wash, but it burned the trees some. A bushel of ashes was put in a barrel of water and applied in May. The acid, potash and lime wash is so offensive to borers that we have but a small percentage of them.
—J. H. Hale, Connecticut.