

up to this minute I have not seen any grafts from the friendly agent's boss. All I received from them was "much obliged!" This was not a Yankee trick, but a Canadian. No doubt this nurseryman will soon have any amount of trees to sell that he will now raise from the grafts I sent him, without having given me one cent for my trouble."

SALEM GRAPE.—CLAPP'S FAVORITE AND GOODALE PEARS.

Samuel Hunter, Scotland, County of Brant, writes:—

"I like the Salem Grape, although not as hardy nor productive as the Concord, yet larger and better flavored. I had about a peck of pears from off my Clapp's Favorite tree. Fruit not as good as the Flemish Beauty, nor near so large, but early. I had one pear from off my Goodale tree gathered before frost, and eaten December 4th. I consider it very good. I am glad for myself, and others that I meet with occasionally, that you have decided to send us a raspberry this year."

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THE WINTER GARDEN.

BY JAMES MACPHERSON.

I am pleased to observe that the term "Winter Garden" is employed in British America in its proper sense, and that it here means a garden for the preservation and growth of plants and flowers, and not a mere sham for the exhibition of athletes and the sale of lager beer. During the long Canadian winter, there are few things more calculated to afford a high degree of refined pleasure than a properly managed conservatory of flowering plants, whether it be large or small. It is one of the most common complaints of housekeepers that they cannot keep their plants in health in their living rooms. How easy it would be for such to contrive glazed porches, or bay windows isolated from the room by folding doors, and having a glazed instead of an opaque roof. An independent heating apparatus, or a coil from the furnace, (where employed), could quite easily be arranged, and a collection of plants from any zone kept in perfect safety from frost, while the necessary humidity could be maintained without inconvenience to the family. Even without artificial heat such a glazed porch could be kept cheerful with the broad leaved evergreens from the colder portions of the warm tempered zone. For instance, the Ivies, Hollies, Viburnums, Bays, Laurels, Aucubas, *Daphne laureola*, *Ulex*, *Genistas*, *Rhododendron catawbiense* vars,