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## THE ELBERTA PEACH.



So far as we know, the Elberta peach has not yet been fruited in Canada. It may, therefore, be classed with us among those novelties which may not be well adapted to our climate, or which may be over-praised by interested parties. But peach growers in Canada should be abreast of the times in their own line, and, since this variety is receiving so much attention from planters in the Southern and Middle States, where it is looked upon as the "coming peach," it is important that we give it a thorough trial in Canadian peach orchards also. In the South it is being planted more largely than any other peach; in the State of Georgia there are reported to be orchards of 100,000 trees of this variety alone. The Report of the New Jersey Horticultural Society speaks highly of this peach for that State, and so does that of the New York State and the Illinois Societies. In the Report for 1893, p. 51, we read:

"Elberta is another good peach. It is yellow, with a fine red cheek—a beauty—good quality, hardy and productive. It contains about all the good points one could desire in a peach."

In the Report of the Western New York Horticultural Society for 1892, Mr. Hooker said, "The Elberta peach is attracting a good deal of attention. It is a handsome peach, but I am not sufficiently acquainted with it to speak about it. I have planted about 15,000. They ripen with the late Crawford. I think there is no trouble about ripening them in this section."

The Elberta is a seedling of Chinese Cling, but entirely free stone. It was shown at the World's Fair by the State of Illinois, and the fine specimens attracted considerable attention.