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"sprawling over the ground," certainly an undesirable result. Mr. Gott evidently forgets that the article referred to deals only with the summer care of a vineyard. The winter work when most of the pruning and the tying is done is not touched upon. In a vineyard that is systematically pruned in winter and the vines properly tied up either to two or three wires according to the system of pruning followed, the vines will hardly form a network over the ground during the summer even though no summer pruning be practised. Reading further in the paragraph in which the expression appears, Mr. Gott will see that it has reference to cultivation only, the point being that clean cultivation should be followed in summer.

From my remarks on summer pruning, Mr. Gott concludes that I am in a poor position to minister to the needs of the grape growing public. In that article I was not posing as a teacher. I described a method of summer care of a vineyard that has been followed in our vineyard with most satisfactory results. We have not been hampered in our cultivation operations by the vines sprawling all over the ground.

Mr. Gott is right when he says that a systematic method of summer pruning should be followed. He is wrong when he imagines that a complete network of vines would obscure the ground if such a system were not practiced. If such has been his experience then his system of winter pruning and tying is faulty. As I said in my previous article we remove all sprouts and trim back the vines to a certain extent in order to retard vine production and thus promote the production of fruit, I believe, as I have said, that if all non-bearing wood were removed even better results would be obtained. No doubt this is what Mr. Gott refers to when he speaks of a most complete

and systematic system of summer pruning. That we do not do this can hardly be attributed to laxity and carelessness as Mr. Gott would infer.

The aim of a producer of any commodity should be to produce the highest grade possible. This is what we strive to do in the matter of grape production. In this respect the method we have followed has availed us. It may appear crude to such eminent horticulturists as Mr. Gott. True, it can be improved and will be improved; yet, the fact that it has been the means of enabling us to produce a good quality of fruit, is evident that we are not so very "far off" as Mr. Gott would lead us to believe.—G. H. Carpenter, Fruitland, Ont.

The University of Maine has ordered, at the Quebec fruit station, Village des Aulnaies, several hardy and productive varieties of plums. Professor Gardner, formerly of the Macdonald College, wants to try, at Orono, Me., the varieties that do so well at this Quebec station. Mr. August Dupuis, the director, has been successful in growing fruits at this station that at one time were thought to be impossible to grow so far north.

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