

one, as a dirty, unkempt arab waif from the city's slums does to a bright, clean, and tenderly cared-for little child.

FREDERICK MITCHELL.

Innerkip, Jan. 27th, 1886.

#### GRAPES.

I have to apologize for not answering your card of the 12th December *re* Grapes. I have removed from Brampton. Your card was forwarded in due course but it got mislaid.

A large variety of grapes are grown around Brampton with success. My own experience on clay soil was in favor of Delaware, Massasoit, and Clinton. Salem and Burnet mildewed bad. Brighton looked well but had not fruited. At the county fall fair I have seen some splendid bunches of Eumelan, Merrimack, and Wilder and Concord.

Yours truly,

WM. MILLER.

Oshawa, Jan. 15th, 1886.

#### STRAWBERRY GROWING.

MR. EDITOR,—I have noticed in some journals lately about large crops of strawberries. Now, as I am only a novice in raising them I thought that I would give you my experience and mode of cultivating them as it is the first time I have ever grown them.

In the latter part of August I planted one row each, 75 feet long, of the following kinds:—Camberland Triumph, Miners, Windsor Chief, Park Beauty, Vineland, Jersey Queen, Charles Downing and Sharpless, plants 1 foot apart in rows 2½ feet apart. In the fall when the plants were well established I manured heavily between the rows with old rotted stable manure. After frost I covered lightly with corn stalks. In the following spring I cut off all blossoms and runners and kept the ground well hoed and hand-weeded throughout. The next year I allowed

them to make narrow matted rows. The result was 402 quart baskets sold at 10 cents each, and 90 quarts used in the family; 16 berries of the Jersey Queen, Sharpless, and Miners prolific, filled several baskets. [How many baskets did you fill with sixteen berries?—ED.] Do you consider this a good yield?

Yours truly, J. W. M.

Toronto.

#### GOOSEBERRIES.

I would like to say a word respecting the gooseberry figured in the December number (1885). I believe it to be the old Crown Bob which I can remember for more than thirty years, and I suppose it was an old berry then. I have grown it here in St. Thomas for the last five years and I had berries last year nearly as large and high colored as shown in the picture. It has never mildewed with me, but is not a strong grower on my soil, though very productive. I find the Downing ahead of anything I have seen here yet for flavor, size, productiveness, and strong vigorous growth. I grow some five or six varieties all under the same conditions, get good crops every year, and have never seen a particle of mildew.

St. Thomas.

JOHN WHITHAM.

#### PARIS GREEN FOR CODLIN MOTH.

I tried Paris green and carbolic acid on three apple trees with good results, giving them three applications in three weeks, the first just as the blossoms began to fall. One tree was the Grand Sultan which had for the last four years shed all the fruit but a very few irregular specimens, the ground being covered till near all had fallen. This year they were smooth and glossy, the limbs almost breaking with fruit, and not a dozen in all fell before ripe, the whole crop being gathered at once. I