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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE EATON GRAPE.—According to a writer in the Rural New Yorker, the Eaton grape has little to recommend it except its size. In quality it could scarcely be distinguished from the Concord.

THE CROSBY PEACH.—We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. H. E. VanDeman, Chief of the Division of Pomology of the United States, criticising the colored plate of the Crosby peach, which appeared in our October number, as being overdrawn with respect to the size of the peach. He says that Mr. Hale had a lot of the Crosby peaches at Washington at the time of the last meeting of American Pomological Society there, and that none of them were over $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, in diameter.

We are particularly desirous of giving our readers a correct description of fruits through this journal, for our work is purely disinterested, having no connection whatever with any nursery concern, either in Canada or the United States. Our only object is to work for the benefit of fruit growers in Ontario. We are, therefore, glad to receive this criticism from Mr. VanDeman, and shall welcome similar criticisms from any of our readers, should anything appear in our pages which seems to over-estimate the value of any fruit, new or old.

THE FINER VARIETIES OF GRAPES.—The public is slow to appreciate the higher classes of grapes. The experience of a writer in the Rural New Yorker is largely verified in our own experience in Canada. Here is the clipping referred to :

“ ‘Have you any Agawam, Lindley or Wilder grapes on hand?’ I said to a New York commission man a few days ago. ‘None to-day,’ said he, ‘and I am heartily glad of it. The general grape-buying public and especially the dealers who buy of us, don’t know anything about these fine grapes and it is very hard work to sell them. They look them over, shake their heads and then buy Concords, because they know what they are.’