

* Open Letters. *

Seely Basket.

SIR,—I notice your favorable commendation of the Seely fruit basket and have had some inquiries from Ontario for material for the construction of that basket, namely veneer splints and discs for top and bottom. I would like to know if there are any people in your fruit district who are making an effort for fancy packages of fruit. I have been perfecting forms, presses and such other requisites for a uniform and convenient size which would be easily manufactured and easily handled in packing, which is no easy matter, as I am already engaged in an extensive and long established business.

I. B SEELY, *Philadelphia, Pa.*

Gladiolus Degeneration.

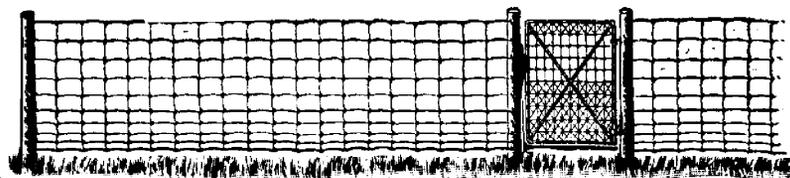
SIR,—On page 171 you make me say, "raise your own seed as well." This should read "raise from seed." Of course any one can raise his seed, but my claim is that new crosses from seeds (wild varieties) are necessary to restore the fading vitality of the commercial gladioli *Gandivensis*. Few choice collections have the necessary stock for such work and practically none of the amateur collections.

H. H. GROFF, *Simcoe, Ont.*

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