

if it does as well with others as it has done with me, it can easily be seen why the Niagara Grape Co. has made such efforts to keep it in their own hands. If it bears good fruit in proportion to its growth, I for one will not rue the price I paid for it.

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#### A SUMMER IN THE GARDEN.

(To the Editor of the Horticulturist.)

DEAR SIR,—The faded and falling leaf, while it reminds us that another mile-stone of life's journey is reached (let us hope running in the right road), tells us, too, that summer is ended. Most of your readers being more or less employed in garden operations, a review of the season's crop may not be without some interest. As success depends much on cultivating kinds the best and most suited to the locality, and as these kinds can only be selected by the study of our own failures and successes as well as that of our neighbours, we venture a word of our experience and solicit that of others. "In the multitude of counselors there is wisdom."

The present season for most vegetables has been especially favorable. We doubt if even that oft-spoken of character *the oldest inhabitant*, ever saw one more so. On this account the success of of this year may be the failure of the next.

**Beans.**—Among the multitude of kinds it is difficult to name a best. Our good friend, Mr. Goldie, kindly sent me *highly recommended* seed of the Lima. It is certainly not the kind for our cold section. It was but started in the hotbed; to ripen it should be there now. In common seasons no doubt it would do better. The dwarf Butter Bean, Golden Wax and Newington Wonder are favorites with us, but of late years have spotted badly.

**Beets.**—We begin to think seedsmen

have no conscience. We buy a packet marked Long Blood Beet, the picture of the pure thing is on it, true to life, is beautifully got up, 5 cents seems a mere bagatelle for it, but it's the best part of the bargain. In this case like does not produce like; in all likelihood the crop turns out to be something bearing a strong affinity to mangel wurtzel, baffling every effort of the cook to get it into her largest pot; and if it did go through the ordeal of cooking, the most fitting place for it is the swill tub. Of last year's novelties we tried the Eclipse early beet, but did not find it much of an improvement on the old early Egyptian. Burpee's Improved Extra Early Turnip Beet, almost as early and of better quality than the Egyptian, we have found excellent.

**Carrots.**—Of many kinds tried we prefer the Half-long Luc. They are early, easily lifted, yield and keep well.

**Cabbage.**—In Henderson's Late Flat Dutch we thought we had found perfection. Early in the season it headed beautifully, and some of it ripened early; but now, when it should be ready for pulling, although of immense size, there is a large proportion of soft unripened heads. This may be owing to the want of heat, but we think as much or more weight of cabbage, and of better quality, could be raised from the Winningstadt planted 18 inches apart than from any of the large varieties.

**Cauliflower.**—Till now we have been well satisfied with the Extra Dwarf Erfurt variety. This year we have tried Henderson's Early Snowball. It did not come up to our expectations, but as we had a few good heads, and have it well reported of by friends, we must try it again.

**Celery.**—Henderson's White Plume gave us less labour and more satisfaction than any kind we have tried.