

shrub, grows from one to two feet high, the twigs about the color of the ozier willow, fruit more black and cherry shaped, generally larger than the blue or oblong. The leaves are also different. I find the oblong to differ in flavor from different patches. Some are a good deal sweeter than others, like black-berries from different localities.

I have never tried to manure them as yet, in fact I don't think it necessary as they grow on very poor land among the rocks and gravel, and sometimes in a bed of sand. I notice those that grow in sand to be the most thrifty bushes. Old beds of forest leaves seem to suit them as well. This is all the manure I used on mine. I notice that the older they are the taller the shoots will grow in one season. I have now no doubt of making a success of them.

-Cor. Fruit Recorder.

GRAPES IN THE UNITED STATES.

The *Florida Dispatch* says:—"From statistics recently published by the Department of Agriculture at Washington, we learn that there are now 185,583 acres of grapes grown in the United States. Wine from the product of these vines is made to the amount of 24,453,857 gallons, having a market value of \$13,436,174.87. California of course leads, having one-sixth of the area, yielding nearly two-thirds of the wine. New York comes next, having 12,643 acres, though but little is made into wine; the grapes find ready sale in the market; only 584,148 gallons are made. Rhode Island only returns fifty-five acres; while Illinois, from 3,810 acres, makes over a million gallons of wine. Missouri, Ohio, Georgia, and New Mexico are leading wine-making sections. Colorado cuts no figure at all in the report, but the day is coming when grape culture will be one of their prominent industries.

THE IONA GRAPE.

This excellent grape seems to be giving good results in California. It will not ripen well in the colder portions of Ontario. The most beautiful grape of the season, for color, taste, grace of cluster, and rich ripening quality is the Iona. It is a first cousin to the Catawba with an Isabella spice. It is a glowing, translucent garnet, with a purplish bloom, and ought to make a favorite table grape, as, framed in its own olive-green leaves and tendrils, with yellow pears for contrast, no prettier centre-piece for a dainty lunch or dinner-table could be devised. Only a few of our vintagers as yet have found out how well this grape does here, but those few are making it a specialty."—*Santa Barbara Press*.

BOOKS RECEIVED, ETC.

CATALOGUE OF SELECT ROSES, Ellwanger and Barry, Rochester, N. Y.

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST of novelties and specialties for sale by Ellwanger & Barry.

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Michigan State Horticultural Society, full, as it always is, of valuable information.

SCIENCE, a weekly journal published by the Science Company at \$5 a year. No. 4 Bond Street, New York. Devoted to the interests of science.

PRIZE LIST of the World's Industrial Exposition to be held all next winter in New Orleans. The prizes for fruits are very liberal, collections of apples running from \$15 to \$200. Cannot the fruit growers of Ontario take some of these prizes. The Editor of the *Canadian Horticulturist* will send a copy of the prize list to any one who applies therefor.