

* Open Letters. *

Windsor Cherry.

SIR,—Young Windsor Cherry trees made a good growth last summer, but this spring there are very few leaves; the only buds that seem to be in good condition, that is, are sending out full-sized leaves, are those at the end of the growth of '95, and the second terminal bud on the growth of '96. The buds seem to open out at the proper time, but contained nothing. Some of them are now sending out very small leaves, but no fruit-buds. Lutovka and Minnesota Osthheim are in the same condition. I enclose you a sample bud. What is the matter? Thermometer fell to 20° below last winter, and was reported 24° below—the coldest known for 30 years. The wood of young trees of Spaulding, Burbank, Bradshaw, Genii and many other plums, is uninjured, except perhaps a loss of an inch.

D. J. STEWART,
Aiken's Ferry, P.E.I.

New Fruits.

SIR,—Seeing in the June number of THE HORTICULTURIST, in "New Fruit," by E. Morden, a rather severe discrimination against Russian Apricots, I wish the writer of said article could visit my orchard this season before Apricots are ripe. I think we could convince him that they are come to stay. There are several trees of different varieties as heavy loaded as the trees can carry, and I cannot find a carculio mark on any of them. The trees are more hardy than Peach, having borne some fruit even in the past two years, when Plums failed here. One

of the trees measures 2 feet 6 inches across the trunk.

Japan Plums, too, come in for a share; one thing, they have an advantage over *Prunus domestica*, in being entirely free from black-knot.

S. HUNTER,
Hawthorn Place, Scotland, Ont.

A Long Keeping Apple.

SIR,—I have a young seedling apple tree that bore heavily last year. I put a peck of the fruit in a barrel of Russets, and when I sold the Russets, I found the others were still sound. So I put them away again and they are nearly sound at the present date, June 19th. The quality is not very high, but the apple is a wonderful keeper, and the tree is very productive.

W. G. WATSON, *Dixie, Ont.*

Price of Grapes.

SIR,—Grapes here look fine and promise a fairly good crop. All grape growers should combine, who have an acre or more of vineyard, and sell no grapes for less than 1½ cent per lb. All grapes unsold I am willing to take at that price, and make into wine. There is a large wine cellar here, with many empty tanks, so I can make it up with little expense.

I will send a sample of my last year's wine to any person interested.

D. GRUENBECK, *Tilsenburgh.*

SWEET PEA WINDOW SCREEN.

THE sweet pea is suggested by a writer in the Ladies' Home Journal, for a screen against the ugliness visible from many back windows.

Given a long, narrow box for this purpose, with a simple trellis work of ordinary wire or twine, well pulverized and enriched earth, with a small addition of sand and a moderate amount of sunshine—sweet pea vines being easily scorched—and a pretty window, a fragrant room, and plenty of blossoms for cutting may be confidently counted on, says the authority quoted, and an accompanying illustration verifies the statement. Following are additional notes gleaned from the same source:

A peculiarity of sweet peas is that the higher they are trained the more profusely they will bloom, and if all fading blossoms are removed before they can

go to seed, a constant succession of bloom is secured.

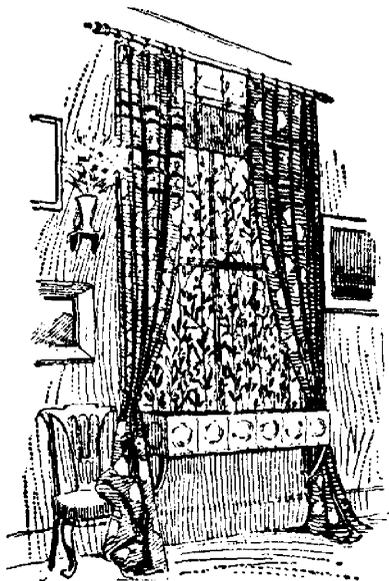


FIG. 1161.—SWEET PEA WINDOW SCREEN.