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ST. JOHN PEACH

THE earliest really good peach for either home use or market. Its season is the end of August, just before the Early Crawford; and its fair size, yellow flesh, attractive skin, and good quality, make it one of the most satisfactory peaches for all purposes.

Origin.—America.

Tree.—Vigorous, and productive.

Fruit.—Round, large, $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ inches; skin yellow, with dark red cheek; suture traceable on one side, sometimes by a red line; apex a tiny point in a rather deep depression; freestone; flesh, yellow, tinted red at stone; juicy, sweet, rich and agreeable.

Season.—August 20th to September 1st.

Quality.—Dessert and cooking, very good.

Market.—1st class, the best of its season.

Notes and Comments

SUCCESSFUL FRUIT GROWING.

THE lesson of successful fruit growing must be learned slowly; and many a purchaser of a fruit farm is sadly disappointed when he learns that the varieties of fruit upon it are a more important consideration than the number of trees. This season, for example, the Astracan apple has been a complete glut in our Canadian market, and being too tender for foreign shipment without great risk, it has sold at such low prices as to leave the grower a loss of money after labor, packages, freight, commission, etc.,

has been paid for; a similar statement may be made of the whole list of early clingstone peaches, such as Alexander, Hale, Rivers and Triumph. Fancy 10 and 15 cents a basket out of which to pay all expenses! What is left we ask for the grower? Nobody wants such rubbish. But as soon as we begin harvesting a fine yellow freestone, such as Yellow St. John we find a demand at 75 to 80 cents a basket, and we feel encouraged at once.

We mention this to show the great importance to the intending fruit grower when