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## THE GARFIELD PEACH

(BRIGDON.)

A fine yellow-fleshed peach of about same season as Early Crawford.

ORIGIN: New York State.

TREE: Vigorous, moderately productive.

FRUIT: Roundish, ovate; size large, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> x 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches; average weight, 5 ounces; color, yellow with red cheek; suture marked; stone free.

FLESH: Yellow; texture tender and juicy; flavor rich and excellent.

QUALITY: Cooking, very good; dessert, very good.

VALUE: Market very good.

SEASON: August 25th to September 10th.

Mr. W. W. Hillborn, our peach experimenter in the County of Essex, writes:

The Garfield Peach is of the Early Crawford type, perhaps a little more highly colored, ripens a little earlier, fruit bud more hardy, therefore more regular crops are obtained of it than of the above named variety. I would plant it in preference to Early Crawford for either home use or market, as it has proved equal in every respect and superior in some points to that old standard variety. I have fruited it for some years and consider it one of the best market sorts grown.

## Editorial Notes and Comments

NOVEMBER is as early as the fruit farmer can find time for the Thanksgiving holiday, for his apples and his grapes keep him busy every hour during the month of October.

PRUNING may be commenced this month as soon as the leaves have fallen. The work is much more important than is commonly supposed, and much finer fruit would result if more time and attention were given to pruning and cutting back our fruit trees and vines.

THE MUMMY FRUIT on plum trees should be gathered and burned, because it contains the spores for propagating the fungus for the coming year.

MICE must be guarded against, especially in young orchards. In plots where clean cultivation is given, the trees are quite safe, but, if grass or other rubbish is about the trees, their destruction is almost certain when the heavy snowfalls come. A simple protection is a mound of fine earth packed