

by any other system; a better chance for the management of the young canes, as being more easily separated, and for cutting out the old wood, which should be done immediately after the fruiting season is over.

The ground may be cultivated at any time previous to getting the canes again into position.

The slip-shod style of growing raspberries on the hedgerow system as practised in this country I fail to see the philosophy of. The fruit is certainly not as good as it might be from the fact that the canes are too much crowded together, and to keep the rows clear of thistles, quick grass, weeds, and other obnoxious seeds must be rather a tedious operation.

In either systems I fail to see any difference in so far as the cultivation and the gathering of the crop concerned.

The varieties usually in cultivation in Western Europe are the Red and White Antwerp, which are well adapted for training on the pillar-and-arch systems; but I find that our native cultivated varieties, both red and black of robust growth, are equally as well adapted for training on the same system.

#### SMALL FRUIT NOTES.

**JEWELL STRAWBERRY.** Sir:—In reply to your note in *Horticulturist*, regarding Jewell Strawberry, I would say that with me it is a very strong grower. I have no variety on my place that makes such large, strong plants, but it makes very few of them, hence it will be little trouble to keep it within bounds. W. W. HILBORN, Arkona, Ont.

Sir:—I cannot let the assertion go forth that the Jewell is a poor grower. I had it before it was offered for sale. It is a healthy plant, vigorous grower, more so than Sharpless; berries are of the largest size; very productive; the

only fault (and is a good plant that has none) it makes but few runners.

JOHN LITTLE, Granton, Ont.

**THE LOGAN** is a new seedling strawberry of Mr. J. H. Haynes, Delphi, Indiana. He writes that indications are that it will prove the best yet offered.

**THE ERIE BLACKBERRY.** Sir:—I notice on page 76 of the *Horticulturist* for this month, a request for the experience of any one who has given the Erie Blackberry a trial. I had the first plant in Canada, from the person who sold the stock to the person who now offers it for sale. I got the plant in the spring of '84. It is a good grower, but it has been killed every year to the snow line. I have not seen a berry yet, and don't expect to here. It may do better in more favoured localities. At the same time I bought two dozen of the Early Cluster at \$6, and one dozen of Stayman's Early, \$6. They are just as worthless as the former, notwithstanding all the extravagant recommendations they have had.

JOHN LITTLE, Granton, Ont.

**A QUART BOX.** Sir:—On page 94 (March number), I find it stated that 67 cubic inches is a full quart. This is not quite correct. The Imperial quart contains 69.318 .. cubic inches.

THOS. BEALL, Lindsay.

**BIG STRAWBERRIES AND LOTS OF THEM.**—Whether we are growing them for family use or for market, the question is, how can we have them, and from years of experience, while we know that oftentimes satisfactory and paying crops can be grown under almost any system of culture and on any soil, yet to have "big berries and lots of them," we must give up our old and slipshod methods of culture, and give only the best and most thorough care from beginning to end. This does not necessarily mean being at any great expense either in