

✂ Question Drawer. ✂

Huggard's Seedling Pear.

1119. SIR.—I send you a seedling pear for your opinion. It is a cross between Clairgeau and Anjou.

R. L. HUGGARD, *Whitby.*

This pear is worth testing. In a warm room it has ripened for eating this 1st November, but in the cool it would no doubt keep till Christmas. It is large in size, obtuse, pyriform, skin yellow, with bright red cheek, stem stout with peculiar raised fleshy insertion, calyx half closed in a moderately deep basin, flesh creamy white, tender, juicy, with some granules like the flesh of the Duchess; flavor sweet and very agreeable.

Weakened by Frost.

1120. SIR.—I planted a number of pear trees in the spring of 1898, they all grew well that season, but this spring the trunks of most of them were dead on one side, the branches were budding some but have died since. Would like to know if such young trees would have the blight, if the cold winter has done it, or if the disease has come from the nursery, some trees are growing from the roots.

D. N. A.

No doubt the severe cold weather of last February weakened the life of many of our fruit trees, some of which succumbed at once and others have been gradually dying. Sometimes the sun coming out suddenly upon frozen bark after a severe cold spell, causes sun scald, or portions of bark to die and in time peel off, thus seriously injuring the tree.

Choice of Apple Trees.

1121. SIR.—I am thinking of planting out three or four hundred apple trees (winter fruit) assorted, as follows: Baldwins, Ben Davis, Mann, Kings, and Cranberry Pippins. Would you kindly let me know what you think of the assortment?

A. MCK. CAMERON,
Meaford.

The selection of apple trees made by our correspondent is a very good one for a list of winter varieties for export, with one exception, viz., the Mann apple. This variety drops badly from the tree, and its color is not favorable to its ready sale. It is productive and fairly even in size but can hardly be classed among the best commercial varieties. We would substitute Ontario for Mann in the list proposed by our subscriber.

Turnips as Green Manure.

1122. SIR.—If not too much against the rules of your journal, I wish you would reply to the query as below at your earliest convenience. I have a crop of turnips in my plum orchard—trees planted five years next spring. Would it be good for tree or fruit or both to plow under turnips now?

EPHRAIM COOKE,
Norwich, Ont.

Reply by H. L. Hutt, O. A. C., Guelph.

We would not advise plowing under a good crop of turnips. It would pay better to sell the turnips and buy wood ashes or manure, or if possible feed the turnips to stock and apply the manure to the orchard.

Second Crop of Flowers after Bulbs.

1123. SIR.—In your October issue in an article taken from the Farmer's Advocate, I observe it is recommended that bulbs should remain unmoved in the ground for three or four years, or longer. Will you kindly tell a subscriber if any use can be made of the ground after the plants have ceased to bloom; and if so, what is the best thing, or things to use in the vacant or bare earth?

JAS. CAUFIELD,
Woodstock.

Seeds of annuals may be sown to succeed the early spring flowering bulbs.

Regulations of Fruit Packing.

SIR.—The answer to question No. 1110 is really satisfactory as far it goes,