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with but limited surroundings. Let him who feels that much of his earnings must be sacrificed upon the altar of utility not forget that there are trees as handsome as any, that will yield each year a product desirable at home or salable anywhere.

Let me recommend nut culture to the

farmer who would increase his income. No one need be deterred because he has large acreage to devote to nut orchards alone. There is surely room for that tree which, while crowding out nothing useful, will be an enduring source of satisfaction.

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To the Editor of the Horticulturist:

SIR,—Cauliflower is plentiful in this market direct from California. Prime heads five inches in diameter retail for 25 cents, and smaller ones for 18 to 20 cents. They are sent here in carloads. They must pay winter freight charges in addition to cost of fire protection from frost. If such products can be sent from Lower California, 3,500 miles by rail in midwinter and retailed in New York and Boston and intermediate towns and cities at a profit, it would seem that distance is no longer to be considered in seeking a market for green fruit and vegetables.

In my garden at Oshawa I raised large late *Le Normand* cauliflower 12 inches and more in diameter, firm, white and perfect. Such heads would have sold in this market last November at 40 to 50 cents each.

The climate of Ontario is better suited for the successful production of cauliflower than that of California. Freight charges from Ontario with duty added should not be greater than freight

charges alone from the Pacific Coast. During January I have been enjoying Easter Beurre, Glout Marceau and Patrick Barry pears, also from California. For very large, fine and perfect specimens I have paid 10 cents each, medium size but perfect fruits, 5 to 8 cents each. One Easter Beurre measured 12 inches in circumference. It was perfect but the quality not as good as some of the smaller fruits. These pears came packed in small cases, four layer of fruit in each case. A retailer can dispose of a case without loss from decay and is quite willing to pay the extra cost of small cases.

When prime Naval oranges from California are retailing at 4 cents each the masses will not buy pears at 10 cents each. In this market quality and condition determines the price. Fruits and vegetables of prime quality and in prime condition always command ready sale at liberal prices. For such goods the market is never overstocked.

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