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✦ Notes and Comments. ✦

THE YIELD OF A 5-YEAR OLD BEN DAVIS APPLE TREE.—Mr. J. G. Mitchell, of Clarksburg, writes us giving the exact amount of fruit harvested this year from a Ben Davis apple tree planted in the spring of 1889, and receiving garden cultivation. The quantity was one barrel No. 1 apples, twelve pounds No. 2, and nine pounds of culls. He stated that nine trees of the same variety, planted the same day, but receiving only ordinary orchard cultivation, yielded together only an aggregate of one barrel of No. 1 apples. This statement shows what care, cultivation, manure, water and spraying will do for the apple grower.

THE PARAGON CHESTNUT is very productive, according to a writer in the Rural New Yorker. The original tree, now fifteen years old, bears an average of $1\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of nuts, and Mr. Engle, who owns it, thinks they would average 75 bushels per acre. To change an old chestnut grove to this variety he would cut down in winter, and when the sprouts grew from the stumps he would splice graft them to Paragon. This work he does in April.

SAWDUST MANURE is commended by another writer in the same journal. He has used it for two years on some land, and the result was, "better crops, earlier, less injury from drouth, and land as mellow as an ash heap." We have long used sawdust bedding at Maplehurst, for want of straw, and not from choice. Sawdust will remain in the ground a long time without rotting, and therefore does not become available as soon as straw. Still its mechanical effect would be excellent, and the ammonia absorbed would, no doubt, become immediately available.