

Stock for Budding Cherries.

824. SIR,—I purpose planting a quantity of seedling cherry stocks for budding. Is any one kind of stocks suitable for both the Heart and Duke classes, and which is best? I can get French imported stocks which I intended doing. Thinking you can furnish me the desired information, I inclose card for reply. The recent cold snap does not appear to injure the peach buds, and I hope next fall to be able to show you some better specimens of my seedling.

H. L. McCONNELL, *Gravesend.*

The Mazzard is the best stock for budding both Heart and Duke cherries upon. It is a fine, thrifty grower. Where dwarf trees are wanted the Mahaleb is used. Seedling stock of both these should be easily procured in this country.

Russian Apricots.

825. SIR,—I have three Russian apricot trees, the Alix, Budd, and Alexander, which I think will never bear fruit here in the County of York. Is there any other fruit I could graft on them with success?

R. J. WOOD, *Thistle town.*

Reply by Mr John Craig, Ottawa.

I cannot speak from experience on this matter. On general principles I do not think, however, it would pay him to graft peach or apricots upon Russian apricot stocks. If the trees have not blossomed so far, or show no indication of bearing fruit, I would endeavor rather to bring them into bearing by trying some experience in the way of "ringing" a branch or two of each tree. This might be done by removing a ring of the outer bark or by twisting a piece of wire tightly about the base of the branch. Peach trees are grown so quickly and they are so liable to "gum" and make bad joints when grafted that I do not think it would be advisable to try stock grafting.

Blossoming Period and Habits of Apple Trees.

826. SIR,—Kindly place the following varieties in groups: 1, those that blossom at the same time; 2, according to habit of growth? Varieties: Pewaukee, Wealthy, Mann, Roxbury Russet, Golden Russet, Blenheim Orange, Hurlburt, King, Ben Davis, Walbridge, Canada Baldwin.

W. LOUCH, *Wellburn, Ont.*

Reply by Mr. John Craig, Ottawa.

The varieties mentioned above, according to records secured last year, would fall into three groups, the classification being based upon the period at which they blossomed: *Early Blooming*—Blenheim, Ben Davis. *Middle Group*—Pewaukee, Wealthy. *Late Group*—Roxbury Russet, Canada Baldwin, Golden Russet. The same varieties might be grouped under three heads, the