

difference between these varieties no one around here is clever enough to distinguish it. But we keep them in different fields for separate propagation; close together a slight difference *might* be manifest. The berry is very black, of fine size, and very good to take when it first comes in, and the bush is very productive. It begins to ripen nearly with Highland Hardy, and utterly supersedes here the old Davidson Thornless, which had become very unproductive and generally unreliable.

Now, as the season of Tyler is about over, the

*Gregg* is just coming in. It is not nearly so black as the former (on account of the light-grey bloom in the little hollows of the berry), and it is not so hardy in winter, nor will it behave so well on light soils; yet of all tested sorts it still stands ahead, for its unrivalled firmness and size. It is also sweeter than Tyler. On loamy soil with fair treatment it is very productive, and when it comes into market all other black caps must stand aside. But it comes in very late.

*Ohio*.—This is the sort that attracts so much attention in New York State as a berry for drying. I don't see how it can be as profitable for this purpose—quart for quart—as *Gregg*, for the latter is certainly firmer, and apparently less watery. But, I daresay, more quarts can be raised per acre of the *Ohio*. I find it, without question, the *healthiest growing* Black Cap that I have tested. It is also about the sweetest and most delicious. So, if I could plant only *one* Black Cap for the use of my family, I would set out *Ohio*; but I would try hard for an earlier one, and a later one also. The *Ohio* is about medium in season.

*Centennial*.—This new sort pleases me exceedingly. The fruit is quite large. Selected specimens, indeed,

crowding closely the largest *Gregg*, though the average size seems smaller than the *Gregg* average. It is quite black, and it is sweeter and better than Tyler, about as delicious as *Ohio*, while it appears firmer than either. I feel that a test on one year plants is not sufficient to pass settled judgment upon; but if it fulfils its present promise with me, I must place it as far away the best of all the *early* Black Caps tested here.

*Chapman* and *Nemaha* grow well, but have not fruited yet. They were planted in spring of this year.

*Beebe's Golden*.—A new sort that grows a yellow berry on a "Black Cap" bush. The fruit is about the size of *Gregg*, or nearly so, sweet, exceedingly firm, and is produced very abundantly. The bush appears very hardy and vigorous. The only objection seems to be that the color when over-ripe becomes rather too dark, so that purchasers at first think the fruit dirty or decaying. A little experience, however, will overcome that idea, and at present this variety is the only valuable "white" variety I know that can be shipped to market, so I have good hopes of its future record. It tastes better than the following:—

*Caroline*.—A noble variety for home use or near market. The plant is remarkably vigorous and overwhelmingly productive, while the berries are rather large and of the attractive orange-buff tint of the old Brinkle. But the resemblance ends with the color. The quality is decidedly inferior to that of the Brinkle, and the form of the berry is shorter. But the children like it, and visitors exclaim over it in raptures. We must think well of a fruit that every one likes, except the connoisseur. So with its beauty, hardiness, and almost unequalled productiveness, the *Caroline* should stand first of its color everywhere, except in the garden of