

It derives its name from Mr. John Lawson, of Ulster County, N.Y., who formerly owned the farm on which the original tree still stands. The tree is thought to be about 100 years of age, and has never been known to blight.

The pear is certainly desirable, provided it bears out all these characteristics and is sufficiently hardy for our Canadian climate.

#### THE EARHART EVER-BEARING RASPBERRY.

The *Rural New-Yorker* of 23rd Oct. gives this raspberry a good puff. It claims for it the following points of excellence, (1) hardiness, (2) thrift, (3) productiveness, (4) better quality than the Gregg.

But the great point, in which it is claimed to excel them all, is its wonderful second crops on wood of the current year's growth. The main crop ripens about the last of June, and the second crop commences to ripen about August 15th and continues for about six weeks. On one cane over 500 berries were counted on the 16th September last, and altogether it is made out to be a wonderful acquisition to the garden, giving a continuance of fruit for the table all summer long.

Now we always read statements in the *Rural* with the greatest confidence, because it gives its opinions, as we also aim to do, without fear or favor. But we should require the experience of more than one season to establish our confidence in the wonderful everbearing qualities of the Earhart.

Why, only a few days ago we read

of a gardener in Wingham, Ont., picking a fine lot of second crop raspberries in his garden about the 16th October; they were literally loaded with fruit and not Earharts either. The fact is, this is an unusual season for second crops. A neighbor of ours, Mr. Snyder, has plenty of second crop strawberries now (Nov. 12) on his plants; and another Mr. Sardis Smith, has an apple tree with a second crop of apples, of fair size and ripe.

This peculiar phenomenon extends to England also, for we read in the *London Standard* 11th Oct. "the extraordinary mildness of the weather in Dorset has produced some curious phenomena. Strawberries in full bloom are very common in the south, and at Dorchester may be seen apple trees in abundant blossom."

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