

ingly fine quality, is less vigorous and productive here than Delaware, but without exaggeration a finer grape in flavor. A vine of it should be in every collection.

Still hold Lady and Martha as good profitable varieties; Allen's Hybrid, Sweetwater, and Dr. Underhill's Croton for fine quality of fruit, though unreliable some seasons. Empire State, Centennial, Jessica, Hayes' Golden Drop, and Niagara have not fruited.

Noah, Elvira, Irving, Astrachan, Eva, Rebecca and Perkins I have discarded and dug up.

Some years since, from the remarkable adaptability of this section for fruit culture, I made a venture with several early foreign vinery varieties to test for out-door culture, but one by one departed, leaving only White Sweetwater and Early Auvergne Frontignan. The latter, with good nursing and bagging its elegant bunches, gave good results and a rich, spicy berry, resembling the imported Malaga.

Yours truly,

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REPORT ON TREES, SEEDS, &c., RECEIVED FROM THE F. G. ASS'N FOR TRIAL.

They have nearly all proved desirable, some indispensable, some I would not probably have had but for my connection with the Society, and would not be without for many times the price of membership.

The McLaughlin plum, Clapp's Favorite and Bourre d'Anjou pears, Grime's Golden apple, Downing gooseberry, Saunders' Hybrid raspberry, are all fruits of high, or highest, merit in their respective classes.

The Glass plum grows well, is a fine fruit, but unproductive, seems much better on limestone soils.

The Red raspberry is well flavored, but the *acini*, or fruit grains, crumble

at the touch, and it out-suckers the whole State of Indiana.

I have lost some two or three kinds by accident, and others I have not had long enough to report satisfactorily upon.

The Hydrangea, thoroughly hardy, is one of the indispensables, reinforcing the floral ranks at the right time to prevent a break or halt in the pageant of beauty and grandeur, as it marches athwart the calendar up to when

"Stern winter shuts the scene."

I think that thorough, even severe, pruning out all weak wood much improves the size and richness of the panicles, especially of the later blooming, which otherwise are liable to fall off, somewhat, in these qualities.

Pansies.—I must not omit the Pansies. The seed grew well, the flowers, exquisite, and so large,—considering the strain, two inches, full, over banner and keel, and the wings,—and replete with *expression*. There are some varieties that lack this *pensé* characteristic and its charm, wanting which it scarcely deserves the name of pansy. The white and yellow, though pretty enough as flowers, are wanting in that wonderful look which moves one to ask,

"Of what may that flower be thinking?"

I have never seen a really good picture of the pansy. The artists do not seem to catch the spirit of the fairy dream, woven into and pervading the form and color. I venture to predict that if ever the pansy loses its popularity, it will be through the "new variety" men flooding the market with their speechless, soulless, idiotic looking pets under the name of pansies. I saved seed from some of the best, and the children were quite equal to the parents. They observed the fifth commandment, which was very proper in a flower capable of thinking, and therefore morally responsible.

My Asters were not good. A large