

## ✧ New or Little Known Fruits. ✧

### BURBANK JAPAN PLUM.

SIR,—Among the very promising new fruits, and one that seems to have come to stay, is the Burbank Japan plum. Here, in Western New York, it is hardy, of fine quality, very beautiful in appearance, and productive beyond anything I have seen, and, withal, has a foliage that seems perfect. Mr. H. E. VanDeman, Department of Agriculture of the United States, commended it highly to me a few years since, and expressed his opinion at that time, that I would find it especially adapted to this climate.

S. D. WILLARD, *Geneva, N. Y.*

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### OWEN SOUND BEAUTY PLUM.

SIR,—I send you by express samples of the Owen Sound Beauty plum. I sent you some of these plums in 1888 and since that date the tree has been bearing fruit, and seems to improve with age. It is a seedling of No. 1 plum, of which you gave a description in the October number of your journal for 1889. The tree is a strong, healthy grower, a heavy bearer, and this year I had a very large crop from it. The fruit hangs well to the tree and is a freestone. The flesh resembles that of a peach more than a plum, and makes an excellent preserve, equal to the peach to my taste.

R. TROTTER, *Owen Sound, Ont.*

This plum was described on page 259, Vol. II, and we have little to say farther, except that it bears out all that was then said of its quality. In form, however, these samples incline more to the oblong than to the globular. Its free stone, excellent quality, and lateness of ripening, the samples coming to hand in good order on the 10th of October, seem to commend it to planters.

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### A BEAUTIFUL SEEDLING APPLE.

SIR,—I send you three beautiful apples, grown in this locality, which I believe are seedlings.

R. LEWIS, *The Rectory, Maitland, Ont.*

Truly this apple well deserves the title of *Beautiful*, for we never saw any apple that surpassed it in richness of coloring. Even the Red Astrachan, which is so much admired, is its inferior in tints of color. Then it possesses excellence of quality as well, and these characteristics unite in making it deserve the very highest place as a dessert apple.

*Description.*—Fruit, medium to large, roundish oblate, with one quarter considerably enlarged. Skin, pale cream, splashed and shaded with pink, turning to crimson on sunny side, which in some samples completely covers it; obscurely blotched with markings of dark carmine. Stalk about  $\frac{5}{8}$ ths of an inch in length, inserted in a deep, evenly formed cavity. Calyx closed, set in a basin of moderate size and depth. Flesh white, streaked with red, tender, juicy, aromatic. Quality best. Ripe October and November.