

but had not protected, it, and it had been killed.

The great importance of winter protection of strawberry plants is so well known to all growers and so often preached up by Horticultural writers that it is hardly worth while to emphasise it here, except to say that it is unnecessary to apply any covering before the ground has frozen, as the danger is in the constant succession of freezing and thawing, which often kills the fruit buds, and a good many of the plants themselves. Any loose covering will answer, such as straw, cornstalks or evergreen boughs; and any small fruit grower who has these materials in store and can spare them for the purpose, is losing money if he neglect the application.

VARIETIES OF FRUIT TRUE TO NAME.

In buying trees or plants for planting, it is wise to use every precaution to obtain them true to name. In nothing is it easier to be imposed upon than in this, and it is a very vexatious thing after waiting years for the fruit of an apple tree to find that it is some worthless kind, instead of the variety ordered. In the days when farmers knew little and cared less about the kinds which were best to plant, it was, perhaps, allowable to leave it to the judgment of the nurserymen, but now that through the reports of the Ontario F. G. Association, people know so well which varieties are most valuable, there is no excuse for those words which so often appear in the agent's order book, "If you have not the

kinds ordered, please substitute some others equally good." The writer once planted eighty trees for Duchess of Oldenburg, and his disgust can be imagined, when, on their coming into bearing, they proved to be eighty *Calbashea*, a most unprofitable variety. Determined that he would secure the famous Duchess, he employed an experienced grafter, to top graft that variety, and lo! when they came to bear, they proved to be King of Tompkins, a good enough apple, but not what was wanted. He finally resolved to top graft the trees himself with Duchess, and lives in hopes of the correct thing some day.

It is very important that fruits exhibited at our fairs should be correctly named, for these exhibitions are the very best means of obtaining correct nomenclature throughout our country. To secure this end, only the best qualified men should be employed as judges, men able to correct misnomers for exhibitors. Better have one capable judge than three incapables. We are just in receipt of a Buffum pear for name, which the reader says has taken a prize for *Beurre D'Anjou*; and here is a clip from the *Orillia Packet* which explains itself.

Mr. Henry Overend, of Medonte, thinks he has got rather hard measure from differing judges at the East Simcoe Shows. Last year, he showed "Twenty Ounce Pippins," and was refused a prize because they were wrongly named, one of the judges stating that they were "Gravenstein." This year he was again disqualified, because he called them "Gravenstein" instead of "Twenty Ounce Pippins."