

TOMATOES FOR ENGLISH MARKET.

SIR, In reply to your favor of the 20th, inst., would say, That of all varieties of tomatoes that I am acquainted with I would recommend the Dwarf Champion and Dwarf Aristocrat as coming within the needed qualification required for your purpose.

Where the market demands a small tomato there is no variety with more good points to recommend them than the two named. First, the plants being of a very peculiar dwarfish habit, standing upright like sturdy little trees, make them very easy to grow in the greenhouse or hot-bed, and when ready for transplanting do not wilt like other slenderer varieties but commence growth at once and make strong upright bushes that usually need no trimming or tying up. Secondly, they can be planted closer together than the common varieties on account of their upright habit and holding their fruit up from the ground without the aid of stakes or racks; much expense is saved in their cultivation. Thirdly, they are of perfect shape and smoothness, and fourthly, they ripen quite early in the season being the earliest of all smooth varieties. There are a few varieties that may ripen a little earlier, but they will always have a large proportion of their food quite rough, whereas a rough fruit on either of these kinds is very rare. I also consider them much less liable to be afflicted with blights and diseases than other varieties.

The Dwarf Champion is of a dark red or purplish color, and the Dwarf Aristocrat is of a light red or scarlet color. In our western markets the demand is

for a dark red colored fruit, but in some of the eastern markets the light red color is preferred. You will have to find out the color demanded by your market and choose accordingly. The color is the only difference between the two varieties. I understand that a yellow variety of the same class has lately been put upon the market, but I have not tested it as yet. As to the early Michigan, I have heard it well spoken of, but the only plants I have ever seen of it did not impress me very favorably with it, and so I would not consider it nearly as good a variety as the two mentioned.

For a home market, that like our American markets, likes a very solid large tomato, I know of none, which, taking all points into consideration, are equal to the two new ones, Rex and Gloria. The first, a dark red very large sized fruit; the latter, not quite as large a fruit, but yet large enough to be classed among the large ones, and of a light red color; both are very firm solid flesh and of superior flavor.

The copy of January number of CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST at hand, and well pleased with it; shall look forward with pleasant anticipation for its monthly visits.

It is our ambition to make our grounds occupy the same place as the original home of new vegetables, as those wonderful grounds of Luther Burbank's do as the home of new and wonderful fruits.

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