Agricultural Department.

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Purdy & Hance, of South Bend, Indiana, offer through our columns, to-day, their work on small fruit culture, and their large stock of small fruits, to the public. Their stock and prices can be ascertained by sending for list of plants. Send.

J. & E. Richmond, of Prospect Hill Nurseries, Genesco, Ill., invites public attention through our columns to-day to their stock of Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Vines and general nursery stock. Their stock is extensive and good, and our people will find it to their advantage to deal with them.

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J. Cochrane, of the Home Nursery, Havanna, Mason County, Illinois, offers great inducements to the public in his advertisement in to-day's paper. His stock of ornamental shrubbery, vines, bulbs, plants, seeds, etc., is very large, and he says, "If articles sent out by me are not as represented, send them back *at my expense*, and your money shall be refunded!" This argues confidence in his stock, and must induce confidence in the public. Read the advertisement.

Fruit Growing.

In keeping with our fruit mania, we shall continue urging farmers in Nebraska to plant fruit trees, and to give all the evidence we can get hold of in favor of this enterprise. An old friend and school-mate of ours, Dr. M. L. Hartes, still residing in our native town, Troy, Ohio, made a visit the past fall to Egypt Illinois, and writes home to the paper of his town, the *Miama Union*, from Odin, Ill., under date of December 21, 1868, a lengthy and interesting letter in regard to the country. The greater portion of his letter is devoted to giving an account of the success and extent of fruit growing. We copy that portion of it entire, hoping our readers will read it with as much pleasure and encouragement as we did. The character of the country he describes as producing such magnificent results is the same as that along the Missouri river in our State known as "Bluffs." Trees planted here in this town twelve years ago, have given like returns. We have no hesitancy in predicting that now uncultivated, rough lands, as we term them, along the river, will eventually be the most valuable and productive, because of their adaptability to fruit growing.

The following is an extract from Dr. Harter's letter:

"About forty miles north of Cairo a "chain of hills" nearly sixteen miles wide runs from the Ohio river on the east to the Mississippi river on the west. These hills are covered on either side of the railroad with as thrifty growing and as fine a variety of fruit trees and grape vines as can be found in the United States. All the lands, hill and prairie, from Villa Ridge, twelve miles north of Cairo, to Centralia, one hundred and twelve miles on the Illinois Central are more or less planted in fruit trees and are producing annually immense crops of apples, pears, peaches, grapes, raspberries, currants and strawberries.

The soil of the prairies is a rich black loam. That of the hills is a rich clay loam, resting on a drift deposit of light friable clay, rich with all the minerul constituents that support vegetable life. Fruit trees and vines grow and mature with unparalleled rapidity, and produce large crops of fruit when young, differing in this respect from all other localities. The healthfulness of the trees and the perfection of the wood growth is remarkable and accounts for their early bearing. For early apples three varieties are cultivated with great profit, viz: The Carolina Red June, Red Astrachan, and Early Harvest. The apple and pear orchards have been planted from ten to fourteen years. The peach, grape and strawberry from six to eight years. Now more than five hundred acres are planted in strawberries.

The greatest fruit region in Egypt is from Jonesboro to Carbondale, on the Illinois Central, a distance of nearly twenty miles. I will give you the amount of fruit shipped from a few stations in 1866, copied from the railroad agents books. Cobden—peaches, six hundred tons; strawberries, one hundred and seventy tons, eighteen tons in one day, more than eight thousand bushels. Raspberries, nine tons. Blackberries, two tons. To tell of *one hundred and seventy tons of strawberries* shipped from one little station, is a "big thing" to say of Egypt to the people of Troy who measure berries by the *quart*.

At Makanda station, six tons of peaches, four hundred barrels of apples, one hundred and fifty bushels of pears, ten tons of grapes, three thousand bushels of strawberries, eight tons of raspberries. At Carbondale, seven thousand boxes of peaches, one thousand five hundred barrels of apples, three hundred boxes of pears, two thousand one hundred bushels of strawberries. At Jonesboro, forty-five tons of strawberries, thirty-one tons of peaches. At South Pass ten thousand bushels of strawberries. Remember the above extraordinary amounts were all shipped during *one* season from a few points in close proximity! I will give the statistics of the number of trees growing in the vicinity of some of the stations. Cobden, one hundred and thirty-one thousand peach trees, forty-one thousand pear trees, fifty-seven thousand apple trees. At Makanda station, one hundred and sixty thousand peach trees, two hundred and twelve thousand grapes. Of grapes, the Concord, Norton's Virginia, Clinton, Catawba, Delaware, &c., come to great perfection.

During the long, dry, warm season, peculiar to this locality, the grapes fully mature, and thoroughly ripen before chilly nights or early frosts check their growth. This accounts for the size, the unusual amount of sugar and rich aroma of the grapes.

The profession of fruit growing is refining as well as enriching in a health-giving atmosphere, in a mild genial climate. I am told that $30 to $50 will plant an acre of strawberries, and $20 will cultivate it the first year. The next spring will yield one hundred bushels of berries. The second year will produce two hundred bushels, which can be sold readily at $5 per bushel.

I am informed that one man, with a cultivator and proper instruments, can cultivate ten acres.

Chicago and Dunleith furnish a ready market for all kinds of fruits. As the fruits ripen here two weeks earlier than other places, they are sure of the highest prices for the first fruits of the season. The Illinois Central runs an express "fruit train," with ventililated cars, daily, from Cairo to Chicago. During the peach season a fruit train is loaded daily with peaches alone. I have given you the fair side of fruit growing in Egypt. I will give some of the difficulties and drawbacks.

There has been one total failure of the peach and a partial one of the pear on the hills, while there was a good crop on the prairies. Without *thorough early cultivation, and heavy mulching with straw*, when the dry season comes they do not expect large crops. Sometimes late spring frosts nip the strawberry in bloom and the severe drought will injure the crops if not properly cultivated and protected with straw or saw dust.

Land that could have been purchased eight years since for $5 to $10 an acre is new selling at from $100 to $300 per acre.

Aside from the information as to the extent of fruit growing in the region referred to, the above letter contains some valuable points as to essential requisites, viz: The character of the soil, the manner of cultivating, and the variety of fruits. It is true that they now have market facilities that we have not. They, however, planted *before* they had market facilities, and you, farmers of Nebraska, will have abundant market facilities by the time your trees and vines will be in full bearing.

Crab Apples.

Fruit growers are just now paying considerable attention to Crab Apples. If we were asked to define a Crab Apple we should be much puzzled, as the subject, both in pomological books and in nurseries, is "rather mixed." The term is applied to the wild state of our cultivated apple (*Pyrus Malus*), to two Siberian species or varieties (*P. prunifolia* and *P. baccata*), and two native species of appre (*P. coronaria* and *P. angustifolia.*) More than this, some small apples of double origin, which may possibly be hybrids, are also called crabs. Years ago when we had only the kind that bore small, waxen looking fruit from which the caylix dropped, there was no trouble in distinguishing a Crab Apple. This was the Small Siberian Crab (*P. baccata.*) Then came the Large Siberian, both red and yellow, which was like the other in most respects, except that the fruit was larger and the calyx remained. This is the Siberian Plumleaved Apple Tree (*P. prunifolia.*) Of the sorts more lately introduced, the origin is doubtful. Leaving pomologist to settle knotty points, we may say that those apples which have, so to speak, Siberian blood in them are hardy and productive, and though the fruit is not always of the first quality it is generally good for cooking, and the trees by their hardiness are especially suited to cold climates.

From the great beauty and profusion of the fruit the Crabs are worthy of cultivation as ornamental trees, while at the same time, the apples will be found excellent for preserves and jellies. We enumerate the most prominent varieties: *Currant Crab*, cultivated for ornament, it being showy both in fruit and flower. *Small Red* and *Small Yellow Crab*. These are the kinds referred to above as dropping the calyx; very showy in fruit. *Large Red* and *Large Yellow Crab*. These bear fruit about twice the size of the foregoing, do not drop the calyx, and the trees also have differently shaped leaves.

Transcendent Crab. Said to have been discovered on Long Island. A great bearer, with most beautiful fruit and withstands the severest cold of our northernmost localities. The foregoing are ripe in September and October. We have now a winter crab, which is said to keep until spring, called the *Marengo Winter Crab*. This is very strongly advocated by the proprietor, who brings good testimony in favor of its quality. We have not seen the fruit.

The Soulard Crab is another new variety, which has been supposed to be of Russian origin, but Mr. Soulard, in the Gardener's Monthly for July last, gives its history. A thicket of native Crab Apple trees near St. Louis, Mo., was cut down, and another crop of trees afterwards sprung up, in which was found the variety now known as the Soulard. He supposes it to be a hybrid between the Wild Crab (*Pyrus coronaria*) and the cultivated apple. Said to be very fine for cooking and with care to keep for two years.

Our Wild Crabs, so beautiful in flower and foliage, bears a fruit of marked fragrance, but of little value. We learn that an improved seedling of it has been exhibited in Canada, but no particulars are given concerning its qualities.—*American Agriculturist.*

Clippings and Jottings Agricultural.

—A farmer in Delaware realized from Wilson Strawberries at the rate of nearly $1,000 per acre net profit.

—The gathering and drying of sumac leaves is a good business for the landless in the country. A boy or woman can make $2 a day at it.

—Hard working, meal-fed horses will break fast unless they have a peck of carrots twice a week and bran quite as often.

—In Massachusetts they propose to systematize their agricultural fairs, showing at county seats the choice from each town, and at the State exhibition the pick of all the county fairs.

—At a trial on the Pennsylvania Experimental Farm, Collins' cast-steel plow No. 12, weighing sixty pounds, showed a draft of 275 pounds. Most plows offer a resistance of between 300 and 400 pounds.

—In laying tile, the best way is said to be to commence at the lowest point, and to let the water flow back as the digging goes on, and to have a descent of four inches in 100 feet.

—A grape-grower in California states that he sent fourteen boxes of fifty pounds each, all choice fruit, to San Francisco, and he received for the lot only $7, while said fruit was sold at retail at 25c. a pound.

—It is complained that the grain buyers of California have made so much money that they can control the finances, commerce, and politics of the State, and the farmers are urged to combine to ship and sell their own grain.

—A correspondent of the *Practical Farmer*, from Jacksonville, calls Florida the poor man's paradise. He says a $5000 house there is as good as $2,500 at the North. No wood-pile, no hay-mow to provide. Stock take care of themselves. Land 50c. an acre.

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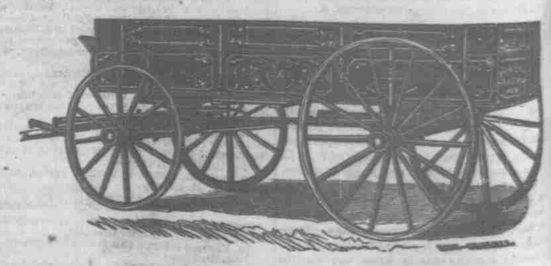

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