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Red raspberries, although well covered with earth, all died. Black raspberries by the side of them, treated in the same way, came through in good condition, fruited fairly well and now look vigorous.

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### THE PEARL GOOSEBERRY.

The Pearl is a gooseberry grown from seed of the Houghton, crossed with the Ashton Seedling, by Prof. William Saunders, and worthy of special notice because, first, of its good quality; second, its size; third, its productiveness; fourth, its freedom from mildew.

Now, with reference to these points, I will state the result of my observations. The quality was good, very much like the Downing in this respect, as well as in color marking; but in size it averaged nearly double that berry, and that in spite of the prodigious crop under which the bushes were laden. There was a row of some sixty-five bushes one year planted, and most of them were literally bent to the ground with heaps of fruit. The average was eight berries per inch of wood, and on one bush we estimated there must have been 2,500 berries. We have had great loads upon the Smith, the Downing and others, on our own grounds, but we have not seen the quantity of fruit upon the bushes of any variety to equal that upon these bushes of the Pearl. Should this productiveness prove constant, the berry will be of great value for the market. With regard to the mildew, all we can say is what we saw, viz.: it was entirely free from it. One bush stood next a Whitesmith, and, while the berries of that kind were covered with mildew and utterly worthless, no trace of the fungus could be found upon the Pearl.

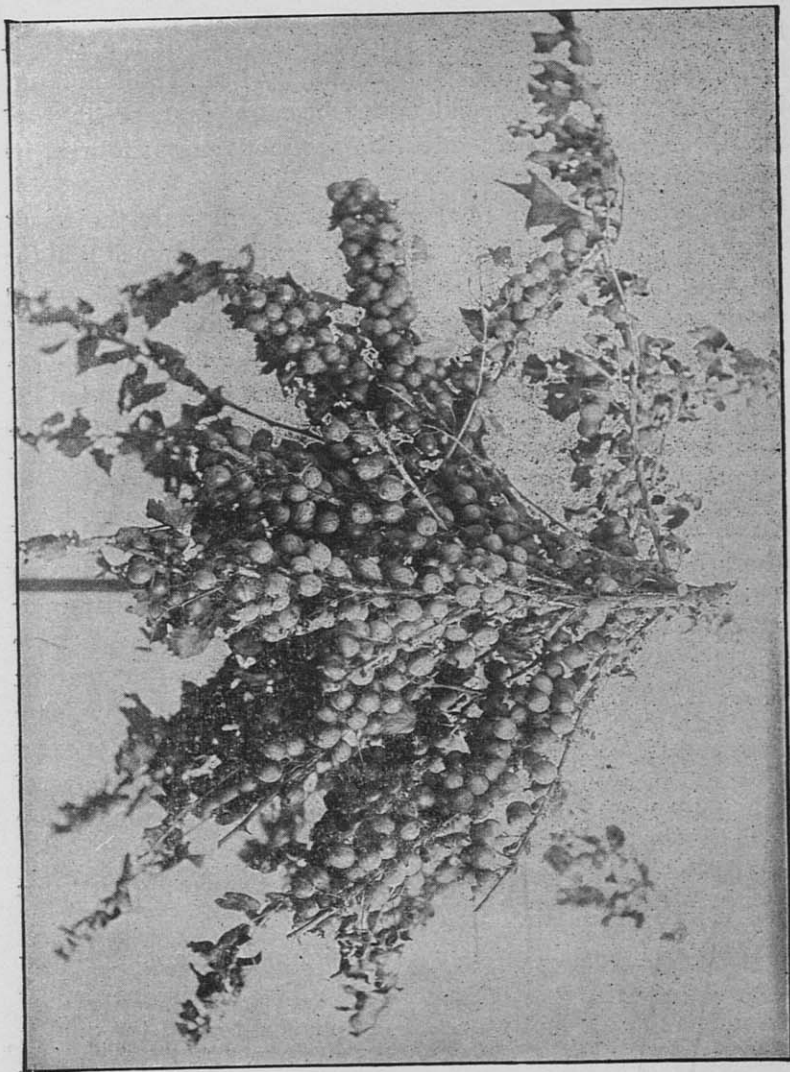
Silas Wilson, of Atlantic, Iowa, a well known authority on horticulture in his state, says:

"The Pearl gooseberry is a great sight. There could be no more berries on the stem without crowding off the leaves. It is wonderfully productive, and I am pleased to find the quality

so good. The best gooseberry I ever saw; nearly sweet. There is no question about its future."

T. T. Lyon, of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, South Haven, Michigan, in a letter to the originator, says:

"I have been testing the Pearl gooseberry here for several years; in my forthcoming report (now ready for the press) I grade it for vigor and productiveness ten and for quality nine, upon the scale of one to ten."—Canadian Horticulturist.



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