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Office of J. S. HARRIS.

Member of Executive Board,

La Crescent, Minn. Aug 18th 1896.

Wmoman Elliot on A. W. Latham
Minneapolis Minn

I have this day sent you
entries of fruit for State Fair
and desire that you sur-
vey room to exhibit 300 plates
I think that Wm. Latham also
intends to exhibit and will want
room for about 75 plates
Yours in haste
J. S. Harris

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207 - Kasota Block
Minneapolis
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La Cressent Min May 1st 96
Found Latham Yours of 29th ult
at hand You did right in correcting
my Spelling of the word "Veneer" I was
too hurried with my work to read the
artists over carefully and correct it
Vegetable is coming with us Plum trees
in full bloom Cherry some Apples coming out
part and if we should get a day or two
dry enough to distribute fully on set woods the
work we may expect a great crop My place
is just being hidden in blossoms Badly done
with work I shall be gone home 3 or 4 days to ^{superior}
fully see my 2 who return with my the nuts a table
Yours Truly J. S. Harris

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MADISON, WIS., August 14th, 1896.

A. W. Latham,

207 Kasota Bldg. Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I am anxious to have our library contain all of the reports of the Minnesota Horticulturist, and find that we lack the following volumes, viz:

All reports previous to Vol. 23, No. 8 also Nos. 9, and 10 of Vol. 23, and Nos. 3 and 6 of Vol. 24

Could you not kindly help us to secure these? By so doing you will greatly oblige us. Of course we shall be glad to pay postage or express charges.

Yours respectfully,

W A Henry
Director

July 30 - 1898

A. H. Gatham

Dear Sir

We have a good crop of
apples here this year

and I will try and make
an exhibit at the fair again
this fall, the fair comes
a little early to have the
wealthy at its best, and I may
not bring as fine wealthy as I
did a year ago but will do the
best I can

Yours Respect

J. A. Howard
Hammond
Winn



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Friend Latham

Sum of 17th July at hand
I think that I shall make one
trip out to examine seedlings
before long and shall endeavor
to take in South place

It might be well to remind
our members in next Magazine
to forward samples of new seedlings
and unknown varieties of apples
to me for examination at such
times as they are at their best
but before over ripe
Enclosed find copy of calendar for
Aug. Hot & dry down here
Yours Truly
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ST. LOUIS, MO., July 6, 1896.

Dear Sir:

Absence of the Director, and my own absence (most of these library matters fall to my care) have prevented your receiving an answer to your kind letter of the 11th June. We have the Reports of the Minnesota Horticultural Society from the beginning to the one dated on the back 1894, except that there is none with the date of 1879 on the back. I think it was through your kindness that we were enabled to secure a number of the volumes. We should be greatly obliged for the Reports since 1894, and for the one that we seem to lack. Sent 95-7.13.96

By express, today, I send you the four Reports for 1890-93, completing your set. You say you have the 5th, 6th & 7th.

Very respectfully,

C. E. Hutchings.

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and shall be obliged if you will have the matter brought up at your meeting and such action taken as may seem wise.

Very cordially

W. M. Hays.

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Snellpl, Ont.

June 15, 1896.

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Sey. Sathan

My Dear Sir & Friend.

I attend a committee meeting June 18 in Washington so can not be at hort meeting on the 19th for which I am indeed very sorry. Had thought I should send a paper but have had no opportunity to prepare one. If you wish I might prepare one a little later on for your magazine.

I have gotten the forestry division of the department of agriculture interested in

Prepared on for winter meeting

Letter from
Hayes

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the matter of establishing experiment stations on our Brookston and Grand Rapids farms. I believe we can secure this for Minnesota as S. Dak., Neb., Kan. and Colo. already have such stations at their experiment farms managed by Dr. Fernow and his asst. chief Prof. Treffel. It might be necessary to get more land at our N.E. Station, but I find that no great obstacle. I wish the Horticultural and also the Forestry Assn. might pass resolutions favoring this plan. With their aid and the approval of the board of regents I feel confident this plan can be carried out. I have written Prof. Green and Mr. Barrett also

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FOR ANSWER.

La Crescent Min July 14th 96

Friend Latham, Please send me some
Days for shipping fruit for Cold Storage
The birds are destroying my secure variety
so fast that I shall have to pick before
fully grown I will select some
ones for the winter meeting and if I
should conclude not to exhibit at the Fair
it will all be available for that purpose
Not as before done this way
Yours Truly J. S. Harris

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Secy. A. W. Latham,
 Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember I told you something of a plan of nomenclature we have adopted in the University for our sub-experiment farms, etc. I remember sometime ago Prof. Green suggested that the word "trial" stations might be more appropriate for stations conducted under the auspices of the Horticultural Society, that the names would not be confused with the sub-experiment stations of the University. I have written out a little statement which I enclose. This is simply a suggestion that we two sign it and send to the newspapers of the state and to those officials who have occasion to use these terms. I have spoken to Prof. Green about this matter and he thought it would require special action on the part of the executive committee of the Horticultural Society or possibly the matter should be considered at the annual meeting. My thought had been that we might assume the responsibility of requesting these names to be used but I see you might not like to do that. Please give me your thought in this matter, making suggestions if you have any.

Yours very truly,

Wm. M. Hays

(Encl.)



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Wymau Elliot

Dr Friend - Will you
please send the enclosed
bill & forward to Mr Harris for
his signature or arranged at
our next board meeting.

Cordly

A. W. Latham

P.S. You can send this letter along
to H. & save the trouble of
writing on.

La Crosse & Milwaukee

July 4th 1896

Friend Latham

Enclosed find bill of Ben Forsyth
duly appraised

All well down the

way - Out on a Broom & cannot
afford to write on such a hot day

Will you please to give me the
name and address of say a half
doz Commission men or print dealers

you believe to be strictly reliable -
by return mail

I want to see them to use in

answering letters of enquiry from parties
who show a suspicion of print

Yours Truly

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Friend Latham

I reached home at noon Monday Had a pleasant visit on the way with Mr Underwood and G. W. Lord, F. W. Kimball of Austin spent part of yesterday with me We had quite a heavy rain last night that has done well We pushed 14 cases of Raspberries Monday Do not think the yield is a germ to be nearly as good as we anticipated. Blight on trees is increasing and apples are dropping badly crop will be light

All well as usual

Kind regards to Mrs L. & family

Yours truly

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Columbus Horticultural Society.

J. S. HINE, SECRETARY.

Columbus, O., June 18, '96.

A. W. Latham Sec

Minn. State Hort. Soc.

My Dear Sir:

Yours of the 12th at hand. I have sent you a cloth bound copy of our annual for '95. We have not received a cloth bound copy of your Societies report for '95 but shall be pleased to possess one.

Most cordially

J. S. Hine, Sec.

Sent
6, 21, 96



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Mr. A. W. Latham.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir; -

I am in receipt of your favor of the 21st and
as requested have pleasure in mailing to your address
the missing numbers of "Park & Cemetery" of Vol. 5, and
hope they have reached you ere this.

Will be very pleased to receive the copy of
your magazine referred to.

Yours truly,

R. J. Haight
Sr.

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Fruit Prospects

of Strawberries,

"Last year planting, from total failure to $\frac{1}{4}$ the crop; Old beds averages about $\frac{1}{2}$ crop. Raspberry, Reds, $\frac{1}{2}$ crop, Black caps, a very large crop, Currant, few, Cherry, few, Gooseberry, none. Blackberry, bearing well. Plums, much fruit blighted, but enough remains for a good crop, Grapes promise a large crop, Apples uncertain; Spur blight has thinned down the Duchesne, Tetzelsky, and McMahan badly in the valleys, and other varieties are beginning to drop; Present indications are for about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a full crop - said to be better on the ridges, The failure in Strawberry is similar but worse than in 1893."

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Postul Card just recd
The Strawberry crop in this vicinity
is virtually a failure except
on old grassy beds, I do not
think there will be any after this
week, About time of holding the
Summer Meeting, judging by the season
here I should not think it safe to
hold it later than the 10th or 12th to
expect any show of Strawberries

It must accommodate Lake City Red Wing
and Excelsior for we can do nothing here

Whatever time is decided upon please
to let me know at once, If it comes
later would suggest the 16th although it
is the date of the Wis meety

Health is fair, Please keep me advised
on the condition of Col Stevens

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Your letter of the 20th giving notice of the summer meeting at the Experiment Farm and containing your request that I talk about drainage is at hand. Put the subject however you will and if I am here I will talk about it.

I will have sent you all of the bulletins we have on hand.

I do not know what date you expect to have your meeting. It is very likely that I will be in the East at the time of the meeting. However, I shall very much regret not being able to be present as I was away last year. We are having so many delegations meet with us now we hardly have time to do our work; however, this is very good work.

Yours truly,

W. M. Hays



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Friend Latham

Yours of 5th inst duly
received. Glad to hear from you
I was hoping that our summer meeting
might come a few days earlier but
if it hits a good show of strawberry
I shall be satisfied, I have not so
far seen a quart of home grown berries
that were fit to put on exhibition
The crop is very light and poor
with us some old beds are done
fairly well in grass and weeds
and on high elevation but in the
main as far as I can learn all
last years plantings no matter how
well cared for have proved very un-
productive. Our blackcap raspberries
still look promising but the reds
with by a light crop, strawberries they
are none. Currants very few. The early

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have all been taken by birds before
we thought them ripe enough to gather.
The small fruit growers here are
very much discouraged. We have had
heavy rains in the last few days
which is greatly putting us back in
the field work.

I will begin at once on the
status report to make Shurf and
have it ready. I aim to do about
3 to 4 hours work each day and
late have taken the forenoon for it
which leaves me unfit to do literary
work in the afternoon. I will take
the matter of getting a photograph of my
place under consideration. I would like
to have Prof Green and Macomber here
to do it. With kind regards to
Mrs La familia I remain
Yours Truly J. S. Harris

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Friend Latham

The enclosed copy prepared last year is appropriate for the year so of this year and will save my making new in this present heated term, I am pretty well done out and need some rest both. Fruit prospects still remain good except plums - they are turning into pockets badly, especially those that bloomed earliest while no insects were about to assist in pollenization and the weather was so moist that the pollen was not light enough to be carried by winds I still believe that one of the first causes of this disease is a lack of pollenization. For regard to summer meeting I would suggest that if held at Villa Roma a portion of the next day should be spent at the State Farm by all who can remain over. If held

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at the Station it might pay to
take a trip to the Lake on the following
day if the fruit growers there would
get up a little entertainment
I have but little choice between
one of good papers & discussion and
our usual method of conducting the
meetings. Think about June 10th would
be about the right time for it but
possibly a week later may be best
If present conditions continue berries will
come in very early

You have probably heard of the death of
Andrew S. Fallon of N.Y. I will prepare a
notice of it for publication as soon as I can
get data to work from

Yours Truly
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Sec. Minn. Hort. Soc
Minneapolis
Minn

Dear Sir -

I never received
any ~~of~~ bound copy of "Horti
Culturist" for 1895. Were not
all members for 1896
entitled to bound copy?

Yours truly

Chas. L. Hill,
Albert Lea,
Minn.

228 W 1st St. Duluth, Minn.,

May 5, 1896.

Mr. Latham, Sec. Minn. Horticultural Socy
207 Kasota Block. Mpls. Minn.

Dear Sir:- Being about to remove on land
about 8 miles north of Duluth Harbor and
intending to pay some attention to horticulture
on a small scale to begin with, I wish to join
the State Horticultural Society as a preliminary
step. Would you, please, send the necessary in-
formation regarding cost etc. and oblige.

Yours truly,

G. A. Holt.

Address: 228 W. 1st St. Duluth, Minn.

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May 8, 1896.

A. W. Latham,

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find one dollar (\$1.00) to pay for one year's
subscription as member of "The Minnesota State Horticultural Society".

I selected from the premium list the numbers marked with a cross
on the premium list. The circular was handed me by Frank Blackmarr
of this City. He is entitled to any premium earned for obtaining a new
subscriber.

Yours truly,

Diet. T.H.-G.

Enc. 2.

Theo. Hollister
No. 2. 4, 5, 10

228, W 1st St. Duluth,

May 8, 1896.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secy.

207 Kasota Block Mpls Minn.

Inclosed please find \$1⁰⁰ for membership fee of the Minn. State Horticultural Society. In case any premium is sent would select ^{nos} 5, 6 & 8 of the list. Hoping to be of some benefit to the society and expecting help therefrom in suggestions + experiences from those who know I am yours truly

A. A. Holt.

Address 228 W. 1st St. Duluth.

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County Coroner's Office,

THOMAS HARRISON,
Coroner.

TRAILL COUNTY.

Ans'd
4.24.96

Blanchard, N. D., April 16 1896

A. W. Latham Esq

Dear Sir and Mother your letter was awaiting me on my return from the Wis. state Convention at Bangor

The gentleman you refer to from Elliott is undoubtedly one of the two I sold and gave you returned and names with address when I returned from the Lisbon Convention last winter my Memoranda Book is not here & I cannot remember beyond the fact that there was one from Elliott

We have not sown any seed yet nor do not expect to for a week the land is very wet owing to sleet snow & rain I am not worrying and expect a good crop I will give my wife or daughter call and pay you the \$1.00 for ticket sold to E. J. Murrsdale of Patton I return the other 4 tickets it was 5 I bought up with me Mr Underwood has treated me exceedingly generous for the little work done for him

It is impossible to forecast the political
out come if I am beaten it is because
of the combines that will be formed from
Japan who I would have a long lead.

I am still hopeful.

With kind wishes I remain
yours truly -

Thomas Harrison



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Blanchard, N. D. April 27th 1896

A. W. Latham Esq

Dear Sir and Mother
on my Return from Portland where I
delivered an address on Oddfellowship
Saturday Evening I found your letter
awaiting me I cannot find the Memorandum
Book here that I carried on my trip to
last winter when I took the 2 subscriptions
which I returned with the names and addresses
you entered them on your list and
credited them to Me. These two names I
cannot remember did H. B. Carnell
of Elliott have a ticket (membership) if
he did it must be one of the 2 referred to and
if so it was paid & I made the returns to
you then there is K. H. Brunsdale to whom
I sold one of the 5 tickets brought away & the
other 4 I returned. after examining your
subscription list let me know please
if this Elliott man is one of the 2 returned
I am real sorry you have this trouble



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If this man has sent a ticket he may be
one of those who got a Jewell Currier
Catalogue and one of your print-lists
prop me when at Linton - we are being
seeded. Politics are an uncertain
quantity - I still expect to capture the
Nomination for Secy of state but have
strong opposition in the person of J. E.
Halland our county supt. of Education
who is working hard to capture our
County Delegation for himself for
supt. of Public Instruction for N. D.
Then A. L. Plummer of Hillsboro
would like to be Governor only one
of us can succeed (which shall it be)
I am real well and enjoy the rush
and bust of seeding. Planting Dec 12
I am setting out a lot this spring.
My family are still in the city but
will soon come up.

Yours truly
Thos Garrison



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Mar 27 1896

A. W. Latham Esq

Dear Sir I have
sold one Membership ticket to J. H.
Brunsdale one of my Colleges on the Trustee
Board he will send you his ticket for
numbering he is a good man

I will mail him one of the lists
with Erik recommended by the
association also list of trips

Found all well at the farm
we got a great artesian well at the
Mayville Normal School water entirely
free from alkalian salts. Depth 413 feet.

with Best wishes I remain yours

Truly
Yours
Thomas Harrison

P. S. will not remit until I see if I take
any more names. I gave Brunsdale
Dollar.

TRAILL COUNTY.

Blanchard, N. D., April 23rd 1896

A. W. Latham Esq

Dear Sir and Mother
This morning when taking some papers
from my safe I found the ^{above} Memorial
Book and to my surprise the 4 unsold
tickets of Membership, I fully believed
I had returned them I now enclose
the 4 tickets you will remember I brought
away to and I have sold one to ~~W. H.~~
Munsdale of Gathon will make you
the returns by my wife or daughter
I find the names of the 2 sold at
Lisbon and their addresses are
as follows. Henry B. Cornell Elliott
N.D. John Seagren Seville N.D.
These I paid you when I returned the
tickets. Last evening I left home
at 6 with a constable drove 10 miles
through awful roads & a down pour of
rain unpannelled a jury held an inquest
and got home again at 1 a.m.

It is getting to look pretty serious
here for Farmers if rains way
day and is near May 1st and not
10 per cent of the grain sown in the
Country I have only about 75 acres sown
and don't think I will be able to sow
any more this week.

Yours truly
W. J. Harrison

Hendrum Norman Co Minn Nov 11th 1878

A. W. Latham
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir

I did see from the last No. of Minnesota Horticulturist, that questions wanted for the next annual meeting of the society for discussion. I am glad of this idea. As I am young & novice in experience of Horticulture and have just started in apple growing, and find good many things ^{averse} to what many have success with specially for this part of the Country. First I will state is. I planted about forty apple trees from one to ^{two} years old and for protecting them in winter against Rabbits and other courses I wrapped them in ^{sturdy} in stripings of gunny sacks. but good many of them appeared as killed by frost. now those

that had nothing of this was alright, now I cannot explain the cause to anything else than wrapping must have had some affect on the trees, not climate, I took of as soon good weather came I did not take them all off at once but at some intervals, I wrapped them all up ^{fall} after the ground was frozen and nearly half of my Tomkins got hurt that way, and some Dughin and Hibernals, some of the Arthurs stood well without any protection and was bitten badly of Rabbits, but started to grow with vigor.

2 As I am far of from any cold storage how can I keep Currants and Gooseberries good & fresh till fall for Exhibition?

- 3 How can Gooseberry bushes be propagated and at what time of the year?
- 4 What time of the year or when can apple trees be top grafted and how done.
- 5 Can plum trees be top grafted on wild Plum stocks?

I am in possession of many different kinds of Plums, and when time comes what kinds are best I would very much like to learn the art of propagation and receive some reward for the time and money spent in trying so many different kinds and would by this reduce the kinds or sorts to but few of the best.

The *Mignone's Horticulturist* is one of the papers I read ^{with} enthusiasm - as to get, and grind every kernel

of its contents. I hope the next year it
would, ^{not} be of any less importance to its
readers. I read a little discussion for Sept
in *Mimi Hort.* about farm institute, and the in-
terest the farmers took in it, in average, I have exper-
rienced the same in getting members for the soci-
ty, good many farmers are digging away ever
try day by day not thinking about else than what
but what raising, they not no longer pay, has brought
good many on thinking a little bit, good many
this year have went heavy in for Potatoes, so
they fall are hundreds of acres not dug, right in
this vicinity, so our County papers state there is no
market for potatoes beans are no 80 cts here
per bushel ~~at~~ oats & barley way down to nearly mere
nothing, flax 70 cts with very heavy doorage.
apples are sold here \$3 Dollars per barrel
and grapes 25 cts pr ^{small} basket, Good
many farmers are again asking each others
what to seed next year that would bring them a bit
the more money, but none speaks of trying to com-
mence to raise fruit on a small scale. Yours Truly
Ole J Hagen

Hendrum Norman Co Minn Apr 14th 1896

A. W. Latham Secy 259
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir:- I wrote sometime ago in regard to, Prevention of late spring Frost. for the Minnesota Horticulturist should like to know what fate it will have, if you don't see it fit for publication I should like to have it returned. I also must say the prospect for a good crop of fruit has never been better ^{for some years} as we have had plenty of moisture and nothing in excess and late spring frost is not likely to occur this year as that is worst in dry seasons & open winters as ^{last} season with us was open winter & a dry spring and soil drifted badly. This winter was open here in the Red river valley but all fruit trees pulled through without any sign

of injury to the trees.

I have enclosed twenty five cents
for the two following named reports

Nebraska state Horticultural Society - 7

Iowa " " for 1894 or 92 16

If out of any of the above please
send either from Kansas or Wisconsin
or even Mo. as I have thought a
good of removing from here if I
can not raise fruit, such as Apples
I have spent already lots of money
in this direction and as I understand
it now it is likely as money thrown away.
and other farm product are now so
low, as Potatoes onions Beans could
not sell it for any price, oats & barley
& to 10 cts per bu Wheat a largely sold at 40 cts
last fall dressed hogg sold last fall
from 250 to 300 per 100. weight and it still

Mr
H. P. 96

April 19th 1896

Mr A H Latham

Dear Sir

When I was up to the winter meeting, I rec'd. my horticultural report for 1896 but lost it before I reached home. I have given the magazines away, and now I am out, unless you will be kind enough to send me another.

I would be pleased to get some of the surplus volumes if you have them on hand

Down H Locust 1894
Wisconsin 1894-5 N. New York 1891

sent by ex. "my orchard is in fine shape for a large crop of apples."

Yours Resd
J A Howard Hammond
Winn



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Minneapolis, Minn., April 17 1896

Mr. Latham:

We are compelled to ask you to give us disposition for the Horticulturists that we now have here. Shall we send them all to the University or do you want some at your office? We are so crowded for room that we have got to get rid of every-thing not in use.

ord 4-20-96
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Friend Latham

I am done almost beyond endurance with the rush of work. Last week's weather was unexpected and we were not ready for it.

Tom's trees will now soon be in full leaf and bloom. Will try to find the copy for Latham tomorrow or possibly get to day.

Yours truly
J. S. Harris

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April 11' 1896.

Mr. A. W. Latham

Secy Minnesota Horticultural Socy.
207 Kasota Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:- In reply to your favor
of 4/7, I would respectfully state
that I have labored two years to
have the Nut Bulletin published
and from the size but 1000 copies
were published, per Act of Congress
which limits the no. to 1 M. when
bul. consists of more than 100 pp.
There were no cloth-bound vols.
issued.

We may now secure an edition
of 25 M as a Concurrent Resolution
has been offered in H. R. for that number.

We have at least 10000 requests filed
for it, which I hope to fill in the
near future.

Yours truly,
S. B. Heiges.

Pomologist.

Buffalo Lake April 10th 1884
A. W. Selham
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Dear Sir,

Would you kindly inform
me if there is a nursery
owned and controlled by
Arthur Bryant & son
Brunston Ill. if there
is a grape known as
choice or Gambels early
I bot 100 grapes which
the agent claimed to be
the hardest grape known

as it did not have to be
taken down from the trulls
in winter said company
agreeing to plant prune
and replace for three
years I wrote to said
Bryant & Son but they never
answered so I have my
doubts about the reliability
of the firm please do so at
once as they will be around
delivering the last of this
month please answer
as soon as possible
and greatly oblige
of Heinecke
Buffalo Lake
Miss

Office of J. S. HARRIS,
Member of Executive Board,

La Cresent, Minn., Apr 21st 1896

Friend Latham

As usual I have over estimated my ability to get up copy in a hurry I would like to have had time to re write portions of it but fear could not do it in time for the book. Guess the printer can read most of it any way. Have been feeling very well for last few days.

Had we not better make some enquires about the fruit crop prospects for the May May. Would like very much to come up and see you all. but the results of my farming operation will not warrant it.

Have reduced the hay business down to two so that I cannot make so much on the hay, but probably the losses on feed will not be so great.

Yours truly
J. S. Harris

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and I am glad to see it appear
so honest and plucky; He sent me seeds
of the "Pomona", I am nearly out of
Stationary. We ought to have an illu-
strated article on grafting in the March
Magazine I think, that I could take
time to write one if we could get the
cuts, I suppose those Green used in his
book would do, and probably Farm, &
Home has them, I do not, not like
them however, they had ought to have been a
little larger. It is a big job for me to explain
the matter to correspondents by letter,
I am starting in this week feeling better
Did not feel able to attend the Wis meetg
last week, either physically or financially

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do not get along very fast at it,
Mr London writes me that he wants to
advertize his Rasp in our May
I have 200 of the plants fixed for that
I expect to set in the Spring
Weather mild this morning but looks
blizardy, air full of fine snow & wind rising
Have concluded to delay the report
on Obtuary a while yet
Share my kind regards with boys & and
the girls including Miss White
Yours truly
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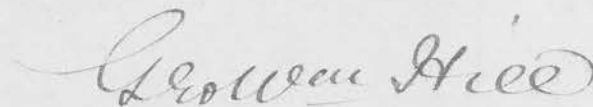
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Respectfully,



Chief Div. Publications.

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Sir:

I have wrote this words in
a hurry and after you a relook and
have not giving this the thought
as I should have, but this will
give my idea of it in some what
shape it ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~exactly~~ ^{exactly} ~~can~~ ^{can} be
understood, as I have not the proper
words to use to express myself, as
I was of some age when I left
Norway, but have picked up bits
through reading Horticultural
papers + reports, + mingled a
little in town affairs + steamboating
on the River ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ~~waters~~, been
among all kinds of Nations, I have
acquired some knowledge of the
English language. If you find this
above paper fit to insert in the ~~magazine~~
magazine you are at liberty to do so,
(over)

I have received Prof. H. B. Green book
it is just the kind I need. after that
thought of going to his school to learn
some in this direction, but has always
thought I was too old, could not be
permitted, such is life, many thanks
for the book, I am your a violent
= Bible writer and have good many
things would write about, but one
thing specially to me, is when writing
in the magazine, is about not giving
counties when towns & villages are named
counties should also be named, for instance
The Horticultural farm in
Wisconsin. if it is in the southern
part of the state or in the north.
The same is with fruit some sorts
fail with another same time good with
others, the kind of soil should first of
all be specified that if from any other
cause.

Yours Truly

O. J. W.

Hendrum
Norman Co. Minn.

I state, wrote this in so late an hour
yet that is true because my time
is very limited, all alone on the farm
working all day till late and with some
noisy children when all in bed then
my thoughts can pour out and down they
go on the paper till the eye lids shut
in the dream of the world and the
Thinking People, but our last bed
soon we all in short, shall be round in
the winding sheet of earth where we did
come from. Let us all be happy and
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A. W. Latham, Secy

Dear Sir, Replying to yours of
23^d will say that the plate of
the late Patrick Barry is the property
of the Stecker Lithograph Co. of this city;
& I have no doubt if you write
to them, suggesting that if they will
loan it to you, you will have the
printer attach their name to it, that
they will loan it to you.

Yours truly

John Hall
Secy

Lincoln Neb.

Feb 10-96

Al W Latham

Secy Mann Ant. Soc.

Sir:

I will say I was elected secy of Neb State Ant Soc. to fill out term of our deceased Secy & for the next year including from Jan 1st 96 to May 31 97.

Any information I can impart to you will be cheerfully given make any use of me you can I am in for the cause of Ant.

Respt Yours
J Haddock

Memorandum Norman Cockburn Jan 25th 1896

AW Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir - I have long tried to encourage some of this vicinity to take subscription on the Minnesota Horticulturist, but but hardly none have understood what I have meant about it or more been listless on that one, has talked in away as it referred only on gardening but how well I have explained the matter to them they have thought of fruit raising and gardening some thing not successful here even they have bought & planted a few trees and bushes and a small garden. as after some failures of not getting a yearly benefit have got discouraged. and says ~~that~~ the wild fruits are more profitable to plant. Then some sorts, that has some truth and should not be neglected. as of plums we have lots of very good plums growing wild here that compares favorably

(over)

well with any roots in the nursery
line both in quality & quantity. They
look in size with the Japan Plum
here in the Red River Valley and a long its
tributary are of course several kinds
I got no less than 3 kinds in my garden
which was taken up bit & mess and planted
18 years ago just for its flowering &
an ornamental tree and its fragrance
in spring. And I can truly say that this
tree was my leading strap into further trying
other fruits such as Currants Goose berries
then Cherries then Apples then again for
Cane or what called American Plums.

I now are in possession of nearly 2 1/2 acres
in fruit but so far it has only been
digging out of my pockets and many kinds
I have on trial and for the last few years
I have had very good luck in not losing
any of my trees by winter killing. none have
been root killed that shows that hardy
stock has been used and are adapted

to the soil here, I have tried to get genuine
 Dutchess of Oldenburg apple seed and Lady
 crab seed but I have not so far been
 able to get across any one or seedling
 of any named sort, and this shows
 that not many of the nurseries are
 or have not reliable stock grafted
 I have not understood the mode of
 grafting and taking care of such stock
 I would try to raise my own trees. As I
 understand there is no patent on some
 of the trees offered for sale, or are
 adopted for the U.S. I must I hope by
 getting the book as Premium for the Snow
 members I bring you will see the long list
 want especially for me, I got many new kinds
 of goose berries and some of them promise to be
 excellent, this winter have been about the hardest
 on all kinds of trees after July 15th we had
 hardly a trace of rain til Nov 4 some then
 but was very little, and the winter has been
 open without no snow, and large

cracks has formed & I am afraid that my new plantation of trees will suffer in the roots.

Farmers in this vicinity have ^{not} yet seen the benefit in raising fruit for their own use some have dug up some wild Currants & Gooseberry bushes and even fail with them as they cut the roots short and leave a large top on & kill up high I had to laugh once when I happen to see this, but the poor fellow did not know better, and did do his best

Yours Respectfully

A. Mattingfruit Grower to

Ch. J. Hagen

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La Crescent, Minn., Jun 24 1892

Friend Luther

Time has expired & I have not got any word from Sias

I enclose a little gift that you may see when convenient or not as you like.

I have let you see how my book of descriptions to my this winter and some times am bothered to identify western grown on new varieties

Yours truly
J. S. Harris

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Jan. 13, 1896.

Secy. A. W. Latham,
State Hort. Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your notice of my appointment on committee on irrigation in the horticultural society for the coming year at hand. I am not displeas ed at this appointment and shall try to make good report.

Yours very truly,

W. M. Hays.

Austin Jan 15th 1896

C. W. Latham. Minneapolis

Dear Sir

I have been distributing Magazines and Circulars - trying to increase our membership - I can get people to understand with regard to receiving the bound Report for 1895 and Magazine for 1896 - but when they look the list of premiums over - they say - well do we get the premium offered in this list and the book (Amateur Fruit Grower)

-if we become members of the
Southern Minnesota Horticultural Society?
If we do not, then we don't wish
to join your society, and let
the State Society have 50 or 75 per cent
of the fees - and we not have
the same benefits - we as tax
payers help to pay the appropriation
and for the binding of the report,,
with the information I have I
could not answer these questions
satisfactorily. The ^{end} substance
of these questions - are our members to
have the same advantages in these
premiums as the State members get?

Please answer, Fraternally
Austin Minn J. C. Hawkins



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much the students attending our State Normal
School at Mayville would be benefited
by an opportunity of reading and learning from
the reports of your Flourishing Society -
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JOHN S. HARRIS,

La Crescent, Minn., Jan 9th 1896.

A. W. Lathrop Sec Minn. Stat. Hort Society
My Dear Sir

Yours dated Jan 2nd 1896
notifying me of my appointment by the Ex
Committee of State Hort Society, a Committee
on "Seedling & new fruit," and Member of
Committee on "Nomenclature and Catalogue," and
Committee on Ornithology for the year 1896
is at hand and duly considered, & fully appreciated
the honor conferred upon me and accept the
position promising to discharge the duties according
to the best of my ability.

Very Truly Yours
J. S. Harris

Austin Minn Jan 6th 1896
A. W. Latham, Minneapolis
Dear Sir

Magazines and
Circulars Received all "O K,"
many thanks, have already began to
distribute them. we intend to call
meetings in the School Houses in
different parts of the County and
get those interested in fruit growing
to gather and in ^a neighborly ^{way} talk these
interests over, and ⁱⁿ that way we hope
to get them interested in Horticulture

Yours fraternally
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JOHN S. HARRIS,

La Crescent, Minn.,

Jan 1st 1896

Dear Friend Latham

I am practicing on writing 1896 but
but it has get such a strong hold upon me that blunders
are frequent I believe we were saying something
about getting the picture of N. W. King into our
magazine. Have you his photo, if not I have one
that was made before he left the State that I will
send up to make a cut from unless I can secure
one later. Will also fix up a short biography if wanted
About the Summer Meeting, Villa Rosa is a
delightful place to meet, but the object lessons
at the experimental farm are too valuable to be
lost to our younger members. Why can we
not hold a two days meeting and take in
both places? As I expect the far no of managers
would be crowded I have not sent up any thing
for it. At first thought I would give a true report
of the S. M. Society meeting at Austin but concluded
it would all come in in regular. I attended the
meeting. It was an excellent one and pretty well
attended and I think will do much good in
that Section of the State. I am now feeling

pretty well and am liable to be up to the
Annual meeting of the Socy on the 14th inst
if I can sell pigs enough to cover the expense
We now have magnificent sleighs. The little snow
we had at time of meeting all went off with a light rain
and I think the ground has taken in enough
moisture to sustain the roots of trees and plants
and ensure a good crop this year

Wishing you and yours a happy New Year and
many returns of the Sun

I remain Yours Truly
J. S. Harris

P.S. Do not forget to send me copy of any
new Exchange Reports that come in
J. S. H

P.S. No 2

How are the renewals and new members
coming in?

1.00

Albert Lea Minn.

Jan 6 1896

Mr. W. Latham,

Dear Sir:

I am desirous of becoming a member of the State Hort. Society and will enclose One dollar for which please place my name on list as a member. I am working in Clarence Hedge's nursery and if you could send me last year's Horticulturalist or at least some of the most valuable ^{numbers} ~~ones~~, I would

be greatly obliged.

Yours Respectfully
A. S. Higbee

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JOHN S. HARRIS,

La Crescent, Minn., Jan 8th 1896

Friend Latham

I send you herewith the name and address of a new member viz Theo Keller, Woodstock, Minn. He will want the cloth bound report of 95 and Magazine for 96 and the plant premium if entitled to them. The wanted Group is offered by Mr Wedge in 1894 as he saw it in on the back of a letter of my writing but when I write him I will mention that has passed out of date and refer him to those offered last year and he can order them later. Send him the Supplement with the Jan Mag and perhaps his my stir himself to secure a new member to get the Amateur Fruit Grower. Enclosed find my check for 6 in payment of his member ship.

Yours Truly
J. S. Harris

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