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8/20/96

Mr, A, W, Lathan, Secretary

Minn, State Hort, Society.

Minneapolis, Minn,

Dear Sir,

You will kindly accept the thanks of this Board, for a copy of  
August number of the Minn, Horticulturist,

Will you tell me if you were in the Minn, exhibit (Hort) at the World's  
Fair?

The Secretary's Corner is good, you see by enclosed we  
use cold storage, and its free too, so is all express on the different  
lines.

Wishing you success,

Yours truly,

Martha A, Shute  
Sec'y

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A. W. Latham  
207 Kasota Blk.  
Minneapolis  
Min

Enuka 8/21

Friend Latham.

I think my Delmon will  
be ripe by Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> and could  
send you what you want.

Yours  
C. W. Simpson.

Ord 50 # 8.21.96



# American Homes

A Monthly Journal Devoted to Planning, Building and Beautifying  
**THE HOME.**  
\$1 A YEAR.

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 10, 1896

A. W. Latham, Esq.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

We have yours of the 6th, and regret our inability to comply with your request, as the "Washington Elm" engraving is a copyrighted one furnished us by parties in Boston, and has been returned to them. If there are any of the cuts of our own which appear in the magazine that would be of any use to you, we will be very glad to supply them at any time.

Yours respectfully,

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*Chas. Hite-Smith*

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A. W. Latham  
207 Kasota Block.  
Minneapolis  
Minn.

Eureka, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>

Frience Latham,

Your Baskets went over  
long ago. Could you go down  
to Springfield Minn. with me next  
Friday to compare the cherries?

Yours Truly  
C. W. Sampson

Wm. G. Scott,  
Treasurer.



City Treasurer's Office.

No. ....

Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 29 1896.

A. W. Latham Esq.  
Winnipeg, Minn  
Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of the 28th inst. Send me the Canadian Postage Stamps and I will send you a money order for the amount. I can at all times use any that you may receive in the regular course of business so that in future you may send them on without writing me in advance.

Very truly yours  
Wm. G. Scott

1. Sauk Rapids June 11<sup>th</sup> 1886  
Experiment Station  
Mrs Jennie Stoger, Sauk

Mr Latham Dear Sir

If you have a report of me this Spring I am actually afraid it will deter any one who lives up this way and reads it, from planting fruit of any kind. Early this Spring every thing looked lovely; Late Apple and plum trees were loaded, and I had to take off a great many from young trees to save them; at present most of the plums have blossomed up and made pockets, Tancendants have blighted, but Russians still hold on. As I have ten plum to one Apple tree you can see how encouraging that is. The Currants <sup>brush</sup> were also

loaded, but after the hot winds  
we had several weeks ago they  
commenced dropping of land  
Now the bunches are few and  
far between. Gooseberries there  
are none. Year before last  
decease struck the red Raspberries.  
The stalk was perforated an inch  
or so from the ground and eggs  
deposited which in the course  
of time were hatched, leaving  
several small worms crossways  
in the stalk, which absorb the  
juice from the pith where at the  
time or after flowering thereby  
killing the stalk. a year ago last  
winter all such plantations  
were winter killed down to  
the ground. ~~this~~ Last Spring  
I planted apparently healthy  
young plants on fresh ground  
and ploughed up and burned  
all roots and stalks of the  
old planting the ground with  
potatoes Then I put in a  
large piece with Strawberries.

3 This summer I uncovered them late after all danger from frosts were past. At present they are loaded with berrying small and blossoms, but leaf blight has struck most of them. Spraying will not do as most every day or night we have a heavy rain and I am afraid I shall lose my crop. Does it generally lay up and destroy the berries and what can I do to save them? About the Raspberries I have been consulted by several people, some thirty miles away. I could only tell them to cut out diseased canes and burn.

Now Mr L can you help by advice on either subject if so I shall be eternally gratefull

4 If you can compile any  
thing favorable out of this,  
print, otherwise you better  
omit a report from me as  
it would prevent any who  
read it from planting fruit  
here. Oh I forgot my  
Grape vines came from  
their winter quarters worse  
than in ten years before.  
Four Moore's Early, three  
Pocklington and several  
others are dead. and most  
of them look weakly, and  
with the same cure that  
has given us loads of fruit  
other years. We are doing all  
we can to stimulate those  
that are alive but cannot  
tell how they will turn out  
still we live in hopes. An  
early reply will be thankfully  
received

June 11, 96

Jennie Stager

(This section has evidently suffered very severely  
from the last two dry years (See.)

Sank Rapids  
Exp. Sta  
Comet

Wayside May 21  
State Horticultural Society

Dear Sir,

Some time in January I  
subscribed for membership  
to your society and ordered  
three lady grape vines  
which was mentioned as  
as premiums as they have  
not arrived I would like  
to know the reason.

Yours Truly  
Charles Elmer  
Wayside  
Maine

Belle Plaine Minn  
May 30/96  
A. W. Seaman Esq -  
Minneapolis  
Minn

Dear Sir.

Inclosed find stamp  
please send me the  
a copy of the Magazine  
I shall send in a Re-  
mittance soon and you  
will try also to get others  
to do so -

Very truly  
Yours  
J. Schichtl

Box 152

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*A. W. LATHAM,*

*Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,*

*207 Kasota Block,*

*Minneapolis, Minn.*

DETACH ANNEXED CARD  
FOR ANSWER.

Eureka Min. June 1<sup>st</sup> 96.

Dear Sir,

" The prospect for a good fruit crop in this locality was never better with the exception of currants, they are a very light crop. Grapes will not be quite up to the average. Apples are well loaded. Berries of all kinds promise an abundant crop. The "London" Raab came through the winter in splendid condition & are loaded with fruit without any protection whatever. Respt. C. W. Sampson.

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*Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,*

*207 Kasota Block,*

*Minneapolis, Minn.*

Mpls. 6/3 '96

D. G.

Should say:  
about June 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>

In haste

W. W. Shepherd.

Viola June 3rd 98

friend Latham Dear sir  
our fruit crop will not be  
the crop that was expected especially  
with apples and Pears. The trees  
blossomed full but for some  
cause did not mature <sup>these blossoms</sup> yet there  
will be a fair crop the strawberry  
crop is very good the currant  
crop light the Prospect for grapes  
a fair crop Raspberry and Black  
berry is going to be late an crop  
rather light the Hard freezing  
through the winter and the ground  
being dry and no snow to protect  
the roots of all fruit we could  
Hardly expect an unusual heavy  
crop especially with currennts Raspberys  
and Black berries yours Wm Semwell

excuse delay as I only got  
home from a visit and called  
on the ferry and got home  
last night

SLITOR HOUSE.

R. M. SLITOR, Prop.

Waukon, Iowa May 27 1896

A. H. Latham  
207 Kosciusko Block,  
Minneapolis,  
Minn.

Dear Sir:

Please find me  
by mail the following  
plants offered by  
the society as premiums  
for new subscribers,  
Member No. 21 number

388, <sup>Sum</sup>  
Six Golden Raspberry ✓  
Six Cedar "  
Two Amelanchier <sup>"</sup> <sup>and</sup> Geobotany  
Rosa  
4 vase Shadblow  
Caldonia!  
Minn

Ans 6/6/96

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FOR ANSWER.

Eureka June 3<sup>rd</sup> 96.

Friend Lathrop.

I should think strawberries would be at their best as early as the 15<sup>th</sup> June not later than that. I picked a number of ripe berries from my bed yesterday. Our suit-cases at New Ulm the 20<sup>th</sup> June & we must have Prof Green, Wedge & perhaps Harris. I wish you would draw up some resolutions to be acted on at Summer meeting discontinuing the station at New Ulm in charge of Heidegeman. Also appoint a committee to examine the Company's <sup>own</sup> ~~own~~ <sup>ambition</sup>.

Jackson May 4<sup>th</sup> 95-

Dear Sir

~~a great~~ Yours to hand. I have written a considerable number of articles on close root pruning and general orchard treatment that are so revolutionary though absolutely true, that many papers would not publish them, but they all appeared originally in Texas Farm & Ranch - Dallas Tex - and were copied (most of them) into the Fruit Growers Journal Colder Ill. The issue of April 15<sup>th</sup> had of the latter had the last article of the series with photograph of myself & a root pruned tree before & a year after planting. But my special root pruning article was in those papers some time ago. Write to either or both of them as I have no copy except the ones I am reserving for my book on fruit & vegetable growing to be published soon - I call it the New Horticulture & give discoverer in Horticulture so startling that they will revolutionize the science &

enable fruit to be grown at half the  
expenses. Yes 1/5, that it now is.  
You will be particularly interested in  
my discussion regarding peach blight  
& all bacterial diseases - I received a  
great many endorsements from prominent  
men though many others are so blinded  
by prejudice they cannot see the truth.  
Three conceited fellows had in '04, one  
a Murrayman named Watson & the  
other two Professors of an A & M  
College undertook to criticise me  
without pasting themselves as to my po-  
sitions & I will haul them over the  
coals in the next two issues of Farm  
& Ranch. It will be pleasant reading  
& I hope you will send for those  
issues also, if you don't exchange  
with that paper. By all means get  
what I have written on all these topics  
from the Journal or Farm & Ranch. You  
can't afford to miss it, though it will  
all be embraced in my book.

Yours truly

H. M. Stringfellow

Parker Lake Minn

Jan 7, 1898

Mr L. W. Satham, Sec.

207 Kasota Block

Minneapolis

Gentlemen,

Minn

Since I am

a new member of the  
Minnesota Horticulturist  
and have the right to  
select 3 premiums I shall  
take the three grape vines  
premiums no one, two and  
three.

Yours Respectfully

Chas Schiebe  
Parker Lake  
Minn

W.C. Sherwood & Co.

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DULUTH, MINN. May 18th, 1896

A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:--

Some time ago I joined your State Historical Society, and I wish to get a little advice from you.

I have a most beautiful suburban residence on the outskirts of our city, only some three and a half miles from the centre of our city, and I am very anxious to have a beautiful hedge all around it.

A year ago last spring I put out Honey Locust along one side. They made a nice growth last year but found the entire growth was killed during the winter.

I have been told by several nursery men there is not a Honey Locust has lived over five or six years at the outside, that there was one or two parties kept them alive six years, but was finally winter killed.

I think Honey Locust makes one of the most beautiful hedges that grow, and another advantage they have a large thorn which keeps cats and dogs out.

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A. W. Latham -2-

I have now decided the buckthorn hedge is probably the most hardy, but in examining different hedges I find it does not grow out from the lower part of the hedge.

It grows very nicely some six inches or a foot from the ground, but it does not keep spreading out near the base.

I expect to put in several thousand feet of hedge this next spring and I want to ask your advice in regard to the kind of hedge to put out.

I find my Honey Locust is still alive, but I am afraid it is not the hedge for this climate.

A friend of mine Mr Peck has written you, and he said you did not give him the price Mr Hawkinson made you for buckthorn hedge.

I am quoted prices on Honey Locust from 80 cts. to \$1.50 a hundred, but I understand from Mr Prendergast who represents Mr Hawkinson that it would cost me \$15. per hundred for three and four year old plants and \$10 per hundred for two and three year old plants. I think this is an outrageous price.

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A W Latham -3-

DULUTH, MINN.

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After hearing from you I shall try to make arrangements for some two thousand hedge plants and I thought perhaps if I gave my order early they would take special pains with them this summer, so they would be in prime condition in the spring of 1897.

I do not know but I have been a little rambling but I have a head ache this morning, but you have my idea, and if you can help me with any advice in this matter, and possibly give me the names of certain nurserymen I can write to, who carry that kind of stock I should be very much obliged and appreciate it fully, as I do not think there is any thing more beautiful than a large fine hedge that is kept well trimmed and not allowed to grow over three or three and a half feet high.

Trusting to hear from you when convenient and feeling sure there is no one could give me the practical advice in this matter that you can, I remain,

Yours very truly,

*W.C. Sherwood*

Lank Rapids <sup>6<sup>th</sup> 19</sup> ~~19~~ <sup>th</sup> 196

Dear Mr. Latham

Here is a dollar to renew Mrs. Cartells Membership. She said one of the magazines spoke of renewing Members getting premiums. Did it? Prof. Green sent her three Gospel vines for last year which she did not like as she had asked for other things. He sent me some nice plants, but the poorest strawberries I ever had. They were smothered in mud and looked as though they had been in that condition all winter and had died daily. Only one or two were alive out of dozens the gum rotten. However don't say any thing

I have sent of for some  
New kinds and paid for  
them and have had better  
luck with them.  
We had a frost last night  
but think nothing was  
hurt. Hope you can come  
up and see us this  
Summer. Lots of things  
I wanted to ask you but  
have no time

Respect

Jennie Stager

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DULUTH, MINN.

May 2

1896

Mr. A.W. Latham Sec. M.S.H.S.

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir:

Yours enclosing membership ticket  
in the Minn. State Horticultural Society received.  
You may send me as premium three (3)  
Golden Queen Raspberry Plants

Yours truly

W.C. Sherwood  
R

WAVERLY



W. H. COTTRILL, PROPRIETOR.

Appleton, Wis., May 5 1896

A. H. Latham  
 Minneapolis  
 Minn

Enclosed please find \$1.00  
 for Minnards of to Minnesota  
 Agricultural Society  
 Genl Prop

Frank Shadball  
 Caledonia  
 Minn

100

Lamson Tex  
Apr 28th 1896

A M Latham

Dear Friend

Yours of March 31st

was received nearly a month ago

The Horticulturalist with my portrait  
came a few days later

My friends think the portrait is very  
nice and there will not be enough  
to go around I have friends that want  
them all over the U. S., Canada & Old  
Mexico - send me 50 more if you can  
by express at my expense

The strawberries were mostly the  
Marfield, some were the Early Michael  
which is soft & not considered a good  
shipper & I presume they were the ones  
that were spoiled & bruised

They were picked in the after noon  
and shipped the same evening without  
having a chance to cool

We have had an unusual amount  
of rain this spring which has caused  
the berries to be soft & watery and unfit  
for shipping long distances

I am glad to know that so many of  
my old friends got a sample of my berries

I hope to be able to send you something

more later on & if so remember  
as many of my old friends as possible

Yours &c

A Stewart

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Mr. A. W. Latham  
No 207 Kasota Block  
Minneapolis  
Minn

Viola April 15<sup>th</sup> 96

Friend Latham

I saw by your last Magazine  
that you had a number of reports  
not distributed if you have them  
to spare if you would send 2 or three  
by express to me I would be obliged  
The others I received I sent to Iowa  
what you now send will be put in hands  
that may join our society all well  
Yours Wm Somerville

Sank Rapids  
April 16<sup>th</sup> 196

Mr Latham Dear Sir

I send your letter  
so you can see what the  
money was for. but I should  
have made the receipt for  
thirty three <sup>cts</sup> enclosed please  
find stamps for three cts to  
make the difference. I also en-  
close one dollar membership fee  
for the Gardener at the  
Reformatory. Frank.

Mesenburg. Box B.

St Cloud. Minn. P. 8. 9. 10. Yes I should like  
to have Pop Greens. Book.  
Would it be out of order to  
send me two? Then I could  
have one to lend as I keep  
a circulating library

free and the worst of it  
is Books give out when used  
much. Hope I may get  
more members soon.

I don't it too bad that the  
United States War Equipments  
are in such a ramshackle  
condition that that they  
do not dare help Cuba

with best wishes

Jessie Stuger

Scoull Dak April  
the 18<sup>th</sup> 1896

A Mc Latham  
Minneapolis

Dear sir

Will you please send  
me my Premium  
no 4 Dix older Raspberry  
and Smiths improved  
gooseberry and Downing  
gooseberry as i am a new  
member and allice

yours truly

John Seayren  
Scoull

Ransom Co  
N Dak

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# Michigan Experiment Station.

UNDER CONTROL OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR.

*Agricultural College, Mich.,*

April 25, 1896

Hon. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in placing the name of your Horticultural Society on the permanent mailing list of the station.

I remember with the keenest pleasure the meetings of the Minnesota Society at Lake City and elsewhere. We have also in this state a very strong society. Here the emphasis is laid upon peaches and tree fruits rather than on small fruits as in Minnesota. The membership <sup>includes</sup> composes an unusually intelligent body of men. You should come over and see us especially in August when the best peaches are ripe.

Yours respectfully

*Clinton Smith*

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A. W. Latham, Sec  
207 Kenota Block  
Minneapolis  
Minn



Worthington Minn April 18 - 1896  
A. O. S. Latham Secretary  
Sir send me the following list of plants  
6 Older raspberry & Buffalo berry  
2 *Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora* <sup>shrub</sup>  
the rest of my Premium list in which  
is called the Downing gooseberry  
the report of member ship card come  
all right yours truly  
J. J. Schukter

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A. W. Gathorn,  
207. Kosota, Blk.,  
Minneapolis,  
Minn.

Bush. City. Minn.

3/28-96

Mr. A. W. Latham.

I select as premium  
with Minn. Horticulturist No. 4  
5+10. I rec<sup>d</sup> the membership, tickets  
& books O.K.

Send premium to P. A. Stevens.

Bush. City.

Minn.

P. O. Box. 176)

Lamarque Texas

March 28th 1896

A W Latham

Dear Friend

We have had one week  
without rain the longest dry spell since strawberries  
began to ripen

I send you by American Express one crate of  
strawberries They agree to deliver them to you without  
charge for a trial shipment

Hope they will reach you in good shape

If so please, <sup>remember</sup> my old friends J. H. Stephens,  
C. E. Stockley & E. Nagel with a sample of them

Let me hear about the condition they are in  
when they reach you and Oblige

Yours Truly

A Stewart

A. W. Latham  
Sec Minn State Hort Society  
Minneapolis  
Minn  
207 Kasota Block

Red Wing, 28 March 1896

AW Latham

Dear Sir Enclosed please  
money order for one Dollar  
and retain my membership  
on rolls of Horticultural  
association Please send  
me the new volume if it is  
to be had.

Forgive my tardiness!

Respectfully yours

E Shogren

Red Wing Minn)  
Box 594.

✓

Ada Minnesota <sup>3/23</sup> 96

Dear Sir:

I became ~~an~~ a member of your society last winter so I am entitled to some plant premiums.

Below is the variety I would like.

No. 4; No 5. & No 6

Please send when convenient for you but not too late for this spring.

Herman F Sprung

Ada  
Norman Co

P. O. Box 20  
Minnesota

Worthington Minn Mar 21<sup>st</sup>  
1896



A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir

Enclosed find Two dollars  
P.O. Moneyorder Please renew  
My ~~My~~ Membership for 1896  
For the Minnesota<sup>state</sup> Horticultural  
Society

Charles A. Sundberg

Worthington

Nobles Co.,

Minn

also a new member.

Charles Saxon

L Box 183 Worthington

Nobles Co.,

Minn

200

North Pomona Calif  
Dec 4 - 1894

Mr. A. W. Latham - Sec. Min. S. H.  
Soc. - 207 Kasota Block W. Pl. Min.

Dear friend

As to Gas Engines,  
I have not as you suppose give  
them any careful investigation  
as yet. Mo. satisfied from general  
observation that they are the coming  
power for such work as raising water  
& the like, as I am not ready to put  
an int. upon I have not studied into  
the merits of diff. makes. But  
since reciev. your note I have  
sought such information as is  
readily accessible to me & from  
what I have learned may be able  
to put you on the track of more elab-  
orate investigation.

I called upon Dr. Gordon, an

Ex-Prebyterian Minister living  
about one mile from me who uses  
a Gas Engine for irrigating a 15 ac  
ranch of oranges. He has the Foss  
Engine. I send you a Descriptive  
Circular of it. He is perfectly satisfied with  
its working. Consider it the best of what  
he has personal knowledge. But ad-  
mits that one of another make very simi-  
lar in all respects but one, may in  
this particular have an advantage -  
This is, that it has an arrangement for  
igniting the charges of Gas or Gasoline  
without an electric Spark & so re-  
quires no battery. This simplifies the  
machine & as the management of  
the Battery part may not be readily  
understood by an unscientific person -  
I send you a Circular of this kind  
also. I think there is another  
make, called, The Hercules, which  
also does without the Battery -  
Dr Gordon mentioned this one to me  
& promised to get information about it.  
If I learn anything about it which  
w<sup>d</sup>. seem important to you I will

Send it on - Two mile from me  
a Gas Engine is being put up in  
place of a Windmill which the Pro-  
prietor thinks will supersede all  
others. He is one of a Firm which is  
manufacturing Machinery in Stockton.  
He is a wealthy man & retires  
from active participation in the  
business & is fitting up a home for  
his old age in Lordburgh. Is a  
Trustee & active supporter of the  
College there founded, I have been  
watching this Machine. It is not  
yet fully in operation. This one is in  
fact the first one of the kind & this is  
the first test. Finding that I was  
interested in Gas Engines he wanted  
me to wait till this was in working  
order. Is sanguine that they have  
an improvement which gives it decided  
superiority. It would seem that  
such machines are in the process  
of development, that is an capable

of Improvement & it may be well  
not to be hasty in deciding upon  
them, There is a like condition  
of things as to Pumps - The kinds  
are various, Dr. Gordon thinks  
that for wells that are not very deep,  
that is not so deep but that the water  
is good supply can be reached by  
digging, the Centrifugal pump  
is the best. There is such a pump  
in operation about 8 ms from my  
place, It throws an irrigating  
stream of 12 or 15 in, thus making a  
sufficient head for irrigating without  
needing a reservoir, I think it is  
the Fox Engine which is used  
at this well. I have heard of a  
new method of applying the power  
for the raising of water which is  
in operation about 10 miles further  
in Ontario, It is S. to be very effective  
& great things are expected from  
it - I propose some time to visit  
it. The principle is to force the

water up by compressed air -  
I have not a clear idea of the  
details.

When wells are so  
deep that water must be reached  
by boring & putting in pipe from  
7 to 10 inches in diameter, the  
centrifugal pump cannot be  
used, the pipe not being large  
enough for the insertion of the  
pump. It is customary here  
to dig down for 50 to 75 feet & then  
to bore & sink a pipe till the  
water is reached.

Herry has reached Florida  
but not the place he has all  
along had in view - It was to  
Lake Worth on the South East  
~~water up by compressed~~  
Coast that he set out to go -  
But at Jacksonville he was  
persuaded to go to Groves City  
on the South West Coast, <sup>in</sup> about

the same latitude.

From what he writes & from the information in the paper he sends, I judge the section is fully as desirable as the other. He is very much elated over the country & climate, & if it is as much superior to this as he thinks for it must be Paradise. I hope he will continue contented & do well; but he will probably find drawbacks of which now he knows nothing.

The family unite with me in cordial remembrances to you & yours -

Yours truly

Chas B Sheldon

North Pomona Calif

Nov. 17. 1894

Mr. A. W. Latham

207 Kasota Block

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Friend

You ask for some  
acct. of my experience in the  
use of Windmills & Sacks for irri-  
gating purposes in garden &c.  
I have not time for any extended  
reply to this inquiry & doubt  
whether I could offer anything  
that would be of use, practically, to  
persons in Minnesota. The con-  
ditions in these two places must  
greatly vary. You have not there  
the steady, constant, strong sea-  
breeze which we can depend upon  
here - from March to September.

But even with this advantage  
here - windmills, as a power for raising

water from a well, are being superseded by gas-engines.

Our well-works have been invaluable thus far. We have had a sufficiency of water for domestic use for three families, for a green house, lawn purposes, and irrigation for about 50 Citrus trees. This has been & still is all our dependence for water for the past 18 years. With more tank room or a small reservoir still more water could have been secured & used in irrigation. The mill originally had was overturned & destroyed about 3 yrs ago. The present one is an Aeromotor & can be made to run with a very light wind. In winter use when we have no trade winds & are liable to have long spells of light winds this has been far better than the old one. It will run & keep up a moderate supply of water when the other

would have stood idle.

We have never as yet used or really needed water for general irrigation. But now that our trees are getting older & larger they require water and we are taking steps to secure other wells. If we are successful in reaching a full supply of water we propose to use the gas engine for raising it.

I have no doubt that this would be the best & cheapest method in Minnesota for obtaining water from wells.

So much for that subject. Have you sold your property in Ex? You seem to be fixed in Minneapolis. How, & family left us this week and are by this time near if not in Florida where they propose to make their home. He had the Florida fever before coming here & has never been contented. I fear he will

be less so than when he becomes  
dis-illusioned.

We are having the  
finest of weather here, as usual.  
Our health is good. Time are  
hard, but actual needs are supplied.  
We have abundant reason to be  
thankful. Our regards to you  
and family.

Thanking you all your cordial  
remembrances & reciprocating to  
you & family - I am yours

Sincerely  
Chas B. Sheldon

Rancho de High School  
Feb 15 - 1896

Mr. A W Latham

Dear Sir! —

Inclosed You will  
find one Doll to pay  
my membership for  
the year 1896.

Yours Truly  
O. J. Stevens.

          
Dyler<sup>3</sup>

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Lamarque Tex  
Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1896

A W Latham

Sec Minn State Nat Socy  
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir

It rains so much of late  
I cannot get strawberries in con-  
dition to carry so far

Just as soon as I can get them  
in condition to carry a long  
distance I will express you a  
crate on trial

I would like at least 20 of  
papers with my sketch & paraffin  
and could use 50

My friends here want to scatter  
them from Maine to California  
Mexico & Canada

I will see to distributing what  
you send where they will  
do Minn Pro-hum

Although I am not with  
you I still love Minnesota  
where I spent 28 years of my  
life trying to do something in  
the way of fruit raising &  
I am glad to hear of the good  
progress you are making  
in that direction

Very Respectfully Yours  
A Stewart

Worthington Minn April 4<sup>th</sup>  
1896.



A. W. Latham

Minneapolis

Minn

Dear Sir

I do now send you another  
New subscriber to the Minnesota  
Horticulturist for 1896.

(Name) Joshua G. Sh

(Name) Joshua G. Schechter

(PO) Box 405. Worthington

(Co.,) Nables

(State) Minn

Enclosed find one dollar

P.O. Money order

Please forward my premium  
Amateur fruit grower by Prof  
S. B. Green

Respectfully yours

G. A. Sundberg

Box 65 Worthington

Nables Co.,

Minn

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Bank Rapids 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>  
1915

Mr Latham

For some reasons I have not been able to attend to business the last few months as I should and I was surprised on looking through my Correspondence to find I had neglected to send you the enclosed receipt and Check. I also send you one dollar (\$1) Membership fee for Mr Frederick Kue the Bank Rapids. Minn. 4. 5. 9. Please send him premiums Do please see that the premiums that should have been sent last Spring are sent this. That is one thing that should not be neglected. When I speak of the premiums as an inducement I am told, No one got them last year how do you know we will

this. I hope however to  
get more members soon.  
But at present the beautiful  
Snow hems me in.

Hoping this will find you  
and your family in good  
health I am

Truly yours  
Jennie Stayer

Hurrah for the lone Star of  
Cuba

"THE STEVENSVILLE"

LITTLE & SMITH.



Just Sample only

Stevensville, Mont. Feb. 15, 1896.

Mr. A. W. Latham

My dear Sir:

How can I obtain  
a report of your State  
Agr. Soc. from Jan. 9,  
95 to Dec. 3, 95?

I represent the leading  
agricultural and horti-  
cultural paper in our  
State. I want your last  
report it is first-class.  
I was the first to be  
placed upon the roll of  
honors in the Montana  
State Agr. Soc. You will  
please advise me at  
White Sulphur Springs, Mont.  
Very truly,  
Geo. H. Scott.

Thorough Bred Poultry in Charge  
of Mrs. Shepherd will be  
found at our Poultry Houses,  
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Try us.

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ALTON M. SHEPHERD, Box 55.

Minneapolis, Minn., 2/12 1896

W. W. Latham  
City.

Yours  
We will use the  
space! Have been thinking of seeing you every day.  
But am driven with work! If you would like!  
We should be pleased to furnish you the 4  
electrotypes for a page in the H. using 2 on each  
side! I hand them to father, so that he may  
leave them, if you use! I enclose copy for ad.  
and would like to have you give local notice  
in first issue, such as the facts will warrant,  
and you deem proper.

Very Truly

Alton M. Shepherd

Lamarque Tex

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1896

A. W. Gathain

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir

I mailed you another  
Photo on the 12<sup>th</sup> Hope you will  
get it all right if not let me  
know & I will try again

What will ten copies of the No  
that has the Photo & Sketch of my  
life cost I would like some to  
send to my friends

Would it be agreeable to you  
for me to send you a crate of  
strawberries to be distributed  
among my friends at Minneapolis

I can send them so that it  
will be no expense to you  
except to receive & distribute  
them

yours truly  
A Stewart

Wayzata Minn.  
Feb. 17, 1896.

Dear Sir:—

I wish you would  
send me these three Premiums.

No. 4. Six Older raspberry (black)  
plants.

No. 6. One buffalo berry.

No. 8. Two Downing Gooseberry plants.

G. F. Schieb  
Wayzata  
Minn.

Seouill N D Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1896

A W Latham

Minneapolis

Minn

Please find inclosed  
Ticket of membership  
and please send me one  
of the Primiums and oblige  
yours Truly

Jehu Seageen  
Seouille

Ransom Co

N Dak

Correction - In the Report for 1891. Page 72.  
Mr Harris in giving a sketch of the life work of  
A. W. Sims - Says he was born May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1838.  
It should read May 30<sup>th</sup> 1832.

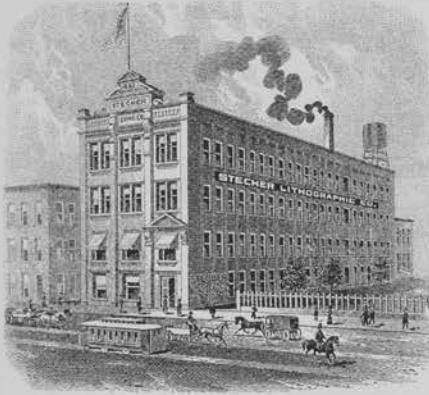
He recd. a liberal Academic Education  
at two of the most thorough and efficient  
institutions <sup>of the kind</sup> in the Country - viz Derry  
Academy in Vt. & Genesee Wesleyan  
Seminary at Lima N. Y. His specialty  
during his thirty one years of hard labor in  
Minn. was to produce a desirable winter  
apple, and although his attempts have  
fallen short of his early anticipations, and not  
a variety of his introduction sufficiently hardy  
for general cultivation - yet he claims that his  
list of strictly winter sorts are not surpassed by  
any other list for keeping qualities, & if gardeners  
will continue these through their seeds - they will prove  
that A. W. Sims had a good Mission - & that not  
five thirty are bears in Minn. for naught!  
Seven varieties of winter fruit exhibited by Wm. Somerville  
last Dec. was named & introduced by him. Among which is  
the Spire - one of the best brown apples, & Annual leading sort  
with D. Hoskins - the Great Orchardist of Western Vt.

The Soiree he thinks, is bound to become very popular any where in the C. pl. Belt a little South of its northernmost border. It has been given by perhaps a dozen different parties in Minn. and when first exhibited by Mr S at the Wm King Fair <sup>at Minneapolis</sup> drew the grand prize for the best <sup>seedling</sup> seedling. Mr S made a pretty thorough test of about 200 Russians. And values <sup>some of</sup> them highly for summer fall but for long keeper claims that the shortest road to success is through Am' Seedlings, and he still thinks - with C. S. Patten & others that there is good blood in the native Crob of Minn. which could be profitably utilized in experimenting for the "Coming Apple". Mr S was a great admirer of Ever green trees, and the children of Minn. should be better for his work in growing the Norway Spruce from seed. & scattering among them some 300 fine trees from 12 feet to 20. to have their Christmas presents on. He that makes one child happy - is as much entitled to praise, as the farmer that made two <sup>one</sup> sheaves of grass grow where only one grew before.

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*Rochester, N.Y.* Feb'y, 7th, 1896,

A. W. Latham, Secy,

Minnesota State Horticultural Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.,

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 4th is at hand. We will furnish you the half tone engraving of the late Patrick Barry, to be used for your annual report and have sent same to day to you by express. As soon as you are through with it will you please return it and be sure and take good care of it, so it will not be damaged in any way by your printers.

We will thank you for inserting in your report the inclosed notice, subject to any change that you may think best.

Yours very truly,

Stecher Litho. Co.

P.S.

Kindly put our imprint under cut as in proof and oblige.

S.L.Co.

My old home at Derby was purchased  
by my grandfather - John A. in 1800  
it is located near the head of Memphremagog  
Lake and about two miles from Newport  
the C. E. Seat of Orleans Co. - This is getting to be  
a popular Summer Resort. Our home was on high  
table land overlooking the Lake where we could  
look down upon five Islands and some fifty  
miles of water - with the Green Mountains in the back  
ground, making it a place of great scenic beauty.  
Memphremagog signifies "Lake of Abundance"  
Dr. Hoskins one of New England's greatest Cornellists  
resides about <sup>an</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>or</sup> a mile from this old home - and I am  
anxious to spend my few remaining Summer days a neighbor  
to him - and

Notes of Life

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Lake City Dec 3/95  
A W Latham

Friend Latham  
enclosed you will find  
some thoughts on gardening  
if you can make out the  
writing and spelling you will  
be lucky as my hands are  
so stiff from rheumatism I  
can hardly write and I find  
that my memory is bad and  
I forget how to spell words  
you will also find one dollar  
for my fees excuse all mistakes  
with the best wishes for a good  
meeting and prosperity to the  
society I remain your friend  
G. W. & Hunt

Brookline February 8<sup>th</sup> 90  
Friend Latham Dear sir  
yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> at hand and  
in answer will say I have not  
got a copy of the article you  
speak of as I in writing an article  
put my thoughts on paper with a  
pencil as my hand trembles  
to write with a pen my daughter  
copies and usually I run the  
copy I gave the article to Mr  
Underwood as you was not present  
he read it and it was discussed  
at some length what become of  
it I do not know our fruit crop  
just as yet is good we are all well  
could you send me three bound  
copies of the last Horticultural  
report by express I will pay express  
here and oblige Wm Somerville

Beeville Minn 2/11 /96  
A. W. Latham

At this late day please find  
one dollar to pay my mem-  
bership fee. would have  
sent before but your notice  
of Dec 3 1895 was mislaid  
and forgotten.

Yours truly  
S. B. Smith

1.00

WM. SAUNDERS,  
*Director.*

DOMINION OF CANADA.

JAS. W. ROBERTSON,  
*Agriculturist.*

*Department of Agriculture,*

JOHN CRAIG,  
*Horticulturist.*

*Central Experimental Farm,*

JAMES FLETCHER,  
*Entomologist & Botanist.*

*Ottawa, Jan. 31st, 1896*

FRANK T. SHUTT,  
*Chemist.*

A. W. Latham, Esq.,

Sec. State Hort. Society,

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

Your post card of the 23rd inst. is received, also the package of reports which you have so kindly send me by express. I thank you very much for your kind liberality in this matter. I know I shall find these reports very useful to me.

Yours very truly,

*Wm Saunders*

Director.

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A. W. LATHAM.

207-KASOTA BLOCK.,  
MINNEAPOLIS,  
MINN.

HANOVER, WIS. DEC 24TH, 1895.

A. W. LATHAM, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

DEAR SIR:-YOUR CARD OF  
23D RECEIVED. IN REPLY YOU'D SAY THAT I WILL  
CONTINUE MY ADD IN THE MINN HORTICULTURIST ANOTH-  
ER- YEAR. I MAY WANT TO CHANGE THE COPY FOR  
THE COMING SEASON. IF SO WILL LET YOU KNOW, I  
BELIEVE MY PAID TIME EXSPIRES WITH THE  
MARCH NUMBER.

VERY TRULY;

E. J. SCOFIELD.

Dunk Rapids 1. 9<sup>th</sup> /96

Mr Latham Dear sir

If you remember I signed a bill as paid, for my Expenses, and as you could not give me the money that night when I was obliged to go, you promised to send it to me. I told you I was not sure what the fare was. Well it was two twenty five one way, thus making the whole fare three dollars. Will you kindly turn it in towards my life Membership. I also gave you two dollars Membership fee for Mrs Thayer, and Mrs Cross.

You were to give me receipts later. Please send them also the Magazines to the Ladies. Mrs Lewis at Dunk Rapids. But Mrs Thayer has removed to Riverside, Riverside<sup>Co</sup>, California

Send her Magazine, receipt,  
and Book, to her at that place.  
I did not take any bound books  
for any member neither for myself  
as I went of in such a hurry  
so please Oblige by sending.

We have every season to hope for  
great improvements in this place  
this summer. Likely you will  
see it in the papers soon.

And if you should take advantage  
of My Strolling invitation you can  
see for yourself.

Hoping you are feeling well after  
your labors at the Society I  
am Truly yours

Jennie Stager

Ans  
1.17.96

St Cloud Jan 18 1896

H. W. Latham

Dear Sir

In closed find one dollar  
for the Minnesota

Horticultural for 1896

in July last I inclosed  
a one dollar bill in

a letter and sent to you  
and by return mail I

received a bound copy

of the report for 1894:

so I concluded it was all right

yours respectfully

G. W. Smith

St Cloud Minn Box 11

Harbor View Fla. Nov 9th 1895.

W. Latham,

Sec - State Hort. Soc.

Dear friend,

You say questions may be asked through the Dec. no of the Minn. Horticulturist - but it is doubtless too late for me - if you issue it Nov. 15th.

"I simply wish to inquire if any member of the Society has tested the Poinciana Pulcherrima in Minn. as a house plant - and if so - how is it regarded? With us - it is the <sup>most</sup> beautiful & satisfactory small tree we have - grows to be eight or ten feet high here. They stand any ordinary winter here - but last Dec. they were killed to the ground - as was most every thing else in this State. One of our plants sprouted in about two or three months after the freeze - and in a very short time was up five feet high & full of bloom. And now it carries considerable ripe seed. I will inclose a seed pod for each of the principal officers of the Society, and if any other member would like to try it, I will mail a pod to them if they will enclose a two cent stamp for return postage." (think it will keep better in the pod till ready to plant) "By the way trees were killed more extensively here last winter than I ever knew them to be killed during in Minn. during my thirty years residence there!"

"Eternal vigilance is the price of good fruit" every where!

Reason Bros. Nurserymen at Ocoee Fla. <sup>by Prof. J. G. Poinciana</sup> "A magnificent window plant combining the beauty of minusa leaves with gorgeous flowers; blooms continually upon the new growths." The issuing of the transactions of the Society in monthly doses - is a very important step in the right direction - Hope soon to see the society drawing an appropriation large enough to justify them in drawing important horticultural matter from the whole outside world and doubling the size of the Reports. With best wishes for each and every member of the Society - I am

Very sincerely Yours -

W. S. Dix

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DOMINION OF CANADA,

*Department of Agriculture.*

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*Central Experimental Farm,*

*Ottawa, Jan. 18th, 1896.*

A. W. Latham, Esq.,

Librarian.

State Horticultural Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

Through the kindness of Mr. F. H. Nutter I have received from you a copy of the report of your Society, which I find to be very valuable indeed and will, I am sure, prove useful to me in my work.

I send you with pleasure a copy of the report of the Experimental Farms for the past five years; and if you have a spare copy of your State Horticultural Society report for the last two or three years, I shall be very glad to get the same.

I have had your name placed on our mailing list, so that you will receive the publications of the Experimental Farms as they are issued in future. and shall be glad if you will extend me the same courtesy with regard to the publications of your Horticultural Society.

Yours very truly,

*Wm Saunders*

Director.

(Mabel. Minn. Janury) 6<sup>th</sup> 1870

Mr. A. W. Latham

(Minneapolis. Minn)

Gent.

Inclosed please find  
One Dollar for which please  
admit me as a member in  
the society and Subscriber of the  
Horticulturist. of Premiums I  
will select. No 60. No 6 & 2

Yours Respectfully

J. R. Spander

## VINE GROVE FRUIT FARM

.....AND.....


 NURSERY.
 

ALTON M. SHEPHERD, Box 55

Minneapolis, Minn. 1890

O. W. Latham, City.

Yours  
 Your favor of 1/2  
 with amusement, of appointment & committee  
 on Small Fruits, at hand. While we have  
 the utmost faith in your good judgment, we fear  
 in this particular point, you could have done  
 better! However! Will do the best we can, and  
 thank you for confidence reposed, and honor  
 conferred. Will call & see you, at earliest con-  
 venience.

Very Truly  
 Alton M. Shepherd