



## Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Nov. 18th 1908.

A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I was very much interested in the clippings from the Minneapolis papers enclosed with yours of Nov. 18th, they are certainly very good. If the railroads could be persuaded to advertise this somewhat extensively, I believe it would do good.

It is certainly very remarkable that both Mr. Webb, and myself should have neglected this meeting of the horticultural society. There will be a good notice of it December 1st, but of course it will be too late to do any good. It is too late to cry over spilt milk, but will try not to spill any more.

In regard to the program for the banquet, I notice one young fellow C. C. Hunter on the <sup>other part of the</sup> program. I suppose this is the same Hunter that has a story for me every time we meet, and attends almost every horticultural meeting, I do not know what he could do in public, but I do know that has a keen scent for a story, and tells it in good shape in private. Perhaps there is someone about you that knows him better than I do, and can venture a better guess, as to his ability to entertain an audience.

Before this letter is sealed I may be able to enclose with it some worthless suggestions. The program for the meeting suited me so well that I could not think of more than one slight change not worth calling you up on the phone, and so I let the matter go without any special reply. I wish that if you have time that you would make out a list of the committees that are usually appointed, and with <sup>or</sup> your suggestions as to persons it might be well to place upon them. I feel inclined to work in as much new timber as we can with safety make use of. I wish that we could put every loyal horticulturist in to some useful place, and make him feel a responsibility in looking after it.

Cordially yours,

Clarence Briggs

N.  
Napoleon Mission  
Oct 27 1903

Ms. R. W. Satham  
Soc'y Minn State Agricultural  
Society, Minneapolis Minn  
My dear Sir.

I send by this  
mail an apple of which I wish  
to know the name.

This apple possesses many  
fine qualities of tree and fruit.  
The tree an annual and  
prolific bearer, the fruit of  
excellent-quality and a  
splendid keeper.

Respectfully  
D. N. Westcott.

The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

Nov. 16th 1903.

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

Dear Sir:

President Northrop left here last Friday evening for the East where he expects to remain for about ten days. Upon his return your letter of Nov. 12th will be placed in his hands for further answer.

Very truly yours,

*E. A. Whitney.*

Sec'y to the President.

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# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Nov. 10th 1908.

A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

In reply to yours of Nov. 7th would say, that the arrangement for a banquet is entirely satisfactory, and we are very glad that Mr. Webb is one through whom the matter has been arranged. The list of nurserymen we have looked over and return herewith, we shall set off the circular letters to the nurserymen in a few days.

We are very glad to know of Margaret's visit to you, and assure you that her opportunity of counselling with you occasionally is a great relief to Mrs. Wedge and myself.

Very truly yours,

Clarence Wedge

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

Nov. 7th 1903.

A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

Through an unusual neglect on our part yesterday's mail was not taken from the office until evening, and your letter was not opened until about six o'clock, when it seemed too late to reach you in any way to do good, for which I am exceedingly sorry, and have learned an important lesson, which I think will not again need to be impressed upon my mind.

I see that you are right in regard to the announcement of the gathering of nurserymen in the program. I appreciate the fact that I need a balance wheel occasionally to prevent my ideas running off at too high speed. I will write the circular letters to the nurserymen in a friendly way, and have no doubt that it will help a little toward their interest and attendance.

Your selection of a hotel that will permit of a little more saving to some of our members is very good, I have thought of that matter but hardly knew what could be done.

I feel that we are making a real advance all along the line this year, and my feelings in regard to it are very comfortable, indeed ~~I shall call you up to day even if it is too late, and have a little chat with you.~~

Mrs. Wedge left night before last for a long stay with her brothers in New York city. I really blame my self for not taking her case in hand, and arranging <sup>ing</sup> some absolute rest for her months ago. Her condition had really become very critical, but being with her all the time it was difficult to realize what ~~would~~ <sup>could</sup> come on so slowly through the past months. I have no doubt that absolute rest, and entire change of surroundings among the most loyal and devoted relatives that a woman ever had, (and so near Dr. <sup>Quie</sup> ~~Quie~~ you know) will do her a world of good.

Cordially yours,

Clarence Wedge

I think you will pardon some reminiscences when I am able to talk with you more freely.

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St. Paul, Minn. November 6, 1903.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secretary,  
State Horticultural Society,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

Your letter of the 5th received. Enclosed find notice of the Annual Society Banquet, which you sent me. It seems to cover the matter very fully, and I shall take pleasure in having the opportunity given me to contribute to so worthy an object.

I have just returned today from an absence since Tuesday last, and find the usual accumulation of work that comes when away.

I had hoped to see you before this, but trust I may see you next week in your office.

Very truly yours,

*Carroll*

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# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Nov. 3rd 1903

A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

I have spent some thought on yours of Oct. 30th in regard to the offer of special premiums <sup>by</sup> nurserymen. Would it not be better to defer this matter, <sup>and</sup> ~~or at least~~ arrange it in some way so that <sup>the</sup> ~~only~~ <sup>few</sup> ~~of the~~ more prominent nurserymen in the state would not be the only ones having the opportunity to advertise in this way. I believe that another season this could be arranged very nicely by soliciting such offers through the magazine some time in August or September, giving all nurserymen the opportunity.

I have an idea that it might be a good thing to call a meeting of nurserymen at some convenient time, either the evening before the session devoted to them, or the evening after in some hotel like the Vendome, this might be merely announced in the program of the society. And in such case I would like to address a circular letter of brotherly tone to every nursery small and great in the state, urging them to be present at the special session and at the nurserymen's gathering, and think that the two together might be made quite a drawing card, and call out quite a good many that seldom or never attend. How does this idea of mine strike you? If favorably I will mail something of the kind, if you will give me the benefit of the list which you have.

I am very much gratified and rejoiced to know of the better opportunity ~~the~~ society is to have in the new place of meeting. The matter of lighting up the fruit certainly can and must be arranged, <sup>with</sup> and the taste good, since <sup>that</sup> ~~it~~ has made our exhibit at the state fair so attractive; <sup>it</sup> might be made a veritable fairy land. Which reminds me that it will be almost necessary to stir up the florists in some way in order to get the necessary flowers and foliage to set off the fruit.

From present appearance it does seem as if we might have, and will have a meeting some steps in advance of anything we have here-to-fore enjoyed.

Cordially your friend,

Clarence H. Hage

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Cleveland Minn. Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 03

My Dear Friend A. W. Luther

Yours of Oct 22 received,  
thanks, Enclosed find

\$1. please send me 1. doz or  
more of the November No.  
of the Horticulturist.

I have two new Seedling  
apples I shall bring them  
to our Dec. meeting, they  
are not the best looking apple  
but one is the best flavored  
winter apple I have found so  
far.

Fraternally Yours  
Andrew Willett.

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Minn. State Horticultural Society

Minneapolis, Minn. Dec 1 to 4, 1903.

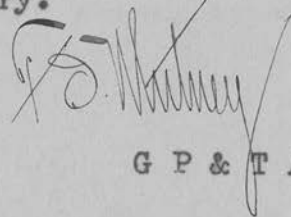
Mr. A. W. Latham, Secy.

207 Kasota Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 26th, I take pleasure in advising that we have arranged to authorize for your meeting the same arrangements as granted by the Western Passr. Assn., from Superior and points in Minnesota. The W P A Joint Agent will execute our certificates. I trust that you will find this satisfactory.

yours truly,



G P & T A

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October 26, 1903.

Minn. State Horticultural Society

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secy.

207 Kasota Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear sir:

I have your favor of the 23rd relative to reduced rates for your meeting in December. I shall be very glad to take the matter up with interested northern lines and advise you of the result at the earliest possible moment. I have no doubt but that we shall agree on the same arrangements as authorized by the Western Passr. Assn., in which case their joint Agent will execute our certificates.

Yours truly,

*F. I. Whitney*

**G P & T A**

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# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

OCT 18 1908

Dear Mr. Sather:

Thus tardily I ans. yours of the 13th. and enclose herewith suggestions galore, and order signed. I spoke to Robert before he left about writing that paper on Nursery topic and you can put him down. I want to be left off the program except as officially necessary. I want to put some good time into my address. All as usual. And tray. Cordially  
Clarence Wedge

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A. W. Latham, Sec'y,

Minnesota State Horticultural Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

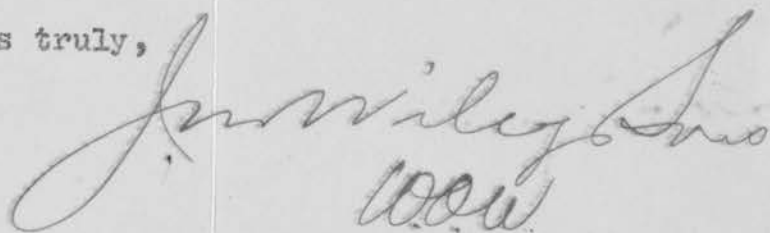
Dear Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of October 19th, we beg to say:

That we will allow you 1/3 discount on twelve copies of Green's "Forestry," and 40% off on twenty-five copies, express to be at your expense. We enclose a list of our other horticultural books, which we should be glad to have you handle if you care to.

Kindly let us hear from you, and oblige,

Yours truly,



W. O. W.

W. O. W.

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# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Oct. 23rd 1903.

A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham;-

Yours of the 23rd at hand, and I am pleased to note that the old saw, that <sup>"great minds"</sup> ~~grape vines~~ run in the same channel seems applicable in the present case.

I believe that it might be well to leave out Iowa in the seedling competition this time, I am however in favor of admitting that territory at an early date, and if the rest of you think it wise to do it at this time you may count me as agreeing.

Your check for \$10.25 in full for Worlds Fair apples at hand.

I think Prof. Hopps would make a very acceptable singer for us, and would like as an experiment to have him engage for one day to give a certain number of selections as they might be called for by the president. Wishing that it might be possible for him to select at least two <sup>to them</sup> that might be appropriate to horticultural topics. However I do not know as <sup>1</sup> that will make very much difference, it does seem to me that a horticultural meeting with first class songs appropriate <sup>interest</sup> ~~interests~~ <sup>to them</sup> ~~to be~~ as delightful, ~~and give~~ as any one of us is apt to realize in this world.

Very cordially yours,

Clarence Mudge

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St. Paul, Minn. October 22, 1903.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sect.,  
State Horticultural Society,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 21st at hand. I do not know but what you have chosen for me a more practical subject for a newspaper man to handle than the one I suggested in my last letter. In fact it did not appeal to me as an easy subject to take up, because it involved securing information that I am not very well up in.

Concerning the relation of the agricultural press to the nursery men and the public, or responsibility, as you put it, is I believe very clear in my mind, although Brother Owen of the "Farm, Stock and Home" might not agree with me in my interpretation.

Is it your idea that in such a paper I should attempt to draw the line between admissible and non-admissible nursery advertising. I would not wish to bring about a controversy on the respective merits of different nursery men.

I think we are as conscientious in deciding as to who shall and who shall not advertise in The Farmer as any other farm paper in the State, but we look at it perhaps from a different standpoint than some others.

I wish I had time to see you for a few minutes this week, but Professor Shaw has been away all week and my assistant in the office is also away so that I have an unusual amount of correspondence and other matters to personally attend to, so cannot get away.

Friday will suit me as well as any other day for the paper. I will endeavor to make it a practical one for nursery men to use.

Dict. E. A. W. - #3.

Very truly yours,

*E. A. Webb*

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St. Paul, Minn. October 19, 1903.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secretary,  
State Horticultural Society,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of recent date received. I have not been able to reply sooner.

Thank you for kindly offering me a place on the next programme; I am quite willing to have ~~a~~ prepared <sup>a</sup> paper, but am really at a loss to know what subject to take up. I am not, as you know, a horticulturist, although I have had some experience in the nursery in North Dakota, and set out some apple trees this spring on our experiment farm.

I might, however, prepare something on Minnesota as a horticultural state, and secure data to support the claim.

I would prefer to have you assign a subject, and I will do my best.

Very truly yours,

Diet. E. A. W. - #3.

*E. A. Webb*

S. A. V. M.

Oct. 23, 1903,

A. W. Latham,

Dear Sir -

Your letter of  
Oct. 7 asking me to  
prepare a paper on  
"Handling and Packing  
Evergreens for Delivery"  
received.

I will do my best  
on the paper although  
I do not feel competent  
and as I am trying  
to finish up my work  
here this year I won't

have much time to  
spend on it.

Yours truly,  
Robt. Wedge.

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**WEDGE  
NURSERY**

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Oct 20 - 1905

Dear Mr. Latham:

In reply to yours of the 19th would say, that I think Mr. Hunter just about the right man for our representative at Iowa state meeting. If Mr. Harris has not served us as representative he would also be the right man for N.E. area. Was under the impression that he had been to Wis. or some other place lately. If Harris does not go would suggest S. P. H. Highby of our place as a very good man. and think that he would do. I very much appreciate your commendation of my wife's work of the Yakuba place. I thought it perhaps a wise thing to do, as well as deserved. Cordially Clarence Wedge

# City of Park River

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PARK RIVER, N. D., *OV*  
*Sept 19 1903*

Mr A W Fatham Sec.

Mpls. Min.

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed remittance  
for 4 new members all of Park River N.D. as follows

Mr. C. H. Honey      Park River N.D.

" J. H. Metz            "            "

" Soren Olsson        "            "

Prof. W. E. Hoover    "            "

If practical, please make their memberships date from Jan 1<sup>st</sup>  
and include last years bound reports and magazines to date.

If not convenient send regular way, but other is preferred.

As new member premiums please send me a copy  
each, of: "Green's Vegetable Gardening" and "Principles of  
Plant Culture", providing that above names entitle me  
to both books.

I oblige      Respectfully

R G Hilland

Park River N.D.

P.S. Think first and last named parties will be especially desirable  
and appreciation members, former is active horticulturist and latter  
is at head of Public schools here.

# University of Minnesota

STATE EXPERIMENT STATION.

F. L. WASHBURN, A. M.,  
STATE ENTOMOLOGIST.

ST. ANTHONY PARK, Oct. 17, 1902.

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

At the December meeting I might speak on either one of the following subjects: A New Enemy to Strawberries, referring to the beetle I wrote you about, or Are Birds Beneficial? As I said in a previous communication, if you can fill your program comfortably without me, well and good, but if you need some material for filling in the chinks, if I can be of service, command me.

Would you object to my using the article which I promised you with illustrations Nov. 1st, in the St. Paul Press? Perhaps you would rather it appeared in the magazine before it was used in the papers? It is a matter of considerable importance.

Very truly yours,

*F. L. Washburn*

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*St. Anthony Park,*

Oct. 10th, 1903.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

The insect which your friend Mr. Hanke sent me turns out to be not a true insect but a myriapod somewhat closely allied to our thousand-legged worms and centipedes. It belongs to the order Schizotarsia, family Cermatiidae (Scutigerae), its name is Cermatia. It is not a native of this country but quite common in the Mediterranean countries and parts of Africa, and very common on the island of Malta; feeds on insects which it catches and poisons with its poisonous fangs. It might easily be brought into America on fruit. I imagine its bite would be dangerous, I should not care to have one in my hand alive. I am very glad to get the specimen.

Sincerely yours,

*F. L. Washburn*

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Cleveland Minn., March 4<sup>th</sup> 1903

A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Friend. After the trees are leaved out I shall have a photograph taken of my Orchard and house, and one of a tree that has the electric accumulator applied, it would not be advisable for me to give my fellow Horticulturists all the minute particulars about my discovery, how to fortify our trees so 45 below zero has no effect on them and the same time have larger fruit; and then come to the State fairs and to our winter meetings and compete for Premiums. I want to make an exhibit at the St. Louis fair in 1904 and I expect to get premiums, then the December after I shall come to our society meeting and give my fellow members my whole secret. At our last meeting I was not only surprised but amused, after reading my paper a tall Horticulturist asked one of our Teachers of Horticulture at the State University, whether it was so that the sap in trees is circulating? his answer

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was that nothing is known about that.

We graft different varieties of apples on the same kinds of roots, when the trees come in bearing we have the different kinds of fruit are grafted on, we top work say seven varieties on a tree when the tree comes in bearing we have seven different kind of apples, slightly losing their individuality, this ought to be conclusive prove that not only the flavor, but a good part of what constitutes the fruit comes from the atmosphere, through the circulation of the sap it is mixed, conveyed and deposited with the substance that comes from the roots.

I do not spray my trees after they are leaved out, if I can possibly avoid it by spraying we ensure the fine oxygen on the leaves, so they can not absorb the oxygen from the atmosphere and consequently the fruit can not be what it is when nature is not interfered with.

Yours fraternally,  
Andrew Wilfert.

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# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Oct. 10th 1903.

Dear Mr. Latham;-

I am very much pleased with the effort you are making to boom our winter meeting some what on the lines I have suggested. I feel very sure that it will do us no harm and possibly be in the line of progress.

I should be sorry to have the bee keepers slighted in any way, but I think the matter can be arranged as you suggest by securing a small room close by.

I think it would be a very good idea for you to write Mr Webb, and offer him a place on the program, perhaps it would be well to allow him to suggest a topic, and I have no doubt that he is on the way to a good understanding with the horticultural society and all its officers..

I took a little trip to Winona about two weeks ago for the purpose of looking over Mr. Yahns's seedlings, and incidnetaly helped him gather a bushel of magnificent fellows for St. Louis.

I was in the cities Friday of this week to attend the meeting of the ~~senate~~<sup>synd</sup>, and ~~possibly~~<sup>find out</sup> somthing of the whereabouts of the children. I very much regreted my inability to see you, would not have left homw had it not been for important matters in connection with our church.

Very cordially,

Clarence Magee

Cleveland Minn. May 30<sup>th</sup> 03

W. W. Lathum

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Friend:

When my trees were  
in full bloom Photographs from  
different view of my place were  
taken, I sent them by Express  
to day, You can see which ever  
You think suitable for Magazine  
No. 1. part of Orchard is shown  
with buildings. No. 2. the tree  
on right side is a Delaware Red  
Apple in full Bloom, the tree  
set out in 1896. This tree had  
the Magneto Electric Utilizer  
attached, it came through the

winter of 98-9 unscathed, while  
2 other trees of the same kind only  
20 feet from it were killed to the  
ground. I am testing my discovery  
this year on the different varieties  
as to the size of fruit, in ripening  
of fruit, and the time of forming  
terminal buds. I have a number  
of the tender varieties fruiting  
the prospect for a full crop of  
apples is good, while the crop of  
Plums will be light.

Can not say anything more about  
the Magneto Electric vitalizer  
it would not do, to tell my  
fellow Horticulturists what to do  
and then go to St. Louis and  
compete for Premiums with them  
I may do so after the Fair.

Yours very truly Andrew W. Goff

I shall come to Minneapolis  
some time this summer

I call at your Office and  
bring Pictures home  
W. Willett.

→ R. A. Wright, ←

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8/13

1903

A W Satham

Wapl. Minn.

Dear Sir: I in reply to yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> in regard to having fruit to exhibit at the St. Fair. Will say I havent any thing to send, I have but a few grapes. my Plum and apple trees are young yet. It will be a year or two yet before I will have any thing in that line. I called at your office Saturday last, but you were not in. I wish to pay my bill for advertising have forgotten how much it was.

Yours Fraternaly.

R A Wright

Northfield Minn 8-14-1903

A. W. Seatham Esq  
Minneapolis Minn  
Dear Sir

In reply to yours  
of the 7th inst  
I will say that I expect  
to exhibit at the State Fair  
several samples of Grapes  
& Plums if they get  
ripe in season. Am short  
on Apples this year. May  
bring a few samples  
Don't know as I have any  
thing that would make  
a good display at the  
St Louis Expo (Over)

unless I should be able  
to pick up some in this  
district-

The Apple crop is showing  
up very good this year  
and think I could pick  
up some good fruit

Should have answered  
before, but was waiting  
for a more favorable report  
The season is away back  
for Grapes & Plums

Resp. Yours  
J. M. Walden

Cleveland Minn. Aug 15/03

W. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir:

I shall ship a barrel of  
Duchess apples to the W. Booth  
Packing Co. Cold Storage, shall  
advise you the same time.

Send me wrapping papers for  
the apples for St. Louis fair.

If I should not be able to leave  
home on Saturday before the fair  
would you receive my fruit and  
have them entered at the Secretary's  
office and have it put on  
the proper places, please  
drop me a line in reply.

to this question, and give  
me direction to ship

Yours fraternally  
Andrew Willet.



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companies.  
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east of city limits.

Dictated to AMW

Yankton, S. D. Aug. 15, 1903. 190\_\_

A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir: I have been thinking some of bringing or sending some fruit to your State Fair, apples, plums, etc., but I do not quite understand whether I would be allowed to compete for premiums or not. Will you kindly inform me on this matter, also state whether you would place the exhibit provided I should send them to you. I notice the exhibit must be in place by Saturday night, Aug. 29th, and if I should come myself, could not come before Tuesday of Fair week.

Kindly let me hear from you.

Yours fraternally,

Geo. H. Whiting

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## ENTOMOLOGIST'S OFFICE

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

F. L. WASHBURN, A. M.  
STATE ENTOMOLOGIST.

*St. Anthony Park,* August 19, 1903

Sec. A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

Photograph came to hand this morning. Will make the exhibit you ask for of insects affecting various parts of the apple and the plum with appropriate label. We shall want for this purpose a space of about 1 1/2 ft. X 5 ft. approximately and will depend upon you to provide this space.

Very truly yours,

*F. L. Washburn*

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*St. Anthony Park,* August 21, 1903

Sec. A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

We will add to our exhibit of apple and plum, insects attacking the strawberry which will take 3 square feet more of space. These cases, about five in all, are made to hang on the wall and we will furnish hooks and eyes for that purpose. I suppose that the space would be furnished this exhibit in connection with your horticultural exhibit, that is the fruit exhibit, is that not so? Please let me know when they should be on hand and where they should put, and by the way, how are you on passes for the fair? There ought to be some one there to explain to the gaping multitudes what these insects are, and I should suppose that Mr. A. G. Ruggles or F. L. Washburn (and family) ought to be supplied with a pass or passes to do the proper thing for the public. I do not know whether you have any authority in this, but I throw myself on your mercy.

Very truly yours,

*F. L. Washburn*



Dictated to AMW

A. W. Latham, Sec.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir: Replying to your favor of the 17th inst., I will say that I am yet undecided whether I will come to your fair or not. If I do come, will probably bring a few plates with me, but probably not more than a half dozen or a dozen plates, so I will not require much space. I thank you for your offer to assist me in making a display.

Yours fraternally,

*Geo. H. Whiting*

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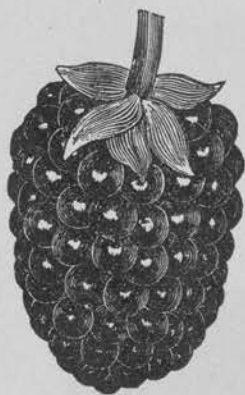
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Windsor Aug 17 1903

Mr Latham Minneapolis  
Dear Sir.

Your Letter, and Catalogue  
Received. Will say I will  
take all the kinds of Plums  
to the fair what are ripe,  
but I have many kinds  
of the largest that want  
be ripe at fair time.  
what will I do bring green  
for the Collection also.  
if not let me know by  
card. Will bring samples  
for Worlds fair, and you  
can select the best after  
the fair is over. Yours  
Truly Joe Wood



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Monticello

CHATFIELD, MINN., <sup>11th</sup> Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1903

A. W. Latham I received  
your letter some time ago  
I am sorry to say that I  
cannot bring or send any  
fruit to the state fair as I  
have sold my fruit farm  
and have gone into general  
farming I will ~~to~~ try and  
come to the state fair  
as I do not live very  
far from Minneapolis

I will try and see you  
at the fair thanking you  
for post povers. I remain  
yours truly

Geo R Widger  
Monticello

Wright Co Minn

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# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., August 26th 1903.

A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

Enclosed please find the bills and order properly signed. In regard to the boxes for the Anisim apple we have none that will do on hand, and should be pleased to have you send such as you would like to have us fill together with wrappers, and full directions. You of course know that the Anisim is not a large apple, they are coloring up richer every day, and will certainly be very useful in adding color if such be needed.

We had an excellent pleasant visit with Prof Green and Mr. Elliot last week, we found things at Charles City going on in a large scale evidently prospering, although the nurseries did not make as good a <sup>show</sup> stand as usual on account of excessive rains giving only small opportunity for cultivation.

I presume that they were some what dissappointed in the appearance here at the Wedge Nursery, especially about the residence, which although pleasantly located has required so much <sup>work</sup> preparation that we have not been able to accomplish it all in the three short years.

You may expect to see us at the state fair at such time as the executive board will meet for conference. Our oldest son will set up our exhibit, and look after it, as he did once before some years ago.

Very cordially yours,

Clarence Wedge

Freeport Minn. August 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1903.

To E. N. Prandall: Hamline.

Dear Sir!

I herewith declare to send for Minnesota State Fair  
the following articles and wish them to be entered  
in the list of exhibitions.

Division G., Class 62. Single Plate,  
Lot 103. one plate.

" 110 one plate.

also Class 63 Seeding Apples.

Lot 122 ~~at 121 1/2~~ one plate. winter variety  
keeps well to June.

Hoping this will be not too late to enter this  
lots. I am

Respectfully yours.

O. Hilverding

Po Lee & Co. Randall

Report Sept. 7th '83.

So H. W. Lathrop Sec.  
and Superintendent State Fair

I guess the trouble with the State Fair is now behind of our done work and I hope that you will have time now to answer three questions what varieties of Apples they apples are, send in with they apples send in for exhibition.

I numbered them 1 and 2 and would like to know the names of as number one is a good tree bearing abundant fruit, also apples keep well in winter, second is a sweet Winternare type.

Both grown in orchard among gardens.  
I will make an Exhibit

an Adams County Fair at  
St. Cloud and would like  
to have some pins and cards  
for to put on the names and  
would I say that you could  
send me some if easily at  
hand. Or may be County Fair  
will furnish some as I do not  
know yet. I have 35  
varieties of Apples, some plums  
grapes etc. to make up  
3 or 4 plates and at last  
but not least a Giant  
Prune (circumference)  
6 inches just ripe now.  
Also Alexander apples  
over 12 inches around and  
some Iowa Beauty's a  
real beauty no doubt.  
The Gladstone is a really  
nice colored apple re-

sembling in the Duchess type.

One other seedling is bearing  
fruit but small in size  
red colored like General Grant  
Apple. Have only 4  
specimen.

A Strawberry leaf seedling  
is going to bear soon and it  
has large leaves may be  
an improvement and more  
hardy over its parent.

Pears in blossom but  
a big one appeared and  
the blossoms disappeared.  
Compass cherries ripe now.  
Apple University seems to bear  
good crops and big size.

Hitzburg has 4 apples  
tree 8 inches in diameter,  
nothing but here.

Apples abundant in some  
localities

Plums scarce all  
most pockets.

Cherries medium crop  
Currant suffered from worms  
also gooseberries and

Raspberries gave the  
best crop all over

Strawberries good and  
big sizes.

no apricots and peaches.

Grapes are late just  
coloring now but fair size.

The Betha grape heats  
all in growing and  
is up with the earliest.

Respectfully yours

Arthur D. Woodruff.

Greeting to Prof. Green.

Have returned the seeds of Apples and in  
no premium is expected but if made 3 plates more.

Letter on record

9/3/03

Wesely Minn Aug 28 1903

Mr. A. W. Latham

St. Paul Minn  
Fair grounds

Dear Sir :- I ship to you by to-days  
U. S. Express one Box containing for  
exhibition, at the State Fair

1 Plate of Peerless - Lot 96, Enter in name of Mrs L. Sparr

1 " " " " " " Enter in name of Mr. John P. Viekla

1 Plate of Stasca - Enter in name of John P. Viekla - <sup>youngest</sup> Earliest Bearer

1 Plate of unknown sweet Apples - Ent. in name of Jos. Rekovski

Post office address of above parties is Montgomery,  
except mine, I cannot understand why  
the Stasca apple is not on the premium list,

It should be for being the earliest or  
youngest bearer of all, several root grafts  
set out last spring were bearing and one is  
holding an Stasca apple now weighing 3 or 4 oz.

Exhibit the unknown and whether they cannot  
be identified. - Yours truly,

John P. Viekla

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A. H. Latham

Tree is about 12 years old. chance seedling resembles in wood and size the Ben Davis; apples send in for tarting last fall. They last one is eaten on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1903 also a late June variety which can be eaten from the tree now and excellent taste

a juicy apple. Is propagated in St Johns University Collegeville and if you liked the send in Branch; a few young trees growing in small nursery sent.

Wm. H. Paul grower; Freeport Maine.

Freeport Maine August 26th. 1903.

To Friend A. W. Salmon Secy and  
Superintendent Div. G.

I send you to day a few Apples to be put up  
to the following Classes and Lots; Please put them right.

Class 62. Lot 103 and 110. 2 plate each.

Class 122 or 121½ if not 122 in your judgement,  
on plate of the send in receding cart pack.

Will you please to pass the letter addressed to Secy.

E. W. Randall as I think he might  
not get it any more at Sawline.

Additional Apples are send in for weight of  
and names if possible.

Respect fully Yours.

A. W. Swearingin  
Freeport Maine.

D. J.

Thy thanks for previous services.

Frank  
E. Swearingin  
as Secy

# GOLDEN WILLOW FARM,

GEO. WELCH, PROP.

CORVUSO, MINN., Aug 26th 1903

*Frail*

Mr. A. W. Latham.

Dear Sir

I Sent to day by E+press. a collection of  
Apples 4 Duches 4 Whitney No 20. 4. 4  
Pattens Greening. Directed to you  
Please place on Exhibition for me.

I will be present the middle of the week.

P.S. I received no entry blank

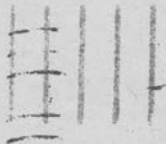
George Welch

1 plate Duches  
" " Patteny

labeld

ans  
9.10.03.

no Tickets



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THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

207 Kasota Bldg.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

August 31st 1903.

Dear Friend;-

The boxes for apples and your directions, and tags for the same together with letters from Mr. Jenson etc. all duly received. The Anisim are growing more beautiful every day, and we think they will make very fine show.

You may be able to judge from our exhibit at the fair as to wether there are any other kinds with us that you might desire for St. Louis.

Clarence K. Day

# State of Minnesota

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*St. Anthony Park*, Sept. 12, 1903

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I certainly have no objections to the figures that Dr. Whetstone suggests in reply to your letter, viz. \$12. \$11. \$10. \$8. \$7. and \$2. respectively. I just returned last night from a three day's absence and it may be too late, possibly. I found the letter on the desk this morning.

Very truly yours,

*F. L. Washburn*

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Albert Lea, Minn., Sept. 17th 1903.

A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir;-

In reply to your favor of Sept. 12th would say, that you were right in your idea that the rain storm would injure a great deal of the best fruit. We were very fortunate in having delivered nearly everything except the Wealthy that we have in large quantity, cleaning up three car loads. The Anisim held well to the trees, and are very beautiful, we expect to pick them to day or tomorrow. It has rained every day the past week until today, coming down some times in perfect torrents, and rendering it impossible for us to pick or pack fruit of any kind. After we have picked the Anisim we will let you know as to their quality and appearance.

The empty cases reached us in due time, but were badly tattered and left in the rain so that the fillers, the only valuable part of them, were entirely destroyed. However this is the first time they have been so badly treated, and we think that it was at our home office that they were the most carelessly handled.

You are very foolish to mention the matter of passes at the fair grounds, for the possibility of receiving them had never entered my head. In regard to a tree of Wealthy apples to form part of the exhibit at St Louis fair next year, I presume that Mrl Underwood has meant something similar, that was showed of the Okatena at the state fair this year, I confess that I was not as favorably impressed with the idea as perhaps some others were. I remember Prof. Green speaking of it as very fine idea, but some how the leaves had had an unnatural appearance that detracted very much, the effect. Still it may be all right, it is a great deal easier to criticise than it is to originate an idea. It does seem that with something as beautiful <sup>and varied</sup> ~~a variety~~ as fruit to exhibit there ought to be some good methods of display that would be very attractive. But when it comes to the matter of planing, the conventional methods seems to ~~abstract~~ <sup>intrude</sup> them selves, and stand in the way of any marked improvements.

I take the liberty of enclosing without the writer's consent two letters which I have lately received from Mrl. Webb. The latest one will give you a fair idea of my reply to the first one, I don't know anything of the merits of the case on either side. But feel sure that two men as good as yourself and Mr. Webb should certainly have a pleasant understanding between

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FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

you, and enclose these letters with the belief that my so doing will contribute to that end.

Sordially yours,

*Clarence Wedge*

Minnesota Agricultural Society

Minneapolis, Sept 9 1902

A. W. Latham, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir, your letter of Sept. 5th, with premium list received. We think that there is an error in estimating the premium of J. E. Selmerson who had only 15 specimens. We make it \$1.89. Then Mr. Brooke who was in charge of the exhibit informed me that Prof. Washburn proposed to express an opinion that he would award Mr. Prince ahead of Mr. C. D. Eustice because the former exhibit was kept in better condition. If he so thinks it meets with our approval. Besides Mr. Prince is an older member & worthy of all due honor. Then we would prefer that the premiums be estimated in even dollars, as we shall again divide the sum. However this is not an arbitrary wish. We made the pencil estimate on even dollar basis. You were very kind to express appreciation for what I tried to do, and I appreciate it, but in your reply will you make the remarks to all the exhibitors & helpers. And will you please ask Prof. Washburn to return the lists of specimens & list.

Mary S. Whitcomb.

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Minnesota State Horticultural Society,

207 Kasota Bldg.

Minneapolis, Minn.

*Respected Friends:*

Your letter of the 4th received and in reply would say that we are delayed in shipping balance of your order for sample bottles to Prof. S. B. Green owing to the fact that we are obliged to order these from the factory.

We have requested the people at the factory to hurry the order as much as possible and hope to forward soon.

We much regret the unavoidable delay and appreciate the inconvenience caused you.

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6/8/1903

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A. G. RUGGLES, B. S. A., ASSISTANT.

ST. ANTHONY PARK, June 16, 1903.

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

Will be ready with my paper on Tuesday next and if you wish me to discuss the inspection law I would suggest that on the program I be listed in this way; (a) Minnesota Birds in Relation to the Horticulturist. (b) The New Inspection Law. Anything that meets with your approval is all right with me. I might suggest as possible titles for the paper the one already given you or "Food Habits of Our Birds;" or "Are Our Birds Friends or Foes."

Very truly yours,

*F. L. Washburn*

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# WEDGE NURSERY

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

March 31st 1903

Dear Mr. Latham:

We are glad that you are to be at the head of the Horticultural department of the fair, I think that you have been pretty near the business end of the enterprise for a long time, and to my notion this simply gives the right man the credit. We are planning to change our way of spending fair week hereafter and you may expect us to do the best that we are able by way of an exhibit hereafter. We are inclined to put up a commercial exhibit, what could you do for us by way of location and what by way of advise. I would like to put up something novel and attractive without being too fussy and complicated. anything that you might say in the matter would be very gratefully received.

Yes we did see the article and the pair of horticulturists in the Journal, I cant help wondering how Miss. White stood up under the strain of seeing herself paired off with one who looks so much like the Bryants of Princeton. Perhaps she <sup>has</sup> imbibed enough of the sunday school lessons of late to make her feel willing to sacrifice herself in order to make plain looking people happy.

I do rejoice with you in the way the membership is rolling up, It is just splendid and our good state will feel the effects of the general diffusion of such valuable information for all future time. Do you know it is growing on me - the grand opportunities of life, and the privilege of working with the great Master. Most of us are inclined to mope and sulk and hide our one talent in the napkin of our own selfishness, but there are some few ~~that~~ like Father Harris that are ever keeping it out at splendid interest. I wish that I had a tithe of the steadfast earnestness of that man

We shall be quite busy from this time on but have our work much better systemized than ever before, and hope to make it easier for all of us.

Cordially yours,

Clarence Wemye

Ans  
4.9.03

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A. G. RUGGLES, B. S. A., ASSISTANT.

ST. ANTHONY PARK ~~June 25, 1903.~~

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I send you under another cover two photographs with my compliments. Use either one you think best. The nature of the article which you have is such that if you use it in the Horticulturist, it is extremely desirable that I see the proof before the final printing.

Very truly yours,

*F. L. Washburn*

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DES MOINES, IOWA, June 24th,

A. W. Lathan,  
Sec. State Hort. Soc.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I mean to grow a surplus of plum trees on American plum roots. Some of your state nurserymen have been asking from time to time for my prices on surplus plum trees. In order to serve them and your people best I should be glad to have your judgment as to the very best varieties, not more than six or seven, giving your first choice as No. 1 and so on to the end of the list. It would be to me a partial guide at least in propagating in this and following years.

I see no reason why you ought not to know what varieties of plums are best succeeding in Minnesota, as well as any one. Of course I do not desire to have the names of any new sorts but only of standard and tested commercial sorts.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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DES MOINES, IOWA, July 2nd,

A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I have to again thank you for yours of the 30th. I have already commenced my shipment to Longfellow Bros. and am likely to send them considerable fruit this year considering that our crop was badly injured by the late frosts. I may not deal at all with either of the others unless Longfellow Bros. should intimate that they are not caring to handle all of the fruit I have. I am under very great obligation to you and beg to remain,

Your friend,

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Mutual Telephone 957

DES MOINES, IOWA, June 27th,

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I am likely to have a large crop of raspberries and from present appearances they will be of good quality.

Can you arrange with some one in Minneapolis--either an honest Commission man, supposing that the earth contains such a man, or a wholesale grocer--to handle my full crop? I shall have a good many hundred cases and could ship them by express. I think I would let them go in that way if I could find some one that you can say in your opinion will deal honestly, that is will take his percentage and account to me for the sales, I would rather to do that than to get a little more or a little less out of them here and to have the trouble.

I shall be very glad to pay you in good money for the trouble you may be kind enough to take in this behalf. You can also tell me whether your region promises to have a full crop this year. In any event I suppose mine would reach there and be gone before yours would be in the market so that it would not interfere with home trade.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

*C. L. Watrous*

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Cleveland Minn., July 1<sup>st</sup> 1903.

A. W. Luthome

My Dear Sir,

On account of the swarming  
time for bees my Daughters would not  
give their consent to have me go to our  
June meeting, do not know whether I'll  
be down before Fair week. if you should  
conclude not to have my paper published  
before then I can send a picture of a  
Worthy tree six feet high with a number  
of apples on it, I shall stand behind the  
tree, can have an other picture taken of our  
house won't cost me nothing and have  
my family on it. I think I have discover  
ed a way by which we can make trees bees  
when quite small without girdling them  
shall give you process

Yours Very Truly  
Andrew Wilfert.

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FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., JUL 29 1903

Dear Friend Nathan:

I hasten to get the  
bills approved and back into your hands.

I will answer in regard to the nursery  
exhibit immediately. My boys are off for  
a bark in the pine woods and it leaves  
me with very little expert help, so doubt  
very much if I shall be able to show up.

I think of securing a capable man to  
help me as a "factotum". Sells good and  
crop of apples ditto. Cordially Clarence Wedge

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

Dec 20-1902

Dear Mr. Latham:

Yours of the 17 & 18 recd. during my absence at the M. E. Lena Society meeting at Nora Springs. Mr Moore came home with me, and stepped with us a few hours. I was much surprised to find out that he is 72 yrs old. Can pretty nearly do me up on a brisk long walk, and goes hunting with his boy most every year.

If you will send me a form of proxy to sign I will give you the opportunity to cast my vote for Underwood in case I am not able to appear in person. Hope to get photos off today, will know when messenger returns from city, and will let you have two to use as may seem best.

Would you please have the report of Lem on packages to be written and sent to The Farmer

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FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

for the Jan 15 number. Will pay for same.


I have no revolutionary intentions as regards the management of the institute, but I have several ideas that I would like to put forth as one of the board of control. Who constitutes the board? and when do they meet. What does Bush do? Is he swallowed up in general suggestions to the neglect of horticultural work.

My idea is that Gregg is too nervous in his work. I knew that he wastes time and lots of it in amusing his audiences. It may have been necessary years ago, in the pioneer work of the institute, but many are disgusted with it now. I believe that Yabuke would make a good man for the hort. work. Was it the low off that made him decline?

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Albert Lea, Minn., May 14th 1903

Dear Mr Lathan:

Your Letters Have Been dulyreceived and the contents have received considerable thought . I fail to find anything to criticize in your suggestions to exhibitors at the state fair. It is also so full that I can think of nothing of importance to add to it. I have a suggestion to make however in the line of entry tickets that I think would be helpful all around at our Horticultural meetings and perhaps at the fairs. It is a combination of a fruit label and entry ticket that will be in sight all the time and will save half the time of the judges at our meetings or would have done so for me the last time that I acted in that capacity . Well the sample pinned herewith will tell all about it , and if it is of any value you will recognize it .

As to the summer Meeting I seem to have little to suggest. I think that a Chop Talk from Mr Elliot ought to be made a feature of each of our meetings from this time forth. Such a talk would be especially interesting at the time of our annual picnic. Mr Underwood will of course begin to give us pointers on the St Louis Expo. Would a free and easy talk on birds by Mr F. I. Harris be a good feature? It seems to me that he is something of an authority on that subject, you will know. Would a nice premium for the prettiest bouquet not to exceed a dozen stems of flowers and grasses sent in by school children be something new that might attract interest. Let it be well advertised by the daily newspapers and the interest of the children be generally awakened in the Horticultural Society. We ought to begin to offer some real worthy premium for seedling Strawberries of merit that originate in Minnesota or in the state or possessions contiguous thereto. Would it not be well to make it 10 5 3 dollarw Also try a small premium for apples that have not been kept in cold storage say \$3.00 for the best <sup>kept</sup> plate any variety. *of full average size.*

This seems to be about all that I can squeeze out of my typewriter at this time . Dont smile at this unintended pun or at the awkward work that I have made in steering the instrument. I have already put a great deal more work into this matter than the outcome <sup>has</sup> at all has justified.

Will perhaps have some more to say in a few days.

Cordially yours,

Clarence Wedge

Perhaps the perforation would better be at the bottom of the entry ticket so that the numbers would ~~be~~ in immediate juxtaposition as indicated above.

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Cleveland Minn., Aug. 22, 1903

W. W. Latham

Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Friend,

To day I ship per Express  
One box of Duchess Apples to W. Booth & Co.  
Minneapolis for State fairs; all I want for them  
is the Express charges refunded. Send you  
a picture of my house and picture of Baby  
Wealthy tree with the six full size apples on it  
how would it be if I cut the tree above ground  
and box it, and bring it to the fairs, to show  
what my process can accomplish, this tree  
was set out in spring of 1902, after new moon  
in October the seasons growth was almost all  
cut off, my invincibles applied, here is the  
result. If I bring it I have to have a small pot  
to set it in. Please let me hear from you  
as soon as possible

Yours Very Truly  
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Cleveland Minn., Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1903.

A. W. Latham Secretary  
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sis:

Your favor of July 29<sup>th</sup> received  
I hope you enjoyed your journey and visit  
east, and, feel satisfied that Minnesota  
was as good as any part of the east.  
Your request shall be complied with, when  
the Photographer comes to take the picture  
of the little apple tree with the six apples  
on it, I shall have him take a picture  
of the house with the family on it as  
you suggest. This spring the prospect  
for our apple crop was excellent, but, the trees  
are afflicted with all possible enemies and disease,  
the excessive moisture prevented the development  
of the organs on the leaves, which extract and  
manufacture the oxygen in to the required  
substance for the fruit, consequently our  
apples will be small. My Northern Spy and a new  
seedling tree with 2 apples on it stood the wet  
weather the best of all. Yours very truly A. Wilfert.

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A. W. Latham, Secretary,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Respected Friend:

Your favor of the 4th is at hand and noted. You will recall you directed us to send part of your order by freight and part by express.

Owing to the limited demand for some styles of Jars ordered by you we only carry a small quantity on hand and we did not have a sufficient amount to fill your order complete. As we understood you were in a special hurry we forwarded what we could at once on account of the express order also all we could on account of the freight order. We regret we did not understand that you wished the goods held and sent in one lot as it would have been more convenient to us and we note from your letter it would have been to you.

The last shipment that you refer to was forwarded by freight, charges prepaid to your city. It is our custom when sending a small balance as in this instance to arrange so that our customer will be put to no extra expense on account of making an extra shipment. If you were put to any additional expense for cartage on this last shipment kindly advise us the amount and we will place same to your credit.

Respectfully,  
WHITALL TATUM COMPANY

*J. W. Nicholson* PHILA. MANAGER

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# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Aug. 7th 1903.

A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend;-

Yours of Aug. 4th duly received, I will look over the topics you have arranged for the nurserymen's session in a day or two and return them to you. I think they are very nearly right as they are, The order on the state treasurer you will find enclosed properly signed. The afternoon I spent with you a few days ago I shall long remember as a particular bright spot in my summer's history, and I hope that it may not be the last of a friendly intercourse that has been very helpful and cheering to me.

I spent some time yesterday looking over our fruit at the old place and find that we shall have an unusual large crop, and excellent specimens of a number of varieties, which at the present time give promise of being exceptional well developed and colored. You may expect us to make an exhibit among the professionals at the state fare, but will not attempt anything in the nursery line this year.

Very cordially,

Clarence H. H. e

**GOLDEN WILLOW FARM,**  
GEO. WELCH, PROP.CORVUSO, MINN., Aug 10th 1903Mr A. W. Latham  
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir

I Have 3 or more varieties of Apples in my orchard  
I would like to exhibit at the State Fair.

If I should express them to you the week previous  
to the Fair Will you see they are placed on exhibition?  
What does it cost to make an entry? And does that  
procure a Session ticket for one person?

Does a Session ticket allow you to come and go at  
will from the grounds

Will you please write me how to make my  
entry And oblige

George Welch

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

August 11th 1903.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

Yours of August 10th is at hand and contents noted. My oldest son Percy is at home for a month or so, and as he has had considerable experience in handling fruit I think that I will turn the whole matter of securing fruit for the exposition in to his hands. We will go at once to the other place and look the orchard over carefully, and see whether we can do much for you in the early varieties.

I had not thought when writing the letter that it would influence you or that it would turn your attention in our direction as a source of supply for St. Louis. I think that I have told you when we were last together that I do not regard our location at the old place as giving fruit of the largest size and highest color and finish.

However as above remarked we will look the matter up at once, with that hope in view and let you know.

Cordially yours,

*Charles Borge*