



## Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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A. L. Dorr

Architect

1132 Lumber Exchange

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 190    

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Received payment in full for  
plans for Minnesota State Horticulture  
Society display stand St Louis Fair.

From A. W. Latham Secy.      A. L. Dorr.  
Architect

St Louis Mo.

Feb. 22 -04

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

Dear Sir:-

I do not think there will be any difficulty in securing at least one room where I am now staying, the room I now occupy is very large, there is however one drawback about it, and that is that it is very dark being situated in the middle of the house.

I pay at present \$20. per month for room and two meals a day. This I consider very reasonable. The people I stay with are very nice, and always willing to serve

one in every way, the house  
is newly furnished and is  
kept clean.

Should you think from  
my description that this  
would not be a suitable place,  
then it would be no trouble for  
me, to look up a place for you  
when you are ready to come.

Yours truly

John K. Daniels

3831 Windsor Pl.

Olivia Minn.

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1903

A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir: I very much regret to say that owing to so much wet weather and also the Thrashing - Machine coming to my place unexpectedly I was unable to send on my box of fruit to the State Fair after having it all ready. The Plums<sup>10</sup> which I intended to send were the largest I ever raised. I have this day sent on to your address, by express a box containing a few Peaches (Pokara No 3)

which I hope will be of use  
to put up in glass for the  
St Louis Expo.

These peaches are not their full  
size yet but the Robins are  
beginning to feed on them  
also small boys and  
threshing crews make raid<sup>10</sup>  
on my fruit

if they had remained on the  
tree one week more they would  
all have been nice size.

I have left some of the fruit on  
small limbs it might keep it  
more fresh, and also if you  
think it worth making a  
cut of two or three in a cluster

Yours truly Henry Dunsmore

I have put in a  
few specimens of  
Seedlings 3 4 & 5 -  
these were not selected  
but taken from the  
pile, No 3 produced  
5 Bushels No 4 produced  
5 1/2 Bushels This I consider  
an apple of considerable merit  
No 5 I think can be classed  
with the Standard Apple  
it is six feet high and  
sixteen feet in diameter  
nearly approaching to a  
crawler

I don't send these a exhibition  
Apples only to show them  
to you  
H. D.

Lake City, Minn., Aug. 24, 1905.

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
#207- Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 22nd, received. I don't believe I can undertake to secure a branch of apples for you, without knowing something more definite as to the dimensions. I have some very fair samples, and you are welcome to any of them; but I want to act intelligently in supplying your wants. We have picked very little fruit as yet, but shall doubtless get at it in earnest this week. Please let me know just exactly what you want in the way of samples for the St. Louis Fair, if any, and also tell me when you want them. Is it essential that you have the names of every variety, and how many of a kind do you want? I do not care to bother with the matter at all, but as it will be an accommodation to you, and I would be glad to help you out and assist in making a creditable display for your department.

I have quite a number of pears that are not quite ripe, and can secure a few plates for you if you so desire. Advise me definitely, just what you want, then I will see what I can do. You will doubtless see Nordine at the State Fair grounds, tomorrow, and he can tell you what I have.

Cordially yours,

J. Cole Doughty.

H. R. F.

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Lake City, Minn., Aug. 12 '03.

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

Dear Friend,

Yr letter of the 11th is here. Ordinarily, I fail to respond to appeals for sample fruits, but my conscience will not permit me to treat you in that manner. I just wish I could "buz" you in the ear for a few minutes- it is so much more rapid, and the human voice carries inflections and emphasis that the most skillful shading of the most artistic pen cannot convey.

Yes- my orchard is bearing fruit. In it I have varieties galore, but b4 we take up the matter of varieties I would advise you to take a day off- - unless yr salary goes right on. I don't want to spoil yr vacation, so I refrain from suggesting that you take it up then.-

But:- speaking of varieties, their number would gladden the heart of the average horticulturist and tickle the very soul of the ordinary fruit (collector) exhibitor, but, alas, that which makes joy for these people militates against the "grower for profit".

"If you will permit me to paraphrase,-

He who steals my purse, steals trash, but he who puts upon me an orchard of promiscuous varieties, robs me of that, which not enriching him, makes me poor indeed," and also robs posterity of that lavish expectation promised by their for-bears".

Ye Gods: read this silently and to yrself, for if that ever came to the eye of Shakespeare he would roll over in his grave and rattle his bones.

Pears? Oh yes, pairs of pears: but: alas, he who robbed me of my purse was but one of many robbers. While he who robbed me of my PEARS was a thief of thieves. May the sun never shine upon him. We had the promise and the evidence of about a bushel of pears, but in the dim dawn of day, or at the mystic hour of twilight, or perhaps by the light of the bright silver moon, some of my neighbors boys came over with a bag, gobbled my pears and like the Arab, "silently stole away". I could forgive the boys for stealing the fruit, for I was a boy "once upon a time" and if there is any truth in tradition- a h---l of a boy at that- but these boys were so intensely anxious to save us the pain and anguish of catching them that, in their haste they broke the limbs and branches of the trees to their great damage. THAT is the history of my pears. I have not even a pair of pears, nor yet a single pear to draw to, while I should have had a "full hand",- which beats a bob-tail flush all to thunder, if you know anything about the gay and festive game of poker.

I don't know, as yet, how my apples will pan out, but I may be able to secure some fair specimens for you. I had thought some of putting up a sign requesting the boys to leave a few samples for exhibit, at the various fairs &c., and then again, I thought of setting a snare gun but the shot might hurt them and it is unlawful. Perhaps some of our horticultural brethren, of an inventive turn, may be able to supply me with a double top worked phonetic bullet, 10 guage, hammerless- that, when the gun goes off will just yell "HI THERE:" as loudly as some of our members vote NO when the Ben Davis is proposed for the "approved fruit list" (?). If that ever struck the boys they would just "git" and hunt cover just as we do when the vote is taken.

In varieties, I have the N. W. Greening. Pat. Gr. Longfield, Wolf River, Thompsons Seedlings, Daart, Peter, Malinda, and the Lord and the Nursery Co., only know what else (I include both these firms for fear one of them may fail to recognize their handiwork in all these varieties.)

I shall go out to the orchard as soon as the roads get so I can haul a good big load and will take a full set of the Minn. State Hort. Reports, a microscope, telescope, spy-glass with stenographer attachments and see what I can find out to tell you what I "don't know about apples".

I suppose Nordine could throw some light on this subject as he has the command of two languages, with Latin aspirations. In many cases, my ignorance would be his protection. He could dodge the English, jump from Swede to Norwegian, landing on the apex of a glorious Latin nomenclature that would paralyse me. If it comes to this I shall give up the ~~ghost~~ ghost, lie down and die exclaiming, "verily- thou hast said" and let it go at that. So there you have it, brother Latham. When it comes to varieties, I am between the devil, the deep sea and a promiscuous apple orchard. If, like Abou Ben Adhim, you have the "love of your fellow man" in your heart, come down and help me unravel it.

I am glad that you have Proff. Green interested with you in this matter. He is not only good help, but he is also excellent company- if you can only restrain his natural propensity to flirt with the rosy cheeked goddess, Pomona as I, imagine he wants to bite every blush-red apple he encounters, that he may know if it is as good as it looks. Remember me to him kindly.

In conclusion, my friend, let me assure you 1st.,- of my hearty good will and 2nd.,- of my desire to serve you in any capacity possible. I know the years of unceasing toil, the unselfish devotion to the fruit interests of the State and the uniform courtesy and tact that has endeared you to all our members. When the State Hort'l Society was a weak puny infact, lacking even the advantage of "Mellins Food," you were ever vigilant and alert to foster its every interest, and now that it has grown to be a strong, vigorous and potent influence, not only in Minn., but throughout the northwest, you may justly feel proud of your achievement. I am glad to rejoice with you and to testify to the intelligence and success of your management.

Cordially Yours,

*J. Cole Doughty*

*P.S. It has been a year since I "hit" a typewriter so please pardon errors*

rd for summary,

Olivia Minn.

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1903

Mr Latham. Minneapolis Minn

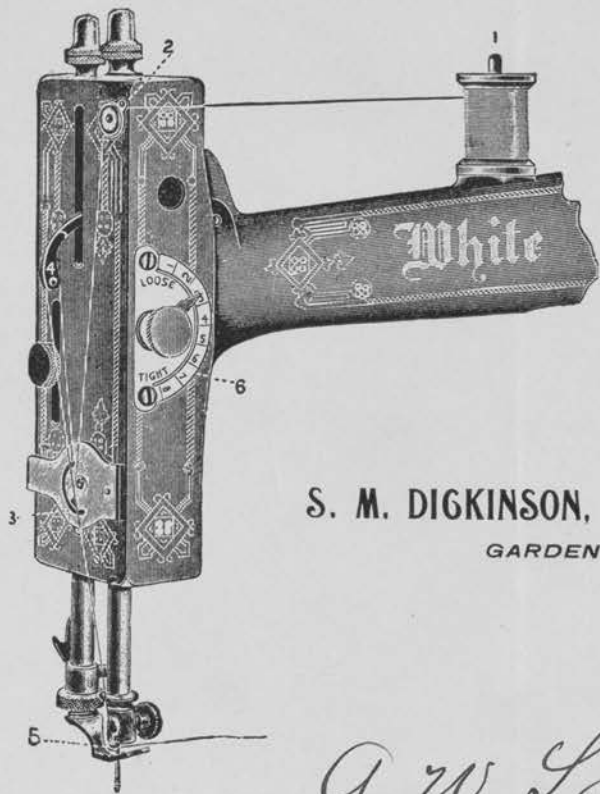
Dear Sir;

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apple, Wealthy, Duchess etc.  
Plum Cheney Forest Garden  
Peach Bokara No 3.

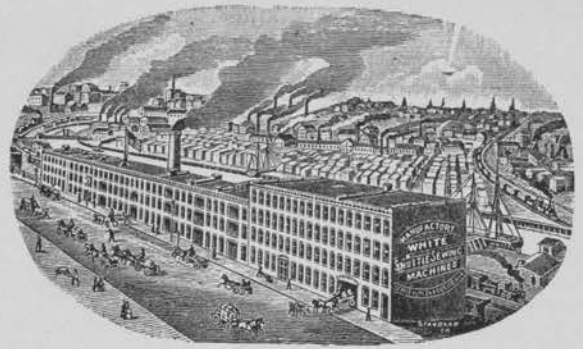
Ans 2 one or two <sup>apple</sup> Seedlings if acceptable  
Cheney <sup>Plum</sup> (extra fine) Peach Bokara No 3  
(will not be ripe at State fair)  
but you can have them  
later

Ans 3, Orchard too young to furnish  
large quantities. I think we will  
have about 50 bushels in all  
about 20 varieties

Did not receive Suggestions to Ex-  
Yours truly Henry Hensmore



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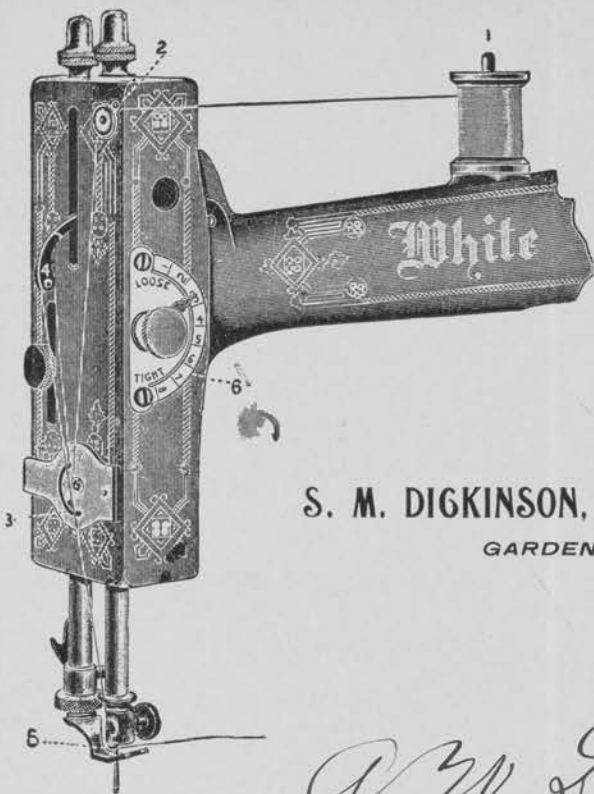
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Aug 3<sup>d</sup> 1903

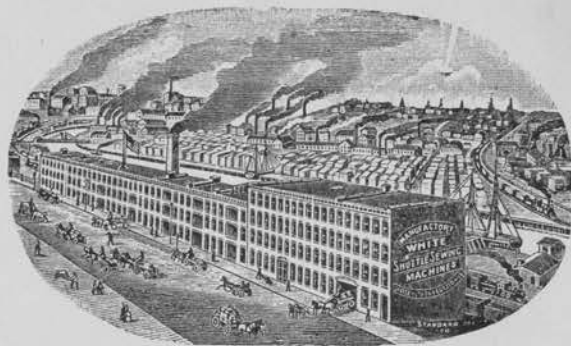
A. W. Latham Esq.,

Minneapolis Minn.

My dear Sir:—  
Yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. at hand and  
duly noted. Will reply to your first  
inquiry that it is my intention to  
enter plates of Wealthy Longfield Hybrid  
Apples. — I can not promise any  
fruits in jars for the St. Louis Exposition  
but may perhaps do something in that  
line later. Can not promise any  
apples in bbls. to go into cold storage  
until about time of picking. My apples  
are very small thus far, and am not  
sure can furnish any thing you would  
want. However will see you at State  
Fair as to this matter. I have received  
your circular entitled "Suggestions to Exhibitors"  
and read it with much interest—  
Yours very truly S. M. Dickinson



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S. M. DIGKINSON, State Agent for Minnesota,  
GARDEN CITY, MINN.

Aug 11 1903

A. W. Latham Esq.  
Minneapolis Minn.  
My dear Sir:-  
Replying to yours  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. will say, I think shall  
have the following varieties of apples,  
which might do for St Louis, viz =  
Waltham - Fry's Russet, & Greening,  
and probably, shall only exhibit these  
at the State fair. As before stated  
I will consult you as to the  
Cold Storage business, at the fair,  
The Company I represent, the  
White S-M-Co, will make a display  
at the State fair and I shall attend  
same, all the week. - I can bring the  
Apples with me, if that will be in  
time, or if not, can send them  
to whom you designate, whenever you  
say. - Yours Respy: S. M. Dickinson