



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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My Dear Friend:-

I fill out blank as requested but would like two packages
of the seeds for which I enclose a quarter. Mail them to me when convenient.
ta ta until next week.

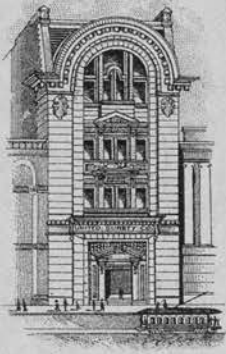
Yours respectfully

Charles F. Gardner.

*P.S. Mr Moore writes me that he is better
and is going to attend your meeting*

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W. W. Lathrum
Minneapolis,
Minnesota

Dear Sir I subscribed for the Horticulturalist when we held our famous Institute here last winter. Being Pres. of the Eddy County Early Settlers Assn under whose auspices the Institutes are held and managed am interested in any and every thing will or can be of benefit to our county or state. More if possible than send to me in Minnesota I would like much to be with you and renew old and form new acquaintance, and stop long enough to take in the Pioneers meeting the 12th would help renew my age, and revive the days and years, some 48, that was enjoyed in Minnesota, when Peter Gideon and all were trying fruit raising, as we are here. I have some apple and plum trees that have had two years successful struggle, unprotected, here and they act as tho they will push thru, believe it the way as they learn, like other intrepid to care for themselves when forced to, some will have "I can't" and die, so does humanity.

Respyly A. M. Greely

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EUGENE SECOR, Forest City

Des Moines, Ia. Nov 19, 1906

A. W. Latham, Sec.,

Minnesota State Horticultural Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:—

We have appointed Hon. Eugene Secor of Forest City, Ia., a delegate to the Minnesota Society, and I am sure you will be glad to receive him as such. Have you decided who will be a delegate to the Iowa Society? I trust you will have a successful meeting, as I know you will.

Very truly yours,



Secretary

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Mankato, Minn. November 7, 1906.

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

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 1st inst. received. We are sending out the folders as fast as we can.

Enclosed please find our check for \$5.00 as one half payment for life membership in the Society. We would like as complete a file of the publications as can be had. We are going to show a seedling that we have named Mankato, at the winter meeting, and will send you a few apples from it in a few days that you may use for any purpose you see fit. Its the best midwinter apple I ever saw. The tree is about nineteen years old and a moderate grower of semi upright habit. It is as hardy as any variety I know of and very nearly blight proof and apples run very even in size, shape and color. It is at its best about January 1st but this year ripened earlier than usually. It has not borne less than a sugar barrel of apples since I first saw the tree.

Yours truly,



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ST. ANTHONY PARK, ST. PAUL, MINN.

Oct. 30, 1906.

My dear Latham:-

Cranefield has asked me to attend the Wisconsin Horticultural Society in February. I am inclined to do this, and would like to be appointed a delegate unless something occurs that I do not think of now. I write this thus early so that there may be no mix-up.

I go to Lake City this afternoon and shall return tomorrow.

Cordially yours,

SBG-D

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Samuel B. Green.



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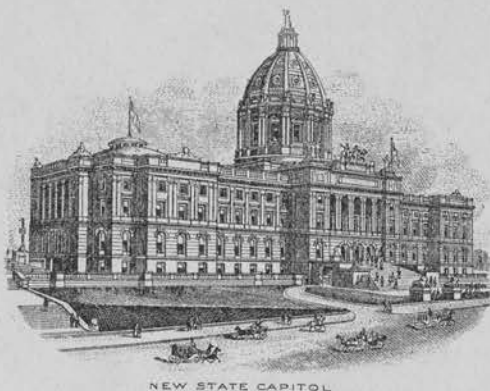
Dear friend Latham:

Your letter of Oct. 25th is received. It will cut into our Institute work somewhat to do as you suggest. If the Horticultural Society was not such a good one and so favorable to the Institute work I should say "No" with a snap to it in view of the crowd that I am under this year. Sometimes it seems to me that the calls for me to give are unlimited, and then when I want something they begin to hum and haw, but this does not pertain to the Horticultural Society. I have had a very unpleasant year in my Institute work. I am in hopes the matter will change for the better before long.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Gregg
Superintendent.

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Lynd, Minn., Oct. 23, 1906.

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

Dear friend Latham:

I am in receipt of your letter of Oct. 18th. We note your request for the presence of Mr. Yahnke and Mr. Schutz on Thursday at the Annual Meeting of the Horticultural Society. We will endeavor to make arrangements for their presence. I have not seen your program so I am not sure when this meeting is to be held. It may trouble us somewhat if both parties are to be absent the latter half of the week. We are being pushed hard to hold many Institutes and at the same time obtain the men who are efficient in doing Institute work. I judge that your meeting will be held at Minneapolis. Please send us a program.

Very truly yours,

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ST. ANTHONY PARK, ST. PAUL, MINN. Oct. 19, 1906.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

In response to yours of October 18th, I will take up the matter of tree valuation with Mr. Jensen.

I think we can have one of the students here look after the distribution of the horticultural reports. I fear Mr. Cady, however, is too busy to do it.

With kind regards,

Cordially yours,

SBG-D

Samuel B. Green

Prescott, Wis.,

Oct. 4, 1906

Dear Latham;

Herewith I send
postal order for \$1.25
to pay the printer's bill
for the pictures of O. G.

The Minn. Report of
1901 I asked for is
for Miss Carrie D.
O'Brien, South Haven,
Michigan. Will you
kindly mail it to
her. Here are 12 ct
in stamps for the postage

Yours truly,

Oscar Gibbs

And Climate very much.
I would remove there my-
self and take and invest
considerable Capital only,
being a physician, your
state prevents me from following
my profession, and as I am
among the highest graduates
in Canada or N. Dak. I
cannot afford to quit, how-
ever if you considered it safe
and right, I would plant
an orchard a mile or two
East of Anoka, and have opened
negotiations for 93 Acres as
a starter.

Yours very truly
W. J. Graham

Wahalla D.
Sep. 28th 1906

M. W. W. Latham
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir,
Some time ago I wrote
you for a copy of The Minnesota
Horticulturist and you were
kind enough to send me a
copy. I wish now to become
a subscriber and if you send
to my address here I will im-
mediately remit price.

I wish to know if I can
succeed in fruit growing around
Anoka, Minn. My son has settled
in East Anoka (City) and I
have been down recently visiting
him and like the country

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Des Moines, Ia Sept 22nd 1906

A. W. Latham, Secy,
Minneapolis, Minn.
Dear Sir:

I will refer your letter to President Burnap, who appoints the delegates and as soon as he decides who will go to Minnesota, will let you know.

I have been anxious to visit the Minnesota Society for some time, but it seems fate has decreed otherwise. The last year I have been able to visit Nebraska, Kansas & Missouri & will try to get to Minnesota before long - Wishing you success I am as ever

Yours truly -
W. Greene

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WESTERN AND SOUTHERN DEPARTMENT, CHICAGO.

Sept 11th 1906

C. W. Latham Secy

Dear Sir,

Yours 10th duly rec'd this P.M.
After I had expressed you the Plum Pits.
I had been keeping them in damp sand dust,
did not think of sand, I only retain 50 pits.

Am glad you received the sample plums all
right. I send you three more to night, the last
picking. They are all gone now.

One point I wish to call your attention to, in
these plums, the exceeding thin skin. They cook all up, and
leave no rind, so to speak.

Had the Curculio let us alone, we would have had 2 bushels,
and no tree over 3 years from the graft.

I have no name for the plum, but I think it worthy
of a name. I call it a good thing.

I have about 9 bearing seedlings, that I have grafted
onto, and one bearing seedling, ^{not grafted.} had only two plums on,
a little yellow, and the plums were extra large. Some kids
without the fear of the cold, or good raining at home, stole them
both yesterday. I do not know the quality.
Yours very Respy,
C. F. Greening.

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WESTERN AND SOUTHERN DEPARTMENT, CHICAGO.

Aug 23rd 1906

A. W. Latham Secy
State Hort. Society.
Dear Sir.

I send you in a small box
3 of my plums. From present indications,
I will not have a 6 qt pan full.

Thousands lay on the ground; more than $\frac{3}{4}$
are already gone. Will these pits grow?

Shall I save some of them? Am doing so anyway.

I picked up a 6 qt pan full of big plums today.

Am afraid to offer an article at the meeting,
on Plum raising, am not scientific. How do we
pretty well to raise the plums, but you see can't mature
them. I have succeeded after 7 years crossing,
in originating a fine seed corn, crossed on large
Illinois Corn, with Pride of North. Gained $\frac{1}{3}$ in
size nearly, and 4 rows, red cobs, very deep kernels,
and as early as Pride. I call it, Improved Pride
of the North. 125 large baskets on less than 2 acres,
was my last good corn crop. This year is still better,
thus far, and I hope to have 100 bushels of seed,

I may write you my experience in
plum grafting, but it is so unscientific,
that it would be the laughing stock of old heads
at the business. I get results, but in a crude
way, and do not go in for handsome trees.
At two years from graft I have plums, and three years
loaded & breaking. My trees seem perfectly hardy
not a dead twig. I do not even know the name
of the plums I graft from.

I am now grafting on some seedlings that came
up from tame plums that were a cross, just
for amusement, and will start more again this fall.

Respy Yams,

C. L. Greening

Victoria, Minn.:-

August 21, 1906

A. M. Latham, Secretary:-

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor of recent date, I have to say, that the plum crop and early Apples are a failure with us, owing I think, to the heavy rains, at the time of blooming, the fall Apples, of which we have a fair crop, are rather small but the last few hot days seems to improve them a good deal, we will endeavor to exhibit, whatever we think worth showing. Yours fraternally,
H. Gurdson

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OF BROOKLYN, N. Y.

WESTERN AND SOUTHERN DEPARTMENT, CHICAGO.

Aug 11th 1906

Mr Latham Secy
Dear Sir

Yours 10th duly received.

I will be in Minneapolis all next week. And will bring a twig of my plums. Can then tell you more about it.

I have 8 bearing top worked plums, and a couple of 2 yr olds both bearing.

The Curculio is bothering much, and hundreds of plums dropping. They turn blue.

Still there are more than the tree can carry and are tied up with strings like cobwebs.

My wild stocks are cultivated, wild seedlings. I will save all the pits I can and send you, and there is no cost, unless transportation.

I think I shall have a bushel of plums. But the other half of the household will preserve some. Will look after the pits for you that are not cooked.

Yours Very Resp,
C. F. Greening

I have read your letter again, and get a better
idea of the crossing you speak of.

Think I am in pretty good shape on that score.
I potted onto cultivated, wild seedling plums, & bearing,
alongside an two 8 yr old, so called, tame plums, bearing,
and also along side two, seedling wild cultivated trees, 6 yrs
old, all bearing, and 8 colonies of bees, are camped under
the trees, where I always keep them. Think there is a pretty
good chance for a cross among them.

Will bring samples of fruit from all, labeled,
so they can be traced up.

There is a great difference, in the three.

Hastily yours,
C. D. Greening

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AW Latham Secy
Minn Horticultural Society
Near S. Minn.

As a member of the society, I ask for a little information, that you can probably give. Will you not alcohol preserve fruit in a glass jar, so it will keep.

I will explain.

I have for several years, been grafting tame Plum onto wild stocks. I have some prodigies in the shape of clusters. In 1904, April, I grafted one, that grew 7 feet the first year, and is now over 12 ft high. Another, grafted the same day, has a cluster on one twig only 7 inches long, of some 40 perfect plums. This I want to cut off, and put in a glass jar, to show our unbelieving brethren, that we can just as well eat tame plums, as wild, and they don't cost a cent.

I have a rose bush, that has been in bloom constantly, for 29 months, and a lemon tree that matured 62 fine lemons last year, and has over 40 on again, all sizes.

I am very Resp^y yours,

C. F. Greening



Publishes a Monthly Magazine entitled "The Minnesota Horticulturist." Sent free to all members of the Society. Send to Secretary for copy of the Magazine and Folder containing the "Fruit List" for Minnesota and describing the work of the Society, its publications, methods, etc.

Minnesota State Horticultural Society,

President, CLARENCE WEDGE, Albert Lea.

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A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLDG.,

Minneapolis, Minn. 6, 1906.

Dear friend:

Being in charge of the fruit department at the coming state fair, it is necessary that I should know very soon from each one of the probable exhibitors what the prospects are as to assistance in getting up the fruit display. Will you not kindly write me at once as to the condition of the fall fruit crop with you and what exhibits of fruit you hope to make there? Plums in many cases in the state promise a good yield, but this cannot be said of apples by a good deal, and it looks as though special effort would be required to make a satisfactory showing. What can you likely do for us? If you have no premium list please let me know, and one will be sent promptly. And don't forget also to save some of the finest fruit for the December meeting of the horticultural society.

A prompt answer will greatly oblige,

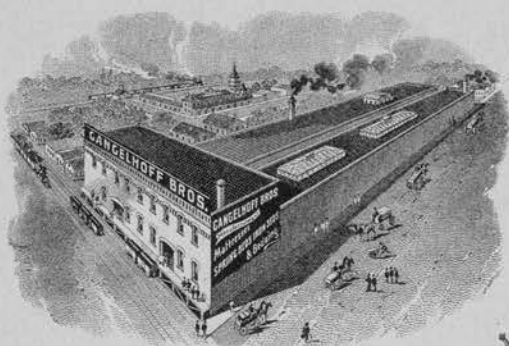
Yours fraternally,

A. W. Latham, Sec'y.

We have nothing to send

*N. J. Gray
Dr. Orchard*

Minnetonka



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Mr. A. W. Latham,

CITY.

Dear Sir,

Replying to yours of the 6th inst. will say that my apple crop is so poor this year that I do not think I will make an effort to make an exhibit at the state fair this year.

From my this year's experience with my orchard I now think I know what causes the blight. I am satisfied that it starts from the blossom, because on transcendant crab trees that bore heavily last year and on which there were no blossoms this year there is not a particle of blight. Then trees that blossomed that ajoin same are badly blighted and what little fruit there is on same is shrivelled.

Will talk this matter over with you when I see you again,

Yours truly,

C. H. Gangelhoff

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Isanti County.

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NORTHWESTERN
and TWIN CITY Telephones.

Cambridge, Minn., July 14th 1906

A.W.Latham Secretary

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:--

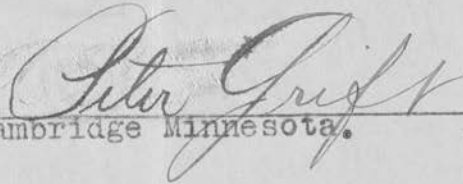
Some 10 days ago I sent you \$1.00 with request to send me your magazine 1 year.

I have just received a bound volume of "Trees Fruits and Flowers of Minnesota" for the year 1898, and I write to ask if this volume has not been sent me by mistake.

Was it not your intention to send me the volume for the year 1905 instead of 1898. I should be glad to exchange if you can do so.

I have not seen anything of the magazine for this year, Please send me copy of the June issue.

Yours Truly,


Cambridge Minnesota.

Nova Springs

June 20 1906

Friend Lathin

This is the first effort I have made to write for some weeks I can hardly hold pencil now I have had trouble in my right hand it is some better now. I should written you before but have delaid hoping to be able to write you more on some things that are now on my mind. But I have commenced to write you a few lines thanking you very much for the long and arduous labors I have reaped up on your platform during the last few months going back to last Sept. I have received the photos and the twelve pamphlet all very kind from your hands. Had I seen the last photo before it was sent I should never had it sent you. As you infer it is not as good as the last. Would much prefer to have our House View in its place

H. C.

In said house is one hundred
thousand Brick and over four
hundred bushels of lime all extra
fine and made on our own home ground.
We have a ten foot cellar under it all
foundation five feet wide laid with
found flat stone five inches thick All
the steps at three doors out side and
all the stone steps twelve that go down
to the cellar were all quarried and split
out ready to finish and drawn on to
the ground almost altogether by
my own hands excepting some of
the extra choice stone were on our
own ground the other extras I quarried
three miles down in the hollow in
the river three feet under water.
This story would be light for one who
had plenty of money and help but
I commenced this with nothing but
my hands had made me after I was
twenty one. I hope you will excuse
this useless weighting But unless I
gain much before long it is not likely
I shall trouble my friends with
many long letters. This will no doubt
pleas quite a number of our
leading Schemers who I think are

Concentrating their efforts to keep me
 in the dark so much as possible
 I am not sure but think perhaps you
 are more fully aware of this than I am.
 Last March I spent a number of days
 in writing up three articles one for each
 of our leading North papers. They should
 have appeared in March or April sure. But
 strange as it may be I have only seen
 one of these this came out two weeks ago
 in the Farmers Review. But dear me it
 came short of nearly every leading
 point I had hoped to open the eye of the
 masses. One I sent to the Appalachian
Specialist. A paper I had before received
 high compliments from before
 this paper has not come to me since
 for some unknown cause. The other
 should have come out in our Journal
 which has changed Editors. He still
 send us the Journal but not a word
 about the article I took so much care
 to hammer down & so my best
 Why is all this turning been made on
 ones who has always worked for the good

It appears very evident that we
 have about seven schemey leaders
 who have combined to cut out the
 little influ I have had in former
 years. These things this clique do
 not want revealed to unless it is
 behind the curtain. First is the
 Tender Root. An evil too well known
 some over twenty years ago. Why
 has not this matter not been brought
 up and thoroughly discussed by all
 our tree dealers? Echo answers Why.
 The evils of blight sink into in
 significance compared with blight
 Who gets in a word about that
 short and sure road to success
 over the N.W. by topworking. Is it our
 tree dealers only in two or three cases
 Who argues the necessity of protecting
 from the killing. All these so much
 needed reforms are holding back our
 N.W. orcharding 20 years. I can only
 name but about three who can or dare
 openly espouse these much needed reforms
 C. H. Runney is one of them

You have my neighbor Tuttle born
in my Co - Litchfield - Conn -
I think too that Grand Old Man
J. H. Kinney came from our Co -

I think J. H. Kinneys Father was
my fathers nearest neighbor about
seventy years ago just think of the
man born in Litchfield Co - Conn -
All the Beachers Euthen Allen John
Brown General Segwick Gov John Cutler Sir A.
Lucas Thimney who built more

Churches in America than any other man
The two first Colleges Prof of Ill - Shurtwamt
and Tanner Armes the great tool maker
and maker of the first wrought iron
cannon ever made this went to the
front in our civil war Oliver Bullin
Pres. of the Ill. Art. Soc. in '1866 & C & C Co -

(Laugh and the World Laughs
with you Weep and you weep a Lone)

My Hand akes and my Heart too
But I have forgotten to report on
the crop Strawberries & Raspberries
100. Apples 25. Just what
the Apple crop will turn out is un-
certain as yet many are dropping
off some report a good crop but
the majority report a very light
crop. I have been quite interested
in the arguments on blight An entire
new Idea has just struck me it is
that blight comes soon after an excessive
growth followed by excessive hot sun-
shine that virtually scalds the excessive
or the excessive sap so cooks up the sap that
the normal evaporation is ruined

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One day later Another
Funeral to day This too adds
saddness and gloom to those of
my age This makes 12- of our
oldest and most reliable old
settlers who have given us the
last parting hand All since Feb-
last There are three more we expect
to follow every day All seemingly
clung from old age The younger
classes are unusually well - The two
ladies who appeared in the second
picture one is my wife the other
is her sister buried a few days ago
They commenced as I did with
only their hands Have now a fine
Home & Farm in Michigan Two
sons now in Chicago One a Lawyer
the other a type writer for Armour Co
he has twelve hundred dollars a year
The Father has come here to spend a
few days or weeks He has rented his farm
and is intending to travel Go to Idaho
and Washington. He is nearly crazy
with grief Has been a very energetic hard
working man Money in the Bank

Our W. S. Sect. of war Algeres
ancestors were once residents of
My old town Warren think he was
born in our town. Our town sent one
Griffin as a Missionary clear over
the Rocky Mountains a bout 75
years ago I saw him start with a
small light team and covered wagon
Went all the way lived there among
the Indians untill a few years ago
he died there His Father Mother and
sister lived close by us I think it
was one of our noted Deanes who
married His sister I hired out to
work for him on a farm he rented
He was an old school teacher and
a Methodist Preacher. No county
or even any state can give us a
list of names who will excell those
of Litchfield Co. Conn. - I will
try and get this scratching mailed
to you No day My hand aches
a gain It gets better very slow
G. Baylord
Edson Gaylord

Just Received
a Complementary Present
from the Hort. Sect. of the
Great State of Ill. It is needless
to add that this act of kindness
gives an old man with grey
hair Cheer - This is to be
followed - These kind compliments
bestowed on me through your kind
acts during the few past months
especially help mine to buoy
up my sinking spirits since
my serious afflictions of body and
those others so mysteriously added
by hands that have worked to
stay my influence along the road
I have so long been blazing trying
to make plain the most direct road
to success over the N.W.

P.S. Can you give us the present
Address of A. M. Sims once I find out
where he is a number who wish to
write him
remember We all
him as

One of the best and most
reliable Murdersmen you have
ever had He entertained me two
days at a S. M. Dart's meeting held
at Rochester Minn. - I was most
kindly entertained by his wife during
my stay there so very much unlike
the reception I once recd. when
I called on Mr Dart on a similar
occasion. This was after Mr Dart had been
some dayes & a night or two entertained
at our home Mr Dart was out when I
called on them I was soon given to understand
that they could not entertain me
that I had better hunt the Hotel But
soon Mr D. appeared and made me
at home as best he could under the
peculiar conditions which he appeared
to be placed. But Dear me what a
contrast between these two wives
How I would like to throw flowers
on the grave of the one & but have
no comments to make on the other
All for the waste basket I hope you may
have patience to read it if
you have leisure

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A. W. Latham
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of recent date is before me. Am sending under separate cover a copy of the Park & Forestry Association for 1902. Can not supply one for 1904 - but will send you a copy of 1905 as soon as issued. The Report of Hort. Soc. for 1905 is still in the press - will send a doz. as soon as ready - will inclose a report for this month - as fruit -

Yours truly -
W. Greene

Edwin R. Heisze's experience
in testing this ^{Noted} Baltimore
as far back as 1879 or 80 - he
topped grafted a Minnesota Crab.
This Baltimore came to him with
a number of different names.
This tree has been a full bearer
every other year and
has seldom failed to bare a few
each alternate year up to
date. Three times we have sent
this variety to be thoroughly examined
by the head of the Department of Pomology
at Washington D. C. And each time
it has been reported back to be
the genuine Baltimore. A first
class all winter apple. With good
care keep well till May in common
cellars. I have five trees
bearing well for some few years
back I have had them grow top
worked on Hibernial some ten years
so far on my fourth rate site they
have never lost a bud. I am now
grafting this more than any other variety.
Edson Gaylord

Nora Springs

May 22/1906

Friend Southam

Your kind note just received. Please accept our warmest thanks. I am surprised when I see my last photo. I did not see it before it is scarcely as good as the first given from his new plates. But much as we regret this we can do no better as things are or have drifted. I have had trouble on my right hand that I have had to quit writing for some days. This is my first. So today we are having quite a visit from one Sakhbuz of Wausseka Minn. Think you know him well He appears to be well acquainted with most of your leading members. Am much pleased that he can tell us of a number of good men in your ranks - D - - - -

He says the Peerless drops very bad on his place but bears well with one it is right the reverse I am too surprised to see that some or all of over

all of your members call
 the Wealthy a better Desert apple than
 the Peerless in our home market here
 I can sell the Peerless the best I prefer it
 myself and so do many others
 Our Peerless are blossoming full
 this season But as a rule with me
 they are light bearers. I got the Peerless
 two years before anyone else got them
 in Pa. (So said Brand) Am more than
 sorry to hear so many hard things
 said of some of your tree dealers.
 And more than sorry to hear so many
 dishonest deals made right in our
 own neighborhood by ^{men} from our own
 Co. dealers Nearly all the trees I have
 examined that have been sold
 here are nothing more or less
 than second & third class trees
 And sold from fifty to ninety cts
 a piece I would not set them out
 if given me Some trees are full of blossoms
 many are nearly barren My Wealthys
 and Malinda are about equally
 divided Long field & Red Chas. Lemiff
 are full Grimes Golden Baltimore
 and Fall Orange are nearly barren
 Send a few extra copies of your coming
 monthly either by mail or express as you
 deem best I can pay the express here E. Gayler

Important additional
notes on success by Top Grafting

In the Spring of 1880 I Toped
grafted a crab tree with
The Minkler An old variety
of fine quality that will keep
till June in a common cellar
if properly cared for. The tree
soon commenced bearing apples
by the sack full continued to
for a good many years when
from some cause unknown
the tree died entirely. It might
have been from exhaustion ^{or} from
borers. This tree was four miles
from my place and on a third
rate site. (I have tested this
variety on my fourth rate
location (Facing the sun on the
sun side of a close protected site
they have not been long lived)
On favorable sites I advise every
home orchardist to grow two or three trees
Both for quality & keeping - Edson Gayland