



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Mr a w Latham
207 Kasota Block
Minneapolis, Minn

Nov 17 - 06

Dear Latham

Your card just recd

Mr Richardson of Sparta

I have promised to have

my bed with. But I

But I would like Mr

Synogrounds Company

See if you cannot

Engage a Room with

2 Beds for us and

we can find a partner

I expect to stop over Sunday

with Yahabee she hopes to

be able to go along if he

Keeko gaining - but will

not be able to take much rest at p

Richardson

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A. W. LATHAM,

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

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Bird Island Miami, Nov. 26th 1906

Friend Lathams! I am willing
to act upon receiving Committee what
time I am at the meeting.

I can be on hand Tuesday Morn-
ing, untill noon. Have business that
takes me away untill Thursday and
possibly longer. This I very much
regret.

Yours truly

Hamilton V. Poore

Well, I have written a book. I have tried to say nothing wrong, but much; that if heeded will be helpful, especially to the young. The printers are busy working on it. It will be illustrated with about one hundred illustrations, consisting of two great horses, two great seedling apple trees, the balance friends, both male and female; and noted cattle, both male and female. The book is the Autobiography of a Great Cow with great records and reminiscences that I hope will make it interesting. If you desire a preface of it, send me a postal. At present send orders to me or Alex. Johnson, West Salem, Wis.

A. J. PHILIPS

West Salem, Wis., Nov 26 - 1906

Dear Friend Latham

In your circular you say be sure and be present at the opening session to which I could heartily say amen. Then you bated a fellow away to speak that forenoon to the ag-school a very pleasant task that an author of note ought to be proud of. but Lo and behold Prof Mayne comes to my rescue and says Mr Poore will speak to the school on Tuesday and I shall expect you to do the same on Wednesday and will see you on Tuesday and make arrangements you might with my help get another member Prof O.H. Miller was with us here for 4 years is now in Minneapolis and has charge of a no of your City Schools he has a good position but whether he could get away to attend any of the sessions I do not know. He is quite a handy young man at a Banquet get his address and send him a programme, make a black mark around my name so he will know I expect to be there. Mr Yahrke's daughter

(over)

writes me that he wants to go - but I guess
they will not consent. I will spend Sunday
night with him if all goes well - so I can
bring his greetings. Isnt that a good Picture
I have of Lord and Kerr you can use
it some time if you wish to I can bring
that and mine up to the meeting I shall
want them for next Edition of Book
I want to sell a lot for Christmas presents
from those who have read it for Boys they
take an interest in. Will be on hand
at Brunswick Monday evening if no other happens
to prevent

Yours Cordially
A. J. Philips

Delath Nov 19/

AW Leatham

Dear Friend

I shall try
and come down to the meetings
but I will not try to get to the
Sergeant

Yours truly

RH Vandergant

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Albert Lea, Minn.

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A. W. Latharn

507 Kasota Beach
Mpls. Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Following are new members for

1907:-

A. W. Massee, Albert Lea, Minn.

L. P. H. Highby, " " "

R. C. Blackmer, " " "

J. C. Hawkins, Austin, "

Jens A. Jensen, Rose Creek, "

Enclosed please find P. O. for \$1.⁷⁶ in
payment of these 5 names, and for your
bill of 51¢ as attached.

Very truly yours,

O. M. Peterson,

Southern Minnesota Horticultural Society.

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Albert Lea, Minn.

Nov. 7-96

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Mpls. Minn.

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Dear Sir:-

Please add to State

society for 1907, -

Dr. A. H. Street,
Albert Lea, Minn.

and enclosed find 25¢ silver, in
payment of same.

Very Respectfully

O. M. Peterson
Secy.

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*A. W. LATHAM,
Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn*

Farmington Minnesota

Nov 8th 1906

Friend Latham

Your letter received
some days ago, but not being at
home. I will now hasten to answer.
I have thought the matter over about
writing up a piece for the winter meeting
on Exhibiting fruit at the State Fair a long
the lines you spoke of. I do not think I am
just the one to do the work as I am a
Exhibitor, and do not want to say or do
any thing that would make any unkindly
feelings between me and the other Exhibitors
and I had rather not ~~do~~ write it up

Yours Sincerely

W L Parker

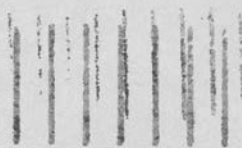
I am writing a book, different from any I ever saw. It will give many scenes in a busy life of fifty years. Its central thought will be kindness. Its object to preserve the memory of a wonderful woman and the history of a remarkable cow. Where I write hangs the enlarged picture of a soldier brother decorated by mistletoe and holly sent by my son to his mother on Christmas 1905, from Arkansas, only a short distance from where the brother lost his life 44 years ago, by a Rebel bullet. What a change time has wrought. Interviews with and experiences of noted Dairymen and Horticulturalists with whom I have been acquainted will be given. Visits with Mrs. H. E. Foster, Hoard, Beech, Goodrich, Yahnke, Jewell, Kent Rietbrock, Harvey, Hughes, Cashman, Lord, Sagendorph, Forest Henry, Chas. L. Hill, Nichols, Underwood, I J Clapp and Hiram Smith will be described. The preface describing this book is ready, and will be sent to any one sending a two cent stamp to the undersigned. It will contain about 150 pictures of cattle and breeders, and will be a book of three hundred to three hundred and fifty pages.

===== **A. J. PHILIPS,** =====

West Salem, Wis., Nov 8 1906

Dear Friend Latham

Your kind letter of Nov 5 recd. If well and nothing happens I am planning to be there on Monday Evening and will be only too glad to go over & talk to Mr Maynes school on Tuesday forenoon if he will indicate to you the time he desires to meet me at the avenue. I will room with any one of our own faith and order am hoping to buy a man with me, just recd a nice letter from Harry Dart my Book pleased him, he informs me that Tom Cashman was elected to the Minn senate on Tuesday last. So now it is Hon Tho Cashman & no young man I know deserves the Hon more than he. Tom is a good clean man, says his prayers at night. Does not smoke drink or Chew. I wish we had more like him. I am getting lots of pleasing words about my Book Owen gave me a fine notice but so far have had only one inquiry from his readers but I hope for more. I will endeavor to please Mr Mayne & his pupils and say something good to them. Kind regards to you & yours. Sincerely, A J Philips



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Hon. Clarence Wedge
Abert Sea.
Minn.

Oct. 31st. 06

My Dear Sir, I am very thankful
for your good letter. You may enroll
my name among your plant-brewers.
I will try and write a short paper
"Can we breed hardiness in Trees,
and Plants" I am too busy to write
more. Please excuse Postal.

Cordially, Chas. G. Patten

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IN FORESTRY

ST. ANTHONY PARK, ST. PAUL, MINN.

Oct. 23, 1906

Mr. A. W. Latham

207 Kasota Building, Minneapolis,

Dear Sir,

In regard to the matter of helping you during the meeting I would like to say that I would be very glad to do so and I have talked with Professor Green about it. He has given me a few suggestions and for further information I will come over to see you some day in the near future.

Yours fraternally

Max Pfander

To Hort. Dept.

Experiment Station

St. Anthony Park.

Well, I have written a book. I have tried to say nothing wrong, but much; that if heeded will be helpful, especially to the young. The printers are busy working on it. It will be illustrated with about one hundred illustrations, consisting of two great horses, two great seedling apple trees, the balance friends, both male and female; and noted cattle, both male and female. The book is the Autobiography of a Great Cow with great records and reminiscences that I hope will make it interesting. If you desire a preface of it, send me a postal. At present send orders to me or Alex. Johnson, West Salem, Wis.

A. J. PHILIPS

West Salem, Wis., Oct 15 1906

Mr W. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Friend Latham

I was glad to get your letter after the Book was sent. and if I succeeded in interesting the children of your household, I have accomplished the object I had in writing the Book. If health remains good I expect to visit you at the time of your annual meeting - don't care to be on Programme I will have a good time any way will let you know so you can secure me a room. I sent Lyman's Books to you - Brown and he can fix the Express. I thought he came in occasionally and could carry them home & save one Express charge. I could send six as cheap as five and he can dispose of the odd one for me. I am busy every day mailing Books. It is quite a job. Owen gave me a nice notice in last Farm Stock & Home. My first Edition is going fast.

Yours

A. J. Philips

P.S. If you see Elliott ask him if he can sell 3 more so I can send him six. he can tell when he sees Book - into you

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

Oct. 10-06
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A. W. Latham,

207 Kaosta Bldg.
Mpls., Minn.

Dear Sir:-

The following name has just
been added to our So. Minn. Hort. Society, and
which kindly enter in State So.:-

J. C. Hawkins,
Austin, Minn.

110 Alleghany St.

Enclose 25¢ silver in payment of same.
I had one Annual Report left, which I sent
him.

Very truly,

G. M. Peterson
Secy.

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Charles City, Iowa, 10/8/1906.

Friend A.W.Lathan.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir,--

Your kind favor of Sept, 27th, came promptly to hand, but for a month past circumstances have prevented my writing almost altogether.

Of course it always gives me great pleasure to meet with the Minnesota State Society. Unfortunately for myself and perhaps for our North East Society, I am its President for this year. Unwisely our Society choose the last part of Dec, for our Meeting, but we are trying to arraign to hold it beginning the 20th, of Nov. In that case men that wanted to go to other Meetings could do so.

I have been invited two or three times, by the State and Northern Societies of Illinois to attend their Meetings, expences paid, but some how either time or strenght would not hold out, and I have not gone. And now I am regreting the work that I have to do for our Society here, for if we can not change dates it puts your State, Iowa, and the North Eastern Iowa all in the first three weeks of December.

Your ' Plant Breeders ' Session will doubtless be an interesting feature in your State, as you have so much Horticultural enthusiasm among your people. And when I have read your discussions on breeding for hardiness I have some times thought that I would like to write an article, or a paper for your State.

Did you notice my paper read at the ' Apple Growers Congress ' in St, Louis in August, and printed in the Prairie Farmer of Sept, 27th,

If I can reach it I may mail you a couple of late Plums, and if I do I wish ~~you~~, Prof. Greene could have them with the four that I last sent and plant them at the State Station, Labeling them Patten, and see what would come of them. I have some choice late Plums.

Yours very truly.

Chas. G. Patten

Christ J. Belzaan,

(Successor to Saltness & Belzaan)

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Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Farm Implements,
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Boyd. Minn., Oct 3 1906

Minnesota State Horticultural Society
Minneapolis
Minn

Gentlemen

As I have bought a Group of Fruit Trees Ever Greens etc. which I herein will mention, and I'll ask you to kindly let me hear your idea, about, where, and in what kind of soil each will Thrive the best, and where they will thrive the best, weather in the Sun side of a Grove, or more in a Shady place.

The Trees and Plants which I would like to be informed about are as follows.

- Hybrids Plum trees.
- Apple trees.
- Kenyon Raspberry.
- Strawberry plants.
- Hybrid Peach trees.
- Pear tree.

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Boyd. Minn., 190

Continued

Cherry tree.

Currant bushes.

Choice Ornamental trees.

Amour Berberry plants.

Evergreens.

Asparagus.

Rhubarb plants.

Ironclad Blackberry plants.

Choice Flowering Bulbs.

These plants and trees are to be Delivered to me, in the last part of October, this year, and will have to plant them at the time of their arrival. So I would like to hear from you in regard to it, as soon as you can.

I remain yours truly.

Chr. Quammen.

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Charles City, Iowa,

8/23/06

A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis Minn.,

Dear Sir,-

A letter to day from Mr C.H. True, he consents to go to Minnesota meeting as delegate from Iowa,

Our date of meeting not fully determined, will let you know later.

Yours truly

C. G. Patten,

Reob Winy Sept. 21 1908

Friend Scatham

Dear Sir

I thought I would just drop you
a few lines as it is raining so hard
I cant go out we are having very catching
weather here since Fair week didnt
wee have a good week for the Fair
Say did I get anything this year I havent
heard a word whether I got anything or not
I suppose I will hear from Mr Randal
soon if I did get anything.

We are all well as usual

Yours truly
J. E. Perkins

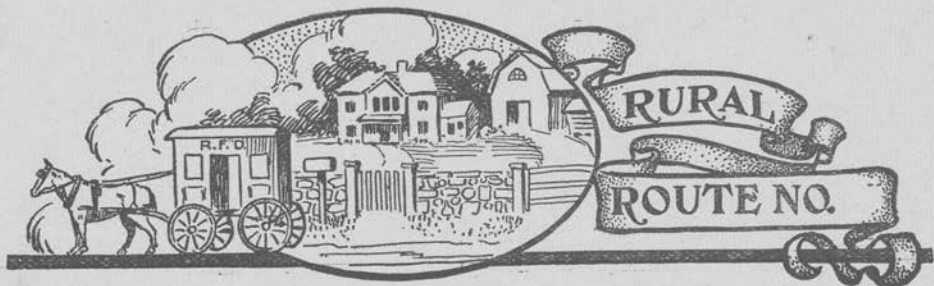
Zumbra Heights
Sep 19 1906

Mr A. W. Latham
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir
yours of the
14th is before me

It is with sincere regret that I am compelled to say that it will be impossible for me to write an article on "The Vineyard in July and August" I sold my vineyard about fifteen years ago and have had no practical knowledge of such work since and consequently could give no advice as to what should be done in July and August - your society is doing a great work and I should be glad if I were able to add to the interest of its meetings

Very Sincerely
E. D. Pabody

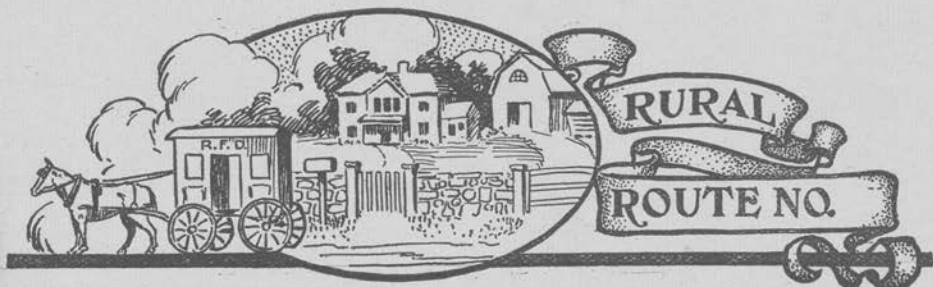


New Albm August 23. 1906

My Dear Mr Latham.

yes I leave at New Albm now.

Have 15 minutes ride for town
have 8 acre land & partly planted
in trees & scrubbery. Will have
a good place after two years
as I planted about all of my best
kinds of Plums. Mr A. J. Stockste
ad my son in law is running
the old place. but is not the man
to take care of the Orchard. Pass
up there a few days ago found
trees in rather poor condition



his apple crop is very small
and plums also. I think his plums
will mostly crack on account of
to much rain I ask Mr A. J.
Stockstead if he was gone to
make an exhibit at the State fair
he said I was not. I do not feel
for coming to State fair as I
have nothing to bring. Now Mr
Latham will tell you that I
received my Silver medal
at last. It is fine. all well &
and hope the same of you & fam-
-ly except my best wishes.
Yours Friend M. Penning

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

Aug¹⁴ 06

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Mpls. Minn.

Dear Sir:— Under separate cover

~~Enclosed~~, you will please

find two photos, one of Col. Blue Spruce
and one dwarf Mt. Pine, with which to
illustrate my paper on "Evergreens".

These were taken of trees on grounds of
Mr. A. W. Massee of this city, and they are without
doubt the finest specimens in this section.

I have some trees of these varieties on
my own grounds, but they are not as large
as those of Mr. Massee.

When those photos appear in Magazine
kindly remember to state that they are from
trees on grounds of Mr. Massee.

Very Respectfully,

O. M. Peterson

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Burd Island Minn. Aug 6th 1906

Friend Latham:

Your letter of the 6th inst is at hand also one containing cold storage shipping tags received some time ago.

I hope to be able to make an exhibit of apples plums and honey in Comb and extended.

My wish to place a few varieties of plums in cold storage. Please inform me of the cost of cold storage and how best to pack and ship also about quantity of any one variety. My wish to place Strawberry Crab in cold storage.

I have specimens of Whiting No 20, Longfield Melby, Burdavis N.W. Seely, McMichael White and some from other varieties of apples I do not know the name of. two red-ling crop and three other crops the names I cannot give. The plums I have Lombard, Pheasant, Wolf Wagon, Dorset Forest, Borden Wild Goose, Pot-a-watonic, Weaver, Oshude, Hollingstone, Stoddard New Plum and some 10 or 15 varieties of red high plums. Some time Hamilton, V. Poore.

R. F. D. 3, Mpili Minn.

Aug 7 '06

Mr A W Latham

Mpili

Minn

Your favor asking about
apples to exhibit at the
State Fair received.

I have a few apples on
the tree but only a few.

Perhaps I will have a
few for exhibition.

Will try to take some down
if I can.

I want to take a few
of my seedlings to your office
to show you if I can.

Please send a "premium list"

Yours truly
W W Pond

Reel Wing Aug 7 1908

Friends Sabbath

Dear Sir

In regard to making an exhibit
at State Fair it will be a very small
one if any. I have made quite a little
show for two years and I think I can
by another year but it is an off year
with my seedlings except the Wayside
they are full and a few of the others
have some on them. They are insect stung
on account of being so few apple my trees
are growing fine they never looked so
well before not hardly any blight. I wish
I could make as good a show as last year
but I cannot. I may be up to see the S.A.C
parade and if I do I will call on you
and talk this matter up more

Yours truly

J. E. Perkins



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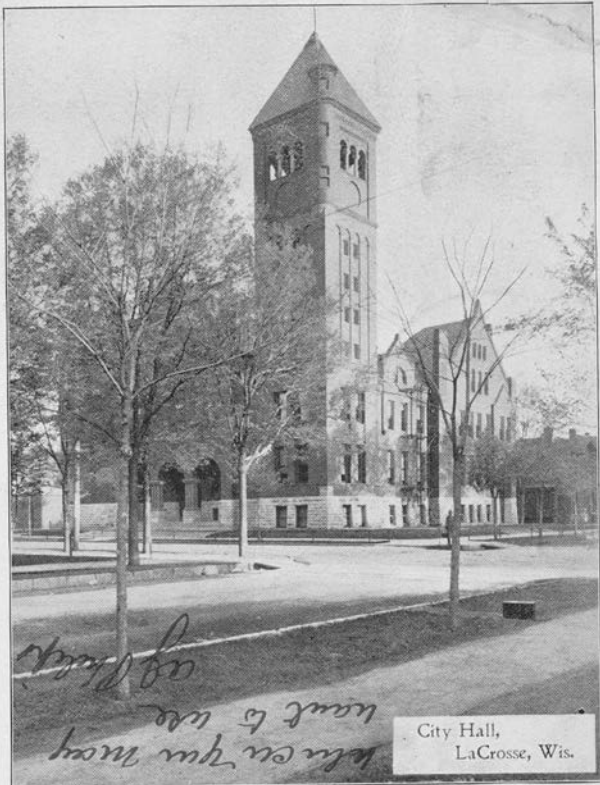
Albert Lea, Minn. Aug 7th 06

Dear Sir: - Your favor at hand,
and I have to-day had Photo
taken of Evergreen, and will
forward same in two days.
Should have done this before, but it
was neglected. Yours truly,
O. M. Peterson.
Secy. So. M. Hort. Society

POST CARD



Mr a w Latham
207 Kasota Block
Minneapolis.
Minn



City Hall,
LaCrosse, Wis.

When you may
want to use
copy

Dear Katharine
your last need, perhaps you
had called and by express. The
the Ray can call Saturday... for them
but if perhaps they turned either
him some. Thanks. I have sent
from having done + Ken made to get them
just + -

W. S. Parks,

Ambay, Minn.,

✓ 2.00

to Minnesota State Horticultural Society, Dr.

Remit to

SEC'Y A. W. LATHAM,

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn., May 1 1906

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To subscription for "The Minnesota Horticulturist" for 1906

\$1.00

I here remit for nineteen cents
please excuse delay

\$2.00

W. S. Parks
Ambay

A. J. Philips,

Lectures at Farmers Institutes and Horticultural meetings on Northern Seedling fruits brought out since 1860 in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois, and or have been personally acquainted with GIDEON, LYMAN, JEWELL, SPRINGER, DANIELS, FREEBORN, LORD, YAHNKE, PENNING, PATTEN, PLUMB, LOUDON, WHITNEY, PERKINS and twenty other growers, can give a short sketch of each, and have seen and can give a description of their trees which is useful and interesting to all especially young planters.

West Salem, Wis.

July 2

1906

Mr A. W. Latham
Minneapolis Minn

Dear Friend Latham

I now think I will have my son call on you his next trip and bring me the $\frac{1}{2}$ boxes you can loan to me I shall expect H. M. Lyman's Prof Green and Father Harris and my own if you have used it I will have one made here of Nyman unless you have a good one to send you can probably send one of Yahnke but Kellogg's you may want about the time we are using it say during the next 3 weeks. and about Gideons & Underwoods write me on a Postal, I have Cashman's and am getting one made of Lord. write at once. as I go to Lacrope to read proof again Thursday. I want the Book out before the fall Fair think we will pay 2000 the first Edition *Opus in hasty*

A. J. Philips



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Mr A. W. Latham
207 Kadota Block
Minneapolis Minn

June 28 06

Dear Latham. Have you
an Engraving of Peter -
Gideon or will I have
to have one made. Green
said you had one of his
and you must have
one of Father Harris - -
I have Lords + Kerrs to
gether. you may have
one of Dart too - that
will save me having one
made. I am being
detained by the sickness
of Mr Rietbrock - in getting
some cattle Engraving
but I want to get the
prints gone soon.
Yours ad Philips



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

June 14 06 Dear Friend yours
recd - do not send any plates until
I order them as I am not quite
ready yet lots of details to work in
Have you one of Harris' too. I think
I asked you if you had one of
Gideons I must have him among the
seedling men. Yours A. J. Phillips

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Albert Lea, Minn.

June 21st '06

A. W. Latham,

Mpls. Minn.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed
pkt for \$1.75 to bal of for 7 members
in So. Min. Hort. Society,

Yours very truly,

O. M. Peterson

Secy.

Woodhead Farm
June 19. 06

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

Dear Sir Enclosed herewith find
Application for Price contract in growing
of seedling apples.

I probably am a little late in this
but it seemed at one time that I would
never find the soil in suitable state
to plant at all, hence planting over a
month after time it should have been done.

The seeds are not nearly all up yet but
enough of them to send in the application.
As I had only one Application blank
I had to write the three varieties planted
into one blank.

The seed is all from apples raised here
in the same lot where seed is planted.

The Harkness is from a tree whereon
the graft must have died (root graft)
and grown from the original root stock.

The Rootgraft I procured from one "Wells"
Steamboat Rock, Iowa in the year 1888 or 1889.

Apple medium size, greenish yellow, splashed
with red stripes, slightly crisp, very mild
Subacid - not acid enough to suit me

It had a few apples on in 1904 not
over a dozen, never took them off the tree
because they were so small and un-
promising. It bore about 3/4 peck in
1905 and seemed a different apple from
1904. Larger and more colored and very
hard when taken from tree about Oct. 20

I know now that it is a very long
keeper. I took the seed out about 10th of
April expecting from day to day the
weather would permit planting. Kept
two apples to see how long they would
keep. From April 10th to today I had
them in my bedroom. One was totally
rotten about June 1. The other was still
sound but all shrivelled up but not
mellow or mushy. The seed in the rotten
one had sprouts on 1/4 inch long. I planted
the seed into the same row where I
planted them May 18, planted this morn.
The tree is now apparently dying off
but some sprouts are growing still from
near the base.

It is somewhat audacious on my
part to make this entry at my age
for by 1912 I will be 80 or would be
if still alive - as I feel to day my
chances are good - but none can tell.

This is a long enough letter for a near
half blind or more than half

With kindest regards to you and all the
Fruit Crouds as ever yours R. M. Robertfield