



## Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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ST. ANTHONY PARK, ST. PAUL, MINN., Sept. 28, 1908

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Kasota Block, Minneapolis.

Dear Friend:

Yours of the 24th inst. at hand, notifying me of the acceptance by Mr. Decker for the Board of regents of five hundred dollars from the Horticultural Society, the same to be known as the Gideon Memorial Fund, the income from which is to be used for the promotion of Horticulture as may seem best by the Professor of Horticulture in the University of Minnesota. I am glad that this matter is closed up in such a satisfactory way.

Very truly yours,

*Samuel B. Green*

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ST. ANTHONY PARK, ST. PAUL, MINN.,

Sept. 23, 1908.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Kasota Block, Minneapolis.

Dear Friend:

James Arrowwood, Nevis, Minn., is a party with whom we ought to get in touch. He had a year ago, and again this year, a very good exhibit at the Hubbard County Fair. This exhibit included quite a number of seedling plums and grapes. I think you had better write him for an article to be used in our program. I am planning to lunch with you before long and talk over program matters.

Very truly yours,

*Samuel B. Green.*

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ST. ANTHONY PARK, ST. PAUL, MINN..

Arago, Minn.,

July 31, 1908.

Mr A W Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Latham:-

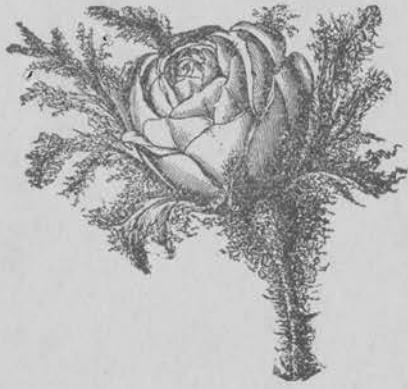
Yours of the 17th inst at hand, and I regret that you are not planning on spending a little time with us here I expect to return to St Paul on the 24th and shall plan on seeing you while there. I have signed the order on the Treasurer of the Horticultural Society for the Giddeon Memorial Fund. The form of receipt for the Board of Regents is all right.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel B. Green*

*I enclose order + receipt.*



# The Minnesota State Rose Society

ORGANIZED 1904

Auxiliary of Minnesota State Horticultural Society

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ST. PAUL, MINN. Nov. 16, 1908.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec.,  
The Minnesota State Horticultural Society,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:- Replying to yours of the 7th inst.

We should like very much indeed to have an exhibit at your coming annual meeting were it not for the fact that our representative is obliged to be in attendance at the National Apple Show, Spokane, and therefore unable to be present on the dates mentioned.

However, we take pleasure in enclosing herewith our check for \$1.00 covering the annual fee for 1909, and hope that in due time we will receive full report of the coming meeting.

Very truly yours,

THE GRASELLI CHEMICAL CO.

Per *H. N. Lyon*

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Enc.

*No enclosure*

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State Horticultural Society

Annual Meeting to be held at Des Moines  
December 8, 9 and 10, 1908

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Office of Secretary of the  
N.E.I.H.S. Osage, Iowa. October 20 1908.

A. W. Latham.

Dear Friend,

at Edgewood, Iowa, Yours at hand. I have written to President True and he will write you the name of our delegate. Our Society meets here in Osage, this year, on the 17-18-19 of November. Now about the delegate from your society. ~~and~~ I know that I am asking a great deal, when I say we want either of the two names I write to be a delegate to our meeting

Sam'l B. Green, or

A. W. Latham.

Both of you come if you can. All your expenses will be paid by us while you are here. Our good citizens are going to entertain all who come.

My printed matter will be out in a few days and I will write you again. If your president will come we will give him the floor for two hours and I will ensure him a packed house if he will let me know when he will be here. I spoke to him last winter about coming to this meeting. If either of you come I want it understood that you come as my guests and I will try to treat you right. I want you to see <sup>our</sup> place of business and get acquainted.

Very truly yours,

C. F. Gardner

CHARLES F. GARDNER, Pres.  
President of the Iowa State and Northeastern  
Iowa Horticultural Societies for three years in succession

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Vice Pres. and Treas.

# The GARDNER NURSERY COMPANY

CAPITAL \$50,000.00  
ESTABLISHED 1869

SUBJECT Everbearing Strawberry,  
"BLIZZARD KING."

OFFER MADE TO.....

OUR "BLIZZARD BELT" TREES ARE  
HARDY AND FULL OF FRUITING VIGOR



*Osage, Iowa.*

How would you like to join with us and help to introduce a new variety of Strawberry, of large size and splendid flavor, that bears an abundance of choice fruit from spring until freezing weather in the fall.

We have recently found such a variety in France. It comes true from seed; perfectly hardy, and fruits the same year from seed, and continues to bear for years afterward.

Now we have no plants for sale as we can now secure but a limited amount of seed and that at a very high price. Our plan is to grow a million plants of the "BLIZZARD KING" Everbearing Strawberry just as quickly as we can propagate them. Meanwhile we want to have some of the plants growing and fruiting where they will advertise and help create a demand for our stock of plants when ready for sale.

The price of one-year-old plants will be ONE DOLLAR each or TEN DOLLARS per dozen. Our confidential offer to you, if you have a few feet of garden ground, is as follows:

We will furnish you with enough seed from our first shipment to grow upwards of 25 first-class plants of the "BLIZZARD KING," with complete directions for culture, all for ONE DOLLAR, provided that you will take reasonably good care of the plants and report to us as to how they do with you. Also to help us advertise the variety as much as possible by calling peoples attention to the plants fruiting at different seasons of the year and by showing the fruit at your stores and at other places where convenient.

On all sales for plants coming from your influence we will give you a CASH commission of 25%. You can

act as agent and solicit orders for plants, or simply pass out our colored descriptive circulars with order blank attached on which will be your name or number. On all orders received on these blanks which bear your name or number we will send you a cash commission of 25% of amount of orders. By accepting our offer now you can get a start of the plants before anyone else does and stand a good chance to make large sums in cash commissions as nearly everybody who sees the plants fruiting on your grounds will want to buy some of them. Strawberry fruit brings a very high price during the summer and fall months, often reaching as high as \$1.00 per quart for greenhouse fruit.

Now if you can take hold and help us introduce this wonderful Everbearing "BLIZZARD KING" Strawberry, fill out the numbered order blank below and return to us at once with one dollar. We must know what to plan on at once as our stock of seed is limited and that part of it reserved for advertising purposes will be placed in a very few days.

Awaiting your reply and trusting that you can help us introduce this valuable fruit, we remain,

Yours very truly,

THE GARDNER NURSERY COMPANY,

*C. E. Gardner*

Advertising Manager.

ORDER BLANK NO. 40.  
The Gardner Nursery Company,  
Osage, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I accept your offer and inclose herewith one dollar for enough seed of the "BLIZZARD KING" Everbearing Strawberry to grow me upwards of 25 first-class plants. I will help advertise the variety as much as I conveniently can by showing the plants and fruit, and it is agreed that I am to receive 25% commission on all sales of plants that may come from my influence. Send the seed and directions for culture to me at following address.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box or R.F.D. \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

LATER.

"BLIZZARD KING" STRAWBERRY SEED FREE.

If you can accept our offer of GROUP C as described in other letter and will fill out the blank at bottom of next page of this letter and return to us at once, we will include enough seed of the "Blizzard King" to grow upwards of 25 first-class plants (\$25.00 worth) without any charge. If you take advantage of this extra offer and return the coupon at once you will get the 342 FRUIT trees, etc., as listed in Group C with the 5 Nut trees, 2 Grapes and the "Blizzard King" Strawberry seed, all delivered to you at proper time this FALL, safe arrival guaranteed, all for the small expense charge of \$10.00 which is but a small fraction of the actual value of the stock. This \$10.00 expense charge is not due until stock reaches you in GOOD CONDITION this fall, but if you prefer to send the same now with your acceptance you may do so and receive the 5 extra fruit trees as offered.

We are very anxious to get GROUP C placed with you and we have made these extra inducements to get you to fill out the coupon order blank and return to us at once so that we may know what to plan on and before our supply of seed of the Blizzard King is exhausted.

If for any reason you cannot handle Group C then by all means order the Blizzard King Strawberry Seed. We believe that this variety is going to create a lot of excitement in the fruit-growing world and people will be very anxious to buy the plants as soon as they learn of its wonderful everbearing powers.

Now we much prefer that you take Group C and get the strawberry seed FREE, but if you cannot, then we urge that you take the seed alone and fill out the Blizzard King coupon on second page of this letter and send to us at once with the dollar.

If you decide to take Group C, and we hope that you will, then fill out the Group C order coupon on last page of this letter and get all of the extras FREE. We must know right away as we cannot promise to put in the Blizzard King seed without we hear from you at once. Our seed was purchased at a very high price and our supply is limited and we desire to get that part of it reserved for advertising scattered as much as possible.

Now please do the very best you can to help us in this work and we in turn will do our best to please you in every way and to make our dealings together very satisfactory and profitable to you. This is a long letter, but it is about an important subject and we trust that it has succeeded in interesting you in our HARDY "BLIZZARD BELT" fruits and particularly in the Blizzard King Everbearing Strawberry.

Awaiting your reply with return of coupon, we remain,

Faithfully yours,  
THE GARDNER NURSERY COMPANY,

*C. K. Gardner.*

Advertising Manager.

GROUP C ORDER COUPON

The Gardner Nursery Company,  
Osage, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I accept your offer of GROUP C and you may ship the same with the TWO GRAPE VINES, FIVE NUT TREES, and the "BLIZZARD KING" Strawberry Seed at proper time this FALL, to me at

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Railroad town.)

and I will pay the \$10.00 expense charge to the EXPRESS AGENT on arrival, in GOOD CONDITION, of the 349 trees, etc., and strawberry seed as offered in letter to which this coupon was attached. It is agreed that this \$10.00 is to cover the entire expense to me and that there will be no after claims of any kind.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box or R.F.D. \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBJECT.....ADVERTISING STATION.....

OFFER MADE TO.....

OUR "BLIZZARD BELT" TREES ARE  
HARDY AND FULL OF FRUITING VIGOR



*Osage, Iowa.*

Do you know that you can make a veritable "GOLD MINE" out of that spare piece of garden ground that is now bringing you little or no returns.

This letter is not to solicit you to act as agent for our nursery stock, but is to explain to you our plan of advertising our "BLIZZARD BELT" Fruits, Ornamentals, etc., which, if you are in a position to co-operate with us, will bring you many dollars in actual money returns, besides adding hundreds of dollars to the appearance and value of your place.

We are very anxious to get our HARDY "BLIZZARD BELT" trees more thoroughly introduced and we have decided to establish a Branch Advertising Station in your locality this FALL. This Advertising Station we want to place with some well-known person and already having had some correspondence with you we are placing this plan before you for your advice and approval. This new plan, which we are sure would be very profitable for you and a mighty good advertisement for us is as follows:-If you can co-operate with us in the enterprise we want to send to you at proper time this FALL a large group of our best "BLIZZARD BELT" trees, in the tried and tested varieties that we think will do well with you and of the sizes named which will make a fine showing as soon as planted. The financial benefits for both of us

will come from the advertising and business that will naturally come from the influence of the Station for we know from experience that as soon as the stock is planted it will attract a great deal of attention and inquiries and orders will follow as a matter of course from parties who first become interested in our company through seeing your Station stock growing and fruiting. We do not ask you to act as agent, but simply to plant out the stock and keep it in as good shape as you can and let it do its own advertising. We furnish you with our COLORED PLATE catalogue and order blanks, to pass out to interested parties and we agree to pay you a CASH COMMISSION of 25% on all orders coming to us on order blanks passed out from your Station. During the past few years we have paid out thousands of dollars in CASH COMMISSIONS and you can just as well share in them during the coming years, if you can co-operate with us in the enterprise.

Now the stock we have selected as being most suitable for your locality we designate as "GROUP C" which letter please mention when you write as we keep an exact copy of this letter. "GROUP C" contains the following valuable stock:

- 2 Large MONTMORENCY Cherry trees, 4 to 6 ft.
- 5 CHERRY trees, 3 to 4 ft. Best assorted varieties.
- 5 APPLE trees, assorted LONG SCION trees, 4 to 6 ft
- 10 APPLE trees, 3 to 4 ft, assorted varieties.
- 5 HYBRID PLUM trees, 4 ft. Worth 75 cts. each.
- 2 HYBRID Peach trees. Crosses for experiment.
- 1 Selected PEAR tree, extra hardy sort.
- 10 BLIZZARD BELT RASPBERRY plants.
- 25 "PRINCE" DUNLAP Strawberry plants.
- 25 "LADY" WARFIELD Strawberry plants.
- 25 "OLD KING" GARDNER Strawberry plants.
- 6 CURRANT bushes, 2 yrs. old. Fine varieties.
- 2 Flowering Mountain Ash, 3 to 4 ft.
- 2 Carolina Poplars, 3 to 4 ft.
- 2 Flowering Catalpa, 2 to 4 ft.
- 25 Semi-ornamental Forest trees, Ash, Elm, etc.
- 50 Norway Spruce, 2 yrs. old. For windbreak or hedge.
- 50 Pines, 2 years old. Very fast growers.
- 50 Best table ASPARAGUS plants, extra fine.
- 10 "Grandmother's" PIEPLANT (Rhubarb).
- 30 AMOUR BERBERRY hedge plants. Fine fruit for jelly.

GROUP C as described contains a total of 342 HARDY "BLIZZARD BELT" Fruits, Trees, Ornamentals, etc. which at regular selling price would bring close to \$30.00 and agents would easily get from \$50.00 to \$60.00 for the entire group. Now our OFFER TO YOU is to deliver the entire 342 trees to your town at proper time this FALL, SAFE ARRIVAL GUARANTEED, for the small expense charge of \$10.00 which is but a small per cent of the value of the stock. This amount we require as a matter of good faith and to help to defray the necessary expense of growing the stock, digging, labeling, packing and express charges on the 342 trees, etc. to your express office. This \$10.00 expense charge, which is all that the entire 342 trees, etc. will cost you, is payable at express office this fall after the stock reaches you in GOOD CONDITION. Should you prefer to send the amount now with your acceptance of our offer we will add 5 CHOICE FRUIT trees to the group FREE, as it would save us some book work and express charges not to make an account of the expense charge on our books. We GUARANTEE SAFE ARRIVAL of the stock in either case, so you may feel perfectly free to do as you choose as to when to send the \$10.00, as either time as stated will be entirely satisfactory to us.

We have no contract to sign and there are no after-claps to our offer which is fully stated herewith. The stock in the group would greatly increase the beauty and value of your place and it would all belong to you the same as if you had purchased it outright and had paid us full price for the 342 trees and plants. The stock may be planted together in one plot or scattered to different parts of your grounds as may be most convenient for you.

We can ship as early or as late in the FALL as you may wish and we supply you with complete directions for planting and care of the stock so that anyone not experienced in horticulture can make a success of the work. WE GUARANTEE SAFE ARRIVAL of the stock and as to our responsibility we refer you to our references as found on printed matter inclosed.

Take an "AUTOMOBILE RIDE" with us through our nurseries (see circular) and see how well we care for our growing stock. During the past year we have shipped

our "BLIZZARD BELT" trees to every state and territory in the United States, besides large orders to many foreign countries. We merely mention these matters as a sort of introduction for we already feel that you will treat us fairly if you can co-operate with us, and we want you to feel equally certain of receiving the same fair treatment from us in return.

Should you at any time wish to plant more nursery stock than that furnished in "GROUP C", we will supply you with the very best at 25% off from our regular catalogue prices.

Now we have studied over this offer very carefully and we have made it just as fair and liberal as we possibly could. We know it will pay you well if you can co-operate with us in the enterprise, and the HARDY "BLIZZARD BELT" stock as listed in GROUP C will make a splendid advertisement for us. In making our plans it is necessary for us to know right away as to whether you can co-operate with us and it will be a great favor if you will carefully study over our offer, and if at all possible for you to do so, let us have your acceptance of our offer of GROUP C for FALL shipment, SAFE ARRIVAL GUARANTEED, on the very liberal terms named in this letter.

Anticipating the pleasure of having your valued co-operation in the enterprise and with a CORDIAL HAND SHAKE across the miles, we remain,

Faithfully yours,

Dic. by  
C.E.G.  
Group C

THE GARDNER NURSERY COMPANY,

*C.E. Gardner.*

Advertising Manager.

P. S.-

The \$10.00 expense charge covers the entire cost to you of the 342 Fruit Trees, etc., delivered to your express office at proper time this FALL, all transportation charges paid in full and SAFE ARRIVAL GUARANTEED. Send the amount with your acceptance and receive the extra FIVE FRUIT trees FREE, or pay at express office this FALL after the stock reaches you in GOOD CONDITION, as you prefer.

# Yankton Nursery

Yankton, South Dakota,  
C. W. Surney, Manager

also  
President of Surney Seed Company

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BROADWAY AND ONE MILE NORTH OF  
BON HOMME ROAD

YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

Oct. 26. 1908

A.W.Latham

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir :- I am enclosing a pair of "letters" from the Gardeners of Osage Iowa. Possibly you have seen them. I am more than astonished that such frauds can exist and wax fat ~~at such silly frauds.~~

I wish you would read them and then return them to me with your opinion. In doing this dont write anything you dont want me to quote to the Post office Department. I have sent these letters to several of our leading Horticulturists and have some very interesting answers. It is my present purpose to get as many as necessary of these and then make a complaint to the P.O.D., using extracts from these letters but not the letters. You will, I suppose, know that the P.O.D. does not publish these complaints or the names of the complainants or witnesses.

I am ashamed of my horticultural connections when such a man is made president of the Iowa society and held there 3 years and then made president of the Eastern Iowa society. Are the Horticulturists sunk so low in this general atmosphere of grafting that it has become to them an idle matter?

I think it is not necessary for me to write more.

Awaiting your answer I am

Very Truly Yours,





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, SAM'L B. GREEN, St. Anthony Park.



Office (and Library) of

A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLDG.,

Minneapolis, Minn. ,10/29/08.

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C. W. Gurney,  
Yankton, S.D.  
Dear Mr. Gurney,-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 26th. inst. accompanied by enclosure of advertisements from Gardner Nursery Company. I have seen something of these before, as they have been sent in by members of our society, but I have so far received no word of complaint from anyone as to the stock that is being furnished under this offer, so I don't know exactly what to think about it. Under these circumstances it would be of course quite improper for me to assume that the nursery is not sending out stock adapted to the localities to which it is going, and when the prices at which this stock is offered ~~are~~ compared with the prices at which similar stock is sold by agents canvassing through the country I am not surprised that people are taking advantage of this offer, and yet I do not know that they are. Probably you have some facts in your possession that I have not to guide you in your thought in the matter. I believe I have never heard anything against the methods of this nursery company from anyone, and my acquaintance with Mr. C. F. Gardner personally makes me very loath to believe that he is not conducting an honorable business. We shall probably meet him at our gathering the first week in December, as he is quite a regular attendant at the annual meetings of this society.

There are some things about this circular I should like much to talk over with you, but shouldn't care to speak of ~~it~~ at this time.

Looking forward with much pleasure to the opportunity of meeting you at our annual gathering, I am,

Yours fraternally,

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October 28, 1908.

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
 207 Kasota Bldg.  
 Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter received. I am glad to know that Judge Moyer will be with us at the next annual meeting. Have just received a letter from President Bomberger in which he stated that he had not yet made the appointment of delegates from the Society. Will advise you as soon as the appointments are made.

In relation to the matter of contributions to Mr. Patten, will say that he has received a little over \$600. from the Society during the past year. This, however, is not in the shape of an annual payment, but was by special appropriations. What it may do next year I am not advised as yet.

Yours truly,



# Yankton Nursery

Yankton, South Dakota,  
C. W. Surney, Manager  
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President of Surney Seed Company

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AGLA LLITA YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

Oct. 21. 1908

A.W.Latham Esq.

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir :- I have your favor of the 19. It is my intention to be there the day before the meeting opens and to stay till the end. I anticipate much pleasure in this meeting.

Very Truly Yours,

*C. W. Surney*

Nara Springs Oct. 18-1908

Friend Latham.

Yours Reed, this morning. We were pleased to hear from you once more. Your wishing I was younger or a little stronger. Puts me in mind of the old man who said to his young wife I suppose you wish I was ten years younger - She replied - Oh, my dear I sooner wish you were ten years older - While I appreciate your <sup>kind</sup> wishes I feel that it is too true the case that about 1/2 of our leading schemers was I was 10-years older I - Such is life. One thing I would be more than glad to demonstrate to you more fully than is the schemey doings of a few of our would be leading Herts. I refer to a few leading members of our State Hunt Soc who have for a number of years been flooding the N.W. with nursery stock largely grown many miles South of even of Ogge or Gas City

2-  
But to the point - I need not tell you  
we are all working with some object  
in view, either selfish or otherwise  
This being a fact DA becomes us all to  
study and learn the real motives  
of those who try to engage the attention  
of those they wish to solicit favors from  
I think I am as free from such charges  
as any one who has been been trying  
to serve the public these many long  
years. I never sold an Apple tree in  
my life. Never set one expecting to  
sell the fruit - The pertinent  
question for you to consider just  
now is, viz - What are you to gain  
if you visit our section N. - You will  
see the man who set the first apple tree  
N. Y. a. Who has been setting trees up to  
date as far back as the Spring of 1854  
What is more his once 7. used (4. now)  
has been set on almost every kind of soil  
and slope. Mainly sloping S. W. and  
thoroughly shut in by timber protects  
What is more we have two hundred kinds  
of Apple trees the majority have been in  
bearing for many years. All I make special  
reference to will be about 7 - kinds that  
I prize above any of all the others. All but  
two kinds have been bearing on my grounds  
for 4- & 5 years the other two 7. to ten that I grafted

The two other kinds <sup>37</sup> I refer to are  
close by that I grafted about 12 years  
ago the varieties I refer to are all  
long keepers and all of superior quality.  
The one seedling that I have referred  
to that is so highly prized for a very  
early dessert apple. It is perfect in the  
matter of fruit as any one could ask  
for. Its location is about 4 rate Street  
1884 unharmed has been a full annual  
bearer ever since. Think you could secure  
a few of the cions from this tree on some  
condition I cannot imagine any possible  
thing one could add to this seedling to  
make it more desirable unless it would  
to give it a brilliant red. I have all the  
other 7 growing on my grounds or near by.  
Think sure I can get samples of the fruit  
of all except the one Early. Now can you  
Gibson-Horn afford to put off and delay  
such an opportunity as I have been  
trying to place before you. If I was young  
I would buy a small farm near one that  
is a good location to grow fruit and start a  
small fruit farm at once. And that too  
with these 7 & some varieties I have been  
testing on a good rate site for many years.  
Take out the Waltham and Malinda from your  
list and you have nothing left except it be for

for such sites as are down or low as  
 any site is. 4 & 5 on a scale of one to 7  
 The time was when the undersigned  
 held the La. State list in his own hands  
 The schemers had applied to the Legislature  
 for a donation to help them on the  
 R.R. from our District was appointed  
 chairman of the Comm. to investigate  
 so before any action was taken he made  
 a trip to see me and advise what to be  
 done He got me to make out a list  
 of such varieties as I would recommend  
 Now says he if your Govt will not  
 adopt this list without as you have it  
 they'll get no appropriation. I think this was  
 back about 1878 Dr. Wilbur of Rockford  
 was then our Representative. The list  
 stand there on the record. This was all  
 right for the time being but while I  
 advise going careful, I say we must  
 step forward and not stay stuck in  
 the swamp when we should be on the  
 aggressive march. I need not tell you our  
 State or K.C. ports. We are in the swamp but  
 are playing sharp by there stillness. Filling  
 their pockets from our public funds and  
 from the untaught peoples meagre earnings  
 We cannot for the good of the N.W. afford to wait  
 Schemers have already held us back for 20-years  
 Come and see. Surely is the way  
 E. J. ...

1911

Nora Springs Oct 16

Friend Latham

In my recent communication to you, Honored Pres. Prof Green I admitted to refer to many things that I should have done I wish now to comment on the the heavens wide difference that must appear to the casual observer when he has read your last monthly and compared it with our own I say this to you personally knowing its a bad card that writes its own rest But will say Prof Green is a real good man in mind, But can do no other way but obey the behests of the scheme ring holder whose orders he knows he must shape his work To be plain I must say that your last monthly is ten times as more than a hundred times the real value of our last With such managers as we have had for the last few years is it any wonder we who ought to be first

are in reality dwindled down or  
 reduced to a mere shadow -  
 My object in writing to you and to  
 Prof. Green is to try if possible to induce  
 some one of you or two to come and  
 examine the orchards in and about  
 Nora Springs I refer more especially to the  
 old orchards in this vicinity. It strikes  
 me that you could bring out and settle  
 many points of interest which would  
 many times repay you for all the needed  
 expenses We would be more than  
 pleased to receive such a visit from  
 any one two or three of you if you or  
 Green can come Can't you send our old  
 friend Elliott. Minn. - I can well afford  
 to keep at least one Honest Indian on  
 the lookout Not to gather facts for a  
 ring of schemers but for the sole  
 benefit of the masses. I think I can  
 put you on track of as many as seven  
 kinds of apples that either one of them  
 are of more real value than all the new  
 things brought out since 1884 & 5.  
 If either of these fail it would be that  
 they might not prove to be fully as hardy  
 as the Duches but But I think I know that  
 all of these I refer to are fully as hardy as  
 you so highly praised Patten Greening  
 which I know is not as hardy as P. Greening

If you have any fears as to your being  
satisfied here it may be wise for you to  
write me soon and question me on  
such points as you think you might  
be most likely to raise a question on  
I would very much dislike to have it  
thought that I deceived you I need  
not repeat this to you that I have not  
the faintest bit of pecuniary interest in  
trying to trade you or promise the  
various points I have referred you to  
And yet I am now fully prepared to  
say I care or would give over all of  
these valuable varieties for a good  
if I was young I would hold them and at  
once go to propagating them feeling as  
I could make a pile out of them I feel  
but I am too old 83. To day is my birth day  
The apple crop was light here this season  
We have sold every apple we can spare  
But I have samples kept for testing of  
some twenty kinds or more. All grown on  
upstate site some grafted as much  
as twenty five years ago. All as far back as  
1900. I do not mention this one in my letter  
to Prof. Green it is to all appearances a  
complete duplicate to the N.W. Greening  
to look at But excels it in keeping in  
bearing and quality. And I think the  
tree is fully as hardy and a little more  
so it has borne 5 full crops in succession and

It so far has shown 4 no blight or any  
other injury Every body who taste it say  
it beats the N.W.G. entirely. Don't  
think I sent this variety to you last  
season. I sent you one resembling it  
very much I named Lord Dunstons  
This one tree has been bearing five or 6  
years heavy on a farm my nephew owned  
some years ago when I set the grafts  
This tree is six or 7 inches through now  
I saw it a few weeks ago loaded with fine  
large apples. I have many others that I have  
sorted out that have not been tested  
so long I do not know how I came by the  
one that so much resembles the N.W.G.  
but think it came in cists sent me by  
Judge Spurreo brother some 13 years ago  
I write Prof. Green this week I suppose he has  
seen you & shown you the letter. The apples  
I sent you last fall I heard did not reach  
you in very good condition This surprised  
me as I thought I got them up in good shape  
I heard the apples were handed over to Mr  
Elliot for further testing. Have never  
learned how they kept or what was  
thought of them. It turned cold the day I  
shipped them & they may have been left  
out on some truck and got frosted. If one  
of you there can come can't you manage to send  
Mr S. N. Kinney who would be a competent judge

If you so arrange as to come or  
 send any one and I can inform  
 on what train you will arrive on I  
 will try and meet you there. But don't  
 forget you ought to spend as much  
 as two days looking over the many  
 points of interest in this part of Iowa  
 When you have looked things over  
 here I have no fears of your going home  
 thinking me of the N West can not  
 grow so large number of as fine  
 Apples for early summer for early fall  
 and for late winter as can be grown  
 any where but one to make sure  
 what select a favorable location  
 secure hardy stock and top work  
 there half bushy varieties in the branch  
 Come and see what the man has done  
 that set the first apple trees in N. I. on  
 And what is teaming with more signif-  
 icance than all he has accomplished  
 this on a fourth and fifth rate site  
 We have the evidence on all sides of us  
 to convince the most skeptical that I have  
 not overestimated the points under  
 consideration

They have sent to me to send them  
 a box of my Baltimore apples but  
 I am holding the few I have this season  
 for future use but I think I have  
 five or six other kinds that I should  
 prefer a little to this kind. The only fault  
 I find with the Baltimore is they are  
 light bearers every other year but  
 this is the fault of the Wealthy it bears  
 as a rule two heavy nearly every year  
 A tree that bears heavy should be well  
 fed. You ask if a sprout from the  
 root of an old tree is a seedling  
 Kelly's answer is correct but what  
 has puzzled me more is to know just  
 when any seedling occurs to be a  
seedling. Does every cion cause to  
 be a seedling when it leaves the  
 original tree I suppose you are in  
 touch of Prof Green and friend Elliott  
 shall look for every mail to bring  
 me some reply to my recent inquiries

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NEW ROCKFORD, N. D. Oct 24. 08

W. W. Lethum  
Minneapolis, Minn

Dear Sir I see by the last Horticulturist that Excelsior is shipping apples. Can you tell me of whom I can get 2 or 3 bbls of good varieties for winter use? I would like a few of the Minnetonka Apples to.

And can you inform me where to get some water Cress seed or plants, as my place has a River front and I wish to grow some. I would like also some white Lilly roots and Lotus to put in the small bay on my river front.

If it is not too much trouble would like all the information you can give.

Who lives on the Gideon place and who at the Hermitage?  
enclosed addressed & stamped envelope for reply

Respyly A M Greely

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YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA Oct. 16. 1908

A.W.Latham Sec.

Dear Sir :- I have your kind favor of the  
14 . I think if it pleases you I will give you a paper on  
"The distribution of Nursery stock".

This is a broad subject and might be subdivided several  
times, as "Acclimatization" "Transportation" "Nursery Handling &c  
But I think with this head I can be of some use to the Grand  
Army of Horticulturists.

Very Truly Yours,



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# SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

INCORPORATED JANUARY 9, 1890

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*Hon A. W. Letcher @ Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1908*

*Minneapolis Minn*

*My Dear Sir*

*Yours of 10th inst  
 addressed to Prof Hansen referred to  
 me - as you just recd. In reply will  
 state that Maj. L. W. Gurney of Yankton  
 has been appointed delegate  
 to your Annual Meeting.  
 Fraternally Yours  
 C. V. Gardner*

We cordially invite you to join the South Dakota State Horticultural Society. This society was incorporated January 9, 1890, and its mission is to gather and disseminate the best knowledge and experience concerning Fruits, Trees, Shrubs, Vegetables and Flowers. Horticulture is especially essential to home-making upon the open prairie, and the expert experience of prairie planters should be widely known. Every school house library should have several copies of the annual report. Everyone interested in gardening should have a set of the reports.

At the annual meeting of this society at Watertown, January 21-23, 1908, it was resolved to reduce the price of back volumes to 50c each. There are four of these annual volumes, all of which can be sent at once upon receipt of price except the fourth, the one for 1907, which has been long delayed, but is now about ready for the binder. Volume I contains 126 pages; Volume II, 226 pages; Volume III, 274 pages. These volumes constitute an exceedingly valuable library on prairie horticulture; they will soon be out of print and then cannot be obtained at any cost. Send \$3.00 today for these four back reports and the report for 1908, and you will not regret it.

By joining today you are sure to get your name on the 1908 membership list. As a matter of state pride we would like to have ONE THOUSAND new members this year. WILL YOU NOT BE ONE OF THEM?

Yours truly,

Brookings, South Dakota, March, 1908.

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Des Moines, Ia. Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1908

A. W. Langham  
Minneapolis. Minn.  
Dear Sir:

Your letter was received while I was in Wisconsin which will explain to delay in answering it.

The President has not yet made any appointments for next winter, so do not know why the delegate will be from this society - to Minnesota.

Will let you know as soon as the appointment is made -

Yours truly  
W. Greene



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The Minnesota Horticulturist St. Leo, Minn., July 15 1908  
Municipalis Minn  
Gentlemen: I see Vol. 36 No 7 contains an ad of the  
Ryan County Evergreen Nursery at Callowood Minn.  
which often appeared before, if you mean honest  
I hope you look these things up. I worked for the party  
3 weeks, and to my great sorrow, had to pay up out of  
my own pocket, to make folks half way satisfied  
not that alone, I haven't seen a man yet could say over

that they are half way honest. I suppose you are  
getting your pay for this advertising, I don't claim  
to be an angel myself, as you can see by my letter  
heads & envelope, as I have been a land shark  
I am selling nursery now and mean to do it  
honest. So I meant to do it honest, when I read  
the Ad. of the Regon Co Nursery for honest agents.  
If I stayed with them I would call it worse  
then land shark. I happened to have some  
honest Bankers in Canby, who told me the facts,  
or else I would be in the soup keeper  
If you only advertise for money, I can advertise  
you in some papers for it too, I hope. I haven't  
made a false statement yours Truly Jacob Guik  
J. G.

Victoria, Minn:  
August 27, 1908

A. W. Latham Esq:—

Dear Sir:— In reply to  
your favor of recent date  
I have to say, it seems  
that the very heavy rains this  
Spring injured the blossoms much  
many of my trees are not  
bearing and the Apples are  
slow in ripening and not  
fit for State fair.

Yours fraternally  
Henry Gerdson



# The Minnesota State Rose Society

ORGANIZED 1904

Auxiliary of Minnesota State Horticultural Society

Secretary's Office  
St. Anthony Park, Minn.

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Mr A. H. Latham  
Dear Sir.

Aug. 19. 1908.

I have just come home from the Lake and have had such a rest. I feel I must get to work. The following are some names to be entered for our Rose Society Please.

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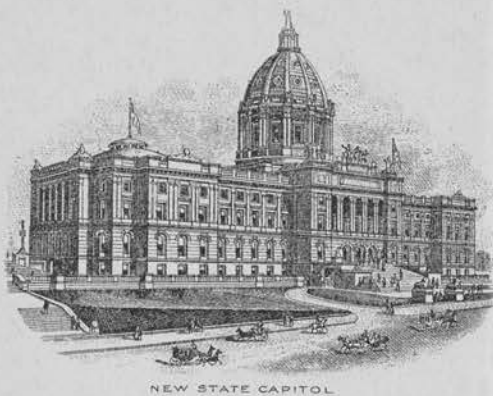
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We now have 99 members don't you think that good for so young a society. I am afraid I will not have much for the fair as it has been so dry.

Yours in the work.

Mrs F H Gibbs Sec.

C/O



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Lynd, Minn., Aug. 10, 1908.

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Bldg.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of August 5th is received. Thru the kind help of a daughter of an old friend of mine, I can dictate a reply. I have suffered from a serious accident. I am lying upon the bed with an arm broken in two places. I have laid here for two weeks. I am making, however, a good recovery, I hope. I can not accept to your kind invitation to attend the annual meeting of your society. If all is well I will be in Colorado at that time.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Gregg,  
per A. M. Jacobson.

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Dubuque, Iowa, July 14 1908

Prof A W Falkner  
Minnapolis Minn

Dear Sir

I send you by this mail  
the cut you ask for in your  
letter of the 6th

Fruit crop here is about nothing  
Hail destroyed lots of the cherries  
apples dropping bad. Rasp about  
all rot and top killed in air.  
last summer winter - too much rain  
ground is just getting into workable  
condition. Think I will be with next  
meeting  
Yours truly  
W. H. Guilford



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C. H. Latham,

207 Kasota Bldg.

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir,

Secretary's Office  
St. Anthony Park, Minn.

July, 7, 1908.

We have some new names

for the Rose Society and will send them now.

- ✓ Mrs. W. H. Mull. White Bear R. F. D. Minn
- ✓ Mrs. F. H. Snyder - The Frederic Hotel St Paul ..
- ✓ Mrs. N. Holt 3708 Upton Ave S. Minneapolis ..
- ✓ Mr. W. C. Dummell Newport ..
- ✓ Emerson Hadley. 123 Fairington Ave St Paul ..
- ✓ L. C. Jefferson 1126 Summit Ave St Paul ..
- ✓ W. A. H. Dunning Lowry Bldg. St Paul ..
- ✓ W. H. L. Arms Hector ..
- ✓ Mrs. A. L. Hall 5th + St Peter St St Paul - ..
- ✓ Mrs. W. H. Lightner. 318 Summit Ave St Paul ..
- ✓ Mrs. J. A. Abbott 487 Ashland Ave. St Paul ..
- ✓ Mrs. Eleanor Fletcher St Louis Park ..
- ✓ Mrs. S. W. Raubenbush. 789 Lincoln Ave. St Paul ..

Mrs. F. H. Gibbs Sec.

(How is this?)

POSTAL CARD

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St. Anthony Park, Minn.

## Minnesota Rose Society.

This society is an auxiliary to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and any one paying \$1.00 to this society also becomes a member of the Horticultural Society.

Mr G. W. Latham.

Jun 24, 1908.

Dear Sir. I am sending you the name  
of Mrs W. H. Mull. White Bear R. F. D.  
Minn. <sup>for the Rose Soc.</sup> The entries are coming in  
pretty good, so I guess we will have  
a good show of flowers. Mrs F H Gibbs Sec.

OLIVER GIBBS

— GROWER OF —

Tropical and Semi-tropical Fruits

BASHAN

On the East side of the Sound known as Indian River, about 200 miles south of Jacksonville,  
and near the Postoffice called

MELBOURNE BEACH, FLORIDA

June 17, 1908

Dear Secretary Latham:

I must write a short, fresh letter for you to read to the old friends, and to the new, at the summer meeting.

President Green will remember the hole dug in the sand ~~by~~ close to a by-drawt where he helped me drown a skunk and I presume he is full of remorse yet from the protracted brutality of the effort; some alleviation of which may be possible when he hears that from an old-fashioned Mountain Sweet water melon seed, planted near that hole, and which the little ~~range~~ roger might have dug up & eaten for that was his regular nocturnal picnic, I have on my porch a melon that ~~grows~~ "grows" four feet around its north & south poles and three feet by the equator. I wish I could set this melon up as part of your feed, the day, and then ~~testify~~ the size & prove the quality of the melon.

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2/ \_\_\_\_\_, 1908

The president looked over my young  
\* peach-persimmon mix-up grove  
right then & there - the peaches planted  
a year ago last January. One of the  
little peach trees not ~~so~~ much if any  
higher than his heart, carries 87 fruits  
that will be dead ripe this week; its five [5]  
slender limbs, all staked & tied to hold up  
the fruit, are now, among the ~~the~~ dense foliage,  
a blaze of purplish fire. Our peaches  
here, are many varieties of crosses &  
seedlings of the Chinese Honey & Peen-to  
groups. We shall, in a few years, fill  
your markets with them ahead of the Albertas  
of Georgia.

I had hoped to drop in on your  
meeting this time, but conditions have  
not been favorable for that.

Yours truly  
Oliver Gibbs