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A. K. Latham,

Albert Lea, Minn.,

11/28/08

Mpls. Minn.

Dear Sir:- Inclosed please find draft
for \$1.25 for following ~~members~~ members for 1909

(all re-nials):

- O. N. Kjerland, Northwood, Iowa
- John D. Bislav, Northwood, Iowa Route #3
- D. R. P. Hibbs, Albert Lea
- H. O. Klukow, " " Route #5.
- J. S. Decker, Austin, Minn.

Very truly,

O. Peterson
Secy.



Winter Scene at C. G. Patten and Son's Nursery—Box Making—Charles City, Iowa.

POST CARD

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGE

11/24, '08.

Dear Sir:

Will you

please secure me a room

at the Hotel Majestic

and oblige.

Very truly yours,

(C. G. Patten.)



Mr. A. W. Latham,

207 Kasota Bldg.,

Minneapolis,

Minn.

✓ 5.00
Walnut Grove, Minn
Nov, 24, 1908.

A. W. Latham
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed please find \$5.00
for the first annual installment
on a life membership to the society,
also let me know if I am to receive
the plant premiums each year.

Yours truly
J. S. Pederson.

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A. W. Latham,
Mpls. Minn.

My Dear Sir:—
Inclosed please find
letter from A. L. Veigel. Now I feel sure
that I sent you his name with other
names, as his name is on my book, and
I have taken pains to be careful in these
matters.

Very truly,

O. M. Peterson
Secy.

P.S.

Perhaps it is in the address.

His address is:—

Wankato.

Route #8.

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50TH ANNUAL FAIR

OF THE

La Crosse County Agricultural Society

WEST SALEM, WIS., SEPT. 9, 10, 11, 1908

Nov 24

Dear Friend Latham

I sent you a card yesterday also one to the Magistic - saying I hoped to be there Monday evening when I hope to be able to call on you at your office in person. We are to have a noted scotch lecturer here on Tuesday evening the 7th and my tickets are bought and seats reserved. but on second and serious thought I thought the situation over, and concluded that I would derive more satisfaction and pleasure at your opening session + hearing Harrisson's invocation, jayned song, and the handshaking + greeting of old time friends than I could get out of any 50 dollar lecture. Just think to get there Wednesday noon hot time to get acquainted before the Banquet where yahrke and myself used to plan to have some original fun each year. am not sure of any female company on my trip. but I'll take Walter or some other good fellow for my room mate. Regards to Elliott and your family
yours
A. J. Phelps

Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

ENTRY BLANK

Exhibitor's Name

Post Office

County State

Please make entries by mail, the week before the meeting if possible.

ARTICLE. FOLLOW WORDING IN PREMIUM LIST.

Nov 17/08
Frederic Latham.

I have no fruit to exhibit this winter, as I had a total failure the past year did not have a bush of Apples for market. therefore I am financially short. I do not think I will be there this winter, I hope you may have a large attendance and good exhibit of fruit. I wish you success & a good time.
Respectfully
W L Parker

The articles to be exhibited under these entries were all of them grown by me.

Signed

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Nov-18

Dear Bro Latham

I have paid but little attention to the orchard this summer, so am sorry to say I have nothing to exhibit at the winter meeting. But my small exhibits will not be missed. Engage a room for me at the majestic. I do not care for a room with bath but would like it as we had last winter near to a closet. I want to bring my wife but if she does not come I want to bring one of my daughters and she can have the room & I will bunk up with some odd members. I have to be here on Tuesday evening but will be there about noon on Wednesday if nothing happens to prevent. Hope you will have a pleasant time and a good attendance.

Yours very truly
A. J. Phillips

Red Wing, Nov 18 1908

Friend Satham

Dear Sir

I see by the premium list that it calls for five apples for each variety I did not know it till after I sent my box but I will send some by mail direct to you so you can take charge of them, or I may go up when I start for Cal. if I have time I cannot send 20-a as we used the last of them the No 5 I put in to fill the box they keep very well but did not

color up as well as usual
and the 54 is not colored so
well as usual the tree grows
near the road so I had to
pick them too early to get
any. Yours truly
J. E. Perkins

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NEW ULM, MINN.

FRUIT STOCKS AND FOREST TREES.

NEW ULM, MINN., *Nov. 7.* 190*8*

Mr. A. W. Latham.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir.

Allow me to thank you for permitting me to show my landscape plans at the meeting.

In regard to that report on plant breeding work I would like to say that your former correspondence has been with my father, Wm. Pfaender Jr.

However I told him what you had written and he said it will suit him perfectly not to make a report this year as he is & will be very busy. He doesn't think that he can come to the meeting unless he could come one or two days which I assured him would be better than none. —

So your arrangement will be entirely satisfactory to him.

Very cordially yours
Max Pfaender.

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NEW ULM, MINN., Oct. 26, 1908. 190

A. W. Latham,
Mpls., Minn.

Dear Sir !

I should like to inquire of you concerning exhibitions at the coming annual meeting. I have several Landscape Plans which I should like to show at the winter meeting. They include plans of parks, school grounds and home grounds. They are samples of my work in Landscape gardening. I am sure that they will be instructive to all interested. I shall also be present at the meeting to answer questions concerning " what and how to plant for best results".

These plans vary from 2 x 4 feet to 3 x 6 feet and can be hung or tacked on the walls in the exhibition room.

Very sincerely yours,

Max Pfaender

Red Wing Nov 9 1909

Friend Latham

Dear Sir

I received your letter this noon
and will fill out the blanks
for entries. Now if the lack
of one apple throws me out
all right you can send them
back to me and I will pay
express charges. I should like
first rate to be there but I
cannot. you spoke about Tim
going up you remember of one
making excuses in the Bible
one had bought a yoke of oxen
and another had married a wife

and could not go. he will
be in the same fix as
the last one. There isent
any one to leave to take
care of the stack of wadgen
horses and 20 head of cattle and
about 60 hogs he would enjoy
being there very much I have
rented him the farm so he
has to see to every thing
no more this time.

Yours truly

J. B. Perkins.

Red Wing Nov 4 1908

Friend Latham

Dear Sir

I send a small box of samples
for winter meeting the numbers
are on them so you can
make the entries. I will
not be able to be there this
time as wife and I leave
for Cal. etc after Thanksgiving
my P. O. address will be Barterville
but if I am lucky enough to
get any prize you can send
it to J. E. Perkins Red Wing and
Jim will take care of it. I will
direct the box to myself in your

care so it will be delivered
in time

Yours truly
F. E. Perkins

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Charles City, Iowa, 2/29, '08.

Sec'y A. W. Latham,

207 Kasota Blk.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have lately been cutting up and saving the seeds of some of my cross-bred apples, hoping thereby to still farther advance the improvement of this most valuable of all fruits.

Our State Professor of Horticulture S. A. Beach of Ames, recently sent me specimens of some twelve cross-bred varieties that he had produced while in charge at the Geneva New York Experiment Station. And the comparison with my own has been instructive and interesting. Just why they used Ben Davis so much as the mother parent with crosses of such excellent apples as Newtown Pippin, Mother, Esopus Spitzenburg and Jonathan I cannot understand, unless it was on account of the wide range of longitude over which this apple has proven so productive and so good in tree. Surely not because of its quality or hardiness in tree much north of Missouri. But their experiments coupled with mine which conclusively shows that we can raise the quality in our new fruits, even though we have to use apples of such quality as Ben Davis and Hibernial as one of the foundation parents.

Among the apples from which I have been saving seeds are the Patten-Greening and Grimes crosses which I showed at your winter meeting. My Seedling apples have been numbered from No. 1 upward, not because No. 1 was the best in quality, but because it was the first one of that cross or parentage to bear fruit. There are at least six of my Patten Greening and Grimes crosses that I deem valuable foundation stock for farther improvement on account of size, form, and blended quality of fruit and hardiness of tree. Numbers one, two and three were so top worked that their limbs hang together, also crosses with two other winter apples of Roman Stem, Red Canada and Patten Greening crosses. No. 3 of the Grimes crosses is at least two sizes larger than Grimes, a little more melting in flesh, slightly less acid, and has kept this year until the end

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of January. It is a fair eating apple, color not quite so yellow as Grimes. No. 2 is a round almost perfect form, just the right size, very smooth and just acid enough for a good cooking apple. Will keep well until the end of March, quality fair to good. No. 1 is a full size larger than Grimes, almost identical in form with a fine shading of orange color. Has a nice blending of sweet and ~~acid~~ acid, making a fine sauce, but is too tough in flesh for an eating apple. Tree fine, a good early bearer, and I regard it of great value in our progressive horticulture, as also the two previous ones named. These apples are compact in core, and the robust character of their seed indicate vigor in the cross.

Some of these Grimes and Greening crosses are hardy enough for the North. But more good points are required in an apple to make it suitable for introduction than were required ten years ago. I also showed a very large highly colored Roman Stem Seedling that is so attractive and valuable in tree and fruit that I ought to have introduced it several years ago. Among those shown there were some crosses of the Briers Sweet and Pound Sweet which are very interesting. The sweet quality being a sweet character in all the seedlings. I am just now grafting a few to test them farther. They open up a new field of thought for intensifying any special character in tree or fruit, using only hardiness to secure hardiness, only sweet to secure sweet, in other words rigid selection for a purpose.

Another apple that came near getting the first premium—the Silas Wilson is showing up so well in comparison with the older keeping varieties like Talman-Sweet and Willow Twig that it is worthy of more than a passing notice. It is nearly rot proof, keeps fresh and juicy where most other sorts shrivel and lose their quality. It don't speck under the skin, don't fail at the core, in fact don't do anything but keep good, and is next to Jonathan and Grimes Golden in quality.

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But I cannot enumerate farther. Am saving the seeds of a lot of them and feel sure that this is the safe and straight road to travel.

Very truly yours,

Chas. G. Patten

Friend Latham,

I hope with what I have sent you before that this may help you out. Have been slow in getting around. But am now getting rested from my strenuous winter's work, and feel that I shall be O.K. on the opening of Spring for active labor.

I hope that you are keeping well this winter.

C. G. P.

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Charles City, Iowa, 1/10, '08

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

Dear Sir and Friend:

Your welcome letter of Dec. 31st is unanswered not from lack of thought or appreciation of the kindly words that it contained, but from the fact that much attendance at Horticulture gatherings had put me far behind with the work at my desk, and so much and long care of a large number of fruit had taxed my strength so that several days rest seemed necessary. But I am now ready for continuing the work in caring for the seeds that were planned for during the blooming season of the past spring. So many of them and of so many varieties, and crosses that I sometimes wonder how they shall be planted and cared for." It is most gratifying to me I assure you that I have done so much for Minnesota, and that I have lived to see the results of my labors, and to have received the hearty encouragement and commendation of, may I not say thousands of my friends and fellow citizens in Minnesota." Many years ago I repeatedly said that my work would do more for Minnesota than it would for Iowa, realizing as I did the potent influence of the Russian Siberian and the hardiest American varieties out of which improved fruits must come. But thought and labor are bringing its reward in fruits which are adapted to wider areas and of more varied and higher quality. The only thing now lacking is the material means to carry it forward. That part of it has been a heavy tax on the resources of mind and purse for a long time.

My later efforts from six to sixteen years ago have been more strictly scientific than prior to that time and have covered a wider field of experiment, so that very soon now there is good reason to hope that material advances will be seen not alone with the apple, but of the pear and plum also. It is however difficult to speak of so large a collection of new apples in a letter. It has been slow, pains-taking work to wait for the development of principles and

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results. We knew so little about the pedigree of the apple with which we had to deal. Then again the seeds of the same variety would not give equal results every year. My first plantings of the Roman Stem, a fairly hardy most excellent winter apple here resulted in very tender feeble seedlings. But later I have some most promising apples from that source. Both the Jonathan and Grimes Golden when crossed on the Patten Greening and other sorts have given some very promising and interesting fruits.

Among the Greening and Grimes Seedlings there are at least three winter apples that are keeping well and are a fair division in quality between the two parents. As time has passed the Patten Greening has developed so many good points in this breeding work, -in perfection of leaf, in growth and hardiness, and in early and profuse bearing of large sized fruit, and in its resistance to the canker of bark that has so seriously attacked the bark of the N. W. Greening and some other sort that it at once places that variety in the front rank as parent variety. The Malinda and Northwest are so tough in flesh and lacking in other respects as to make them of doubtful value as breeding varieties, their keeping quality being the only thing that can recommend them for that purpose. The P. Greening has already given me two or three apples of keeping promise, besides those already mentioned. The Eastman shown in my collection at your meeting is becoming so well known as a commercial variety that it scarcely needs farther notice in this connection. The Silas Wilson which was in such sharp competition among the best winter seedlings at your meeting has kept under the same conditions as the Malinda, with a less per cent of loss than the latter, does not wilt and retains its juiceness among the very best. One of the Roman Stem Seedlings of very large size, high color, good quality, keeping to late fall and early winter is an apple of great promise. Size seems to be a conspicuous character with many of my new fruits. The blending of the little

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Red Siberian with the Bailey and Pound Sweet apples has produced such a pronounced type of good sweet apples that it is at once valuable as well as very interesting. to the student of the Breeding problem.

Friend Latham, I send you two views which I hope you may be able to use. It was a winter day when this photo was taken and did not get me at the best. But the essential thing about it is the very large even size, distinct variety like appearance that these seedlings have, and from a small slender growing tree such as the Malenka is. Shall be glad to have them returned. I believe you have a photo of your humble friend. But I am going to venture to send you another, and possibly somewhat different.

Again let me assure you of my gratitude to you for your many liberal notices of me and my work.

Faithfully yours,

C. S.

C. G. Fatten.

I enclose you extract of what a friend of mine of fifty years acquaintance writes me in a recent letter, who lives not far from Mr. Burbank and who is well acquainted with the conditions ^{there} in California as well as those in Iowa, having lived here about twenty years before going to California.

"It is a queer thing to me that it has taken them so long to wake up to a realizing sense of what you have accomplished and what you might have done if they had extended the helping hand or even a little encouragement. I believe there were a few of the best Horticulturists who realized years ago what a wonderful good work you were doing. It vexes me not a little to have them compare you with Mr. Burbank. The conditions are not alike in the least. He has had nothing to contend with but to plant his seeds or cuttings and watch them grow. No climatic conditions to add a hundred fold to the labor itself and fill your mind with a constant anxiety for fear some severe winter conditions would come and destroy the seemingly well built fabric of years. I hope they will have the good sense to give you their help, and I very much wish that I could have seen your exhibit at Jamestown."

*This is from the man Mr. P. S. Eastman
who gave me the Duchess apple from which
originated the Patten Greening*
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Mr. A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Sir:

As I wrote you on Saturday I am sending you more views today. You can not use all, but select such as you wish and return as soon as you have used them. You will notice that the influence of the male parent is quite apparent in the crosses.

One thing that impressed me very much in this breeding work, is, that where I have only three to five trees of a given cross, that there will be one tree that in what we might denominate Constitutional appearance is so much superior to all the other trees in the cross. So that if we would select two or more of those most robust trees and breed them together, no one could predict what results we might secure. Of course there is a limit, but Nature ever invites us to discover her secrets.

Of course my exhibit there and at Des Moines, and Jamestown, Virginia were almost wholly of an educational nature, and they have certainly attracted very wide and marked attention. Of the fifty-seven varieties of seedlings that I showed at your meeting, aside from the Patten Greening there was only one variety of which we have trees to sell, so that I think no fair minded person would charge us with an unfair or unwarranted advertisement, and I would not have thought to have spoken of this only from what seems to me to have been an ungenerous criticism in a recent issue of the St. Paul Farmer.

I had on your table fruit of three lines of breeding which represented the 3d generation and from which seeds are being saved, besides the Grimes and Jonathan crosses and others also that are valuable. But had I not succeeded in producing a single valuable apple between such varieties as Grimes Golden, Jonathan and Patten Greening. The fruit of these crosses now bearing on the third and fourth year is immensely valuable in this breeding work,

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because we have blended the very hardiest and the very best apples together; and out of some of the seeds of these crosses if there is anything in breeding for characters there is sure to come some things that are of great value, and I am saving ten times more seeds than I ever saved before in any one year, for the reason that I never before had such an opportunity for securing the seeds of such a large number of desirable combinations as this year—the culmination of the labor of many years. And of this I am sure that no such a collection of apple seed for the advancement of this King of fruits was ever made in this Upper Mississippi Valley or in any other region as I am making in this year. And we will plant and care and wait and hope that the good Lord will give us the increase.

Faithfully yours,

Chas. G. Patten.

C. S.

GEO. R. PETERSON,
Box 42, R2, COLLIS, MINN.

June 22 1908

Friend, A. W. Latham,

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N^o 3 Prof. Hansen Hardy Strawberry

N^o 7 Six seedling *Cotoneaster acutifolia*

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word the Preis of the Horticulture,
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Further i woul Tanke you fore the
Premium and Manchurian Maple

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has not ~~thou~~ well, but the
best one has been laged

and 40 sein Trees ar the
Produce of this the best
Larwontree for Minn, i am

not hording those Plants, but
one to a famely Oil bed
soming in a few years, and

i am careful that them Oil be
taken Chare of

P.S. this County has been
overrun by Treagen, and
not anny thing can be seend
hardly for all the Tourings of
Dollor robe from the Peaple and
The Kurreryes vil be the Superior
in the Laist, as them had to, for
selling Vordles Stuf, to ilurpret
laist Spring the Consilman
of Wheaton bougt from a
Kurgery a lot of P. Phlox
to Plante in the Publick Parke
them had seen Phlox that com
from my Garden and deseire to
have some in ther Park but alas
but one Pure Ting live and it
not vordy of the Name Phlox,
200 Plants from my Garden vass
given awai to the residens of Wheato
and everyone Greve, Can you blime
the Cunsilman of Wheaton

Frend Latham i am afraid
i make you Laird but i must tell
you my luck i seedlings, i
am growin seedling in order to geat
hardy Stoke as i mow from grain
seedling that Grain kan bee improve
in Hardines verry Rapedely and
the same wil hold True on Flowers
and shrubs of 10 Varieties of, Mock
Orangs none wil stand the winter
some varieties Completely Kils auth
but a seedling Mock Orang of my
Plantings is 6 feet high and never
Froste a Lim in Perennial Phlox
i am the Proud Possessor of the
Best seedling Plant in Minn hardy
wickouth Protexsion as i dont Protekt
but give Vinbrek, i can cutte the
big Whit Flower Pink eye Stable dekoran
and the Stok leaf wil Brainse and
the Biggest Flowerpick wil appear in a shoo
time eights Brains is 6 in Long and
a D₂ of those Brains in 5 Stok

I see by the last Horticultural
an invitation to send all kinds
of improve seedling Plants to the
New Frugthfarm, i would endorse
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that this old styel is not in
my Favor and a lote more thinks
laik myself. Geo. R. Peterson

Delphinium, or Larkspure
Two seedlings of this
one of the best Bedding plants
for Minn. are fine and
a Semidouble i think it
wil Bee Perfectly Double
when well established and the
Collor the finest imagine
needed, to Light or to Dark Blue
But as Double Larkspures
are not anny New thing i
am only Glad to have it
But a Break in seedling
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is growin at my seedling Bed

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forgot to Put on the Spures
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similar to Climatis Cochine
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Most Beautiful light Blue
imaginable. is Completely
Surrounding 10 Snowwhite
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the Flower to Pisses for to
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Albert Lea, Minn.,

10/19/08

A. W. Latham

Mpls. Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. R. C. Livingston of
Spring Valley, will ^{start} act as Delegate from
this society to the State meeting in Dec.

He does not state to me whether or no he
will prepare paper for your program, but
perhaps he will do so if you wish it.

Mr. Livingston is one of our oldest members.

Very truly,

O. M. Peterson
Secy.

A. W. Latham

Worhead Minn
Oct. 19. 1908

Secy.
Minn. Hort. Society
207 Kasota Block
Minneapolis Minn.

My dear Mr. Secretary

I am almost ashamed to send in the enclosed report for its cramped writing, but lack of space for what I thought I must say poor eyesight and an old hand are responsible for it. - You note what I say about the seedling apple entries. I do not know to day, having forgotten, which two of the three varieties you have on file. I promise myself more from the Waskia than from the Wealthy and P. Greening seed as far as keeping qualities are concerned. It is as good a keeper as I ever heard of, certainly a better eating apple than Malinda but it lacks size not being but little larger than Waltham No. 20. I think I gave you a history of the apple one time as far as I know it.

Besides pears (seed) I would also suggest the introduction of other stone fruits. I know where I was born and brought up we had a number of seeds fruit I never hear of, we raised no peaches because the trees would not winter but one kind very dark purple red and velvety on outside and still deeper colored inside of rather medium size but certainly not up to the ordinary quality of our American peaches.

I should also like to see an attempt made to introduce for trial the filbert - a kind of hazel nut but sweeter and much larger than our common hazel nut. My son tells me he found nuts in a hollow tree stored there by squirrels between Lake Bernedji and As Lake in Bethamie County Minn that were as large and full as ones as any filbert's nuts you buy in stores. The trees he saw, the largest were 10 or 12 feet high and

Grows $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{4}$ in circumference 2 or 3 feet above the ground. It was after the nut season early in November 1896 so he saw no nuts on trees.

I believe we have some valuable things growing in our own state but because it is so easy accessible it escapes attention from most people. I think this is worth investigating as it cannot get anything if we have members of our society in the neighborhood and a true Horticulturist would take pride in it to make it known to all mankind that wants to know.

If my eyesight does not keep on failing like it has for the last 5 months I entertain hopes to be with you at the Annual Meeting.

Fraternally Yours

V. M. Woodfield

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CHARLES CITY, IOWA, Oct. 8-08

A. W. Latham

Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Sir, Yesterday I attempted to do as I had intended to some time since, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and new letters, inviting me to take part in your coming Horticultural gathering, which I assure you is appreciated by me very highly.

It is always a pleasure for me to meet with your Minnesota people. But early in the season, as we have had an unusually light apple

crop I had decided that it would be a good opportunity for me to take a rest.

Last Winter at our State meeting, it happened that I was absent when our Auxiliary Breeders organization was formed, and was altogether surprised when told that they had chosen me President of it. Of course I could not help being pleased with their action, although it would have given me as great a pleasure had they selected some one else. But being its "first President" I very naturally feel that I must prepare a little address for the occasion, and that is all that I feel that I can do this year.

In a word I now feel as though this is my chance to take a rest, and let the other fellows tussel with the problems. And I am sure you will say that I have earned a rest.

I wish you could have seen and eaten of my

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Mr. A. W. Satham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Sir, Your letter reached just before I came from home. Had written you before, I think best, to hold to my resolve to do very little active work this winter. Will try and come by if possible as a visitor.

*As to using my portrait, please use your pleasure about it. I am likely to be engaged here for two weeks at least. I am truly yours
Wishing for your continued health and success. C. G. Patten*

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plums, as they came along from the very
earliest to the very latest. I am sure you
would agree that I would be entitled to a
respite from labor for what I have accom-
plished along this line, if for nothing else.
But I have been saving a great variety of
seeds, that have this year culminated in a fine
crop, as the result of many years of preparation.
This work and the saving and care of the seeds,
that "nothing be lost" is hard and care-taking work.

Sincerely yours, Chas. G. Patten

and I have devoted myself to it with a purpose that has no let-up in it.

I have made one trip a week to Dakota this fall, and must go again for two weeks to make some improvements on my farm there which on account of the high water this year has been very unprofitable to me. So am not intending to make any exhibits this fall save at our "North Eastern meeting" and that only in a limited way. Should another year be a fruitful one I shall expect to be in sight with a very interesting exhibit.

It is still uncertain whether the government will extend any aid to me. If it does not I do not know what I am to do with the immense amount of material that I have on hand. I have about 500 peach seed of some excellent peaches which were grown on a farm near here. One tree bore about 2 bushels very promising for the future.



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A. W. Latham Esq
207 Kasaba Block
Minneapolis
Minnesota

New Ulm Minn 10/1/08

Dear Sir!

Yours of 9/21 asking whether I would like to give a short paper on Solids at annual meeting, came to hand. — Yes I will write up a little report on the subject & submit it to you for your opinion if you wish —

Very Resp

Wm. G. Fauchald Jr.



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Office (and Library) of

A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLDG.,

Minneapolis, Minn. ,9/26/08.

Powers Transfer Company,
Mpls.
Dear Sir,-

Enclosed please find my check for \$ 5.25 in payment
of your account against the state fair association. Kindly
acknowledge receipt and oblige,

Yours truly,

A. W. Latham
Sec'y.

*Recd the above
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A. W. LATHAM,

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

207 Kasou Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.



Dear Sir!

New Ulm Minn 9/18/08.

Yours regarding plant breeding & seed. - Yes I am doing some work in that line. - Have about 500 Apple seedlings - selected from my own planting - of Wealthy, N. W. Gray, Whitney & Minn Crab &c & am awaiting results. - Most of them are 6 & 7 yrs from seed. - Had a few fruit this year, but hail took them. - On the strength of Rev. Katsen's article in Horticulturist last year, regarding Pear Seeds from Lucas in Nuremberg, I imported a few quarts & now have quite a few seedlings of these. Heavy rains were the cause of not having thousands of them. - I shall get another lot this winter & keep it. - Have a number of Pear seedlings 6 & 7 years old, but they are not as vigorous as I should like to have them. - Also have a large number of Compass Sdlys. - Out of them has a beautiful fruit - but expect better results next season. Hail done lots of damage. - Very Resp
Wm. Partridge

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

9/18/08

A. W. Latham,

Mpls. Minn.

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Dear Sir:- Here is another new member for this year (1908) :-

F. B. Thompson, Lyle, Minn.,
Route # 1.

I have sent him the Annual Report,

Includ find 25^c stamps for same.

Yours truly,

O. M. Peterson
Secy.

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Albert Lea, Minn., 9/16/08

A. W. Latham,
Mpls. Minn.

Dear Sir:— Please enter following
members for 1908. —

S. B. McShary,
Austin, Minn., Route #1,

I have handed him the Annual Report,
I enclose 25¢ in stamps to balance,

Very truly,

O. M. Peterson
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CHARLES CITY, IOWA, 8/29, '08.

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

Dear Sir:

I again send you some Plums. Those marked X.X scarcely ripe yet.

Those marked the Superb I want to enter for the Loring prize .

X X is a fine growing tree and a persistent bearer. Borne more each year for three years in succession than twenty Surprise trees four times as large.

I send No 6 so that you may see something of the size of the new Plums I am producing and the quality.

Superb is about equal to any Peach that was ever gotten out. It may not be large enough to enter for the premium but it is certainly one of the finest of Plums. You will discover that it is the freest of the free.

Dic.

Yours truly,
C. G. Patten.

Lee Roy. Minn. 9-12-08.
A. W. Latham.
Minneapolis. Minn.
Dear Sir: -

Yours of the 12th at hand.
The photo which I sent
you is from the original
tree of which I have
exhibited apples at a
number of winter meet-
ings of our society.

The apple is referred
to in my paper on
Seedlings as a probable
seedling of the Wealthy.
and is called the Prosser.

Yours truly
L. W. Prosser

Austin Minn. 11-10th 08
A W Latham
Mpls Minn

Dear Sir

I take this opportunity to remind
you of the promise you
made to send me the cut
of my Loudon Willow Windbreak
As soon as you were through
with it - as I never got the
photo back.

Faithfully

E. J. Peck
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Lake City, Minn.

Aug. 28th, 1908.

Mr. A. W. Lathom—

207 Kasota Bldg. Minneapolis, Minn—

Dear Sir:

Yours of August 3rd was received while I was camping at Lake Itasca.

I thank you for the loan of the cutts, which I understand have been returned to you, as also for the paper. The sending of these cutts, I believe cost you a little postage which I inclose, as we do not wish you to be out on that score.

Have you any knowledge as to whether Itasca Park is to be extended westward any. There are some good fishing lakes near the northwest corner of the park, on which we are thinking of buying a piece of ground and erecting a hunting and fishing shanty, but would not care to do so, if the park is to surround us. Any information you can give in this line will be very gratefully received.

Yours truly,





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New Ulm, Minn., 9/5 1908

A. W. Latham Esq
 Mpls

Dear Sir:

Herewith \$1.00 for which enter as a member of
 Minn. Hort. Soc. Henry A. Subilia Tracy Minn.
 I send 1.00 as I should like Mr. Subilia to have Prof Greens
 Amateur Fruit Growing. Please send it to him & oblige

Yours very Resp
 Wm. Pfaender Jr

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Le Roy, Minn. 9-2-08.

Geety. A. W. Latham

Dear Sir:-

Your favor at hand. Under separate cover I send you a photo of my old seedling apple tree. I would be glad to send you a picture of my ten acre orchard of the same variety, but we have had hail this summer and things look hard.

Trees are left with no leaves and many broken limbs.

Yours truly,
L. W. Prosser.

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CHARLES CITY, IOWA, 8/19, '08.

Hon. A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I send you today an early Plum of my production that appears to me to be the best early eating Plum that I have yet seen of any kind. They began to ripen about ten days ago and are among the very earliest and should be A. NO. 1 family Plum. The tree is very fine in form with beautiful foliage. A seedling of the Whittier probably pollinated with the De Soto.

Dic.

Cordially Yours,
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Charles City, Iowa, August 17-08

Mr. A. W. Sathau

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend,

I beg pardon for such long delay.
But when I looked over the manuscript.
I found so many errors that it was best
to type it- wholly, and did not
seem to be able to do it- til now. Am very
busy now looking after my Experiment
Plums. Am well, but attending Chautauqua.

has worked me a little too much

I hope this my find you in the
enjoyment of health and happiness.

(Hastily)

Cordially Yours

Chas. G. Patten



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August 17 08

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Clipping back
When you write
I'm going into Prohibition

Dear Friend

Your letter of 15th recd yesterday - as I expected the article I sent was returned as neither old party dare publish so much truth just now they said it was too long so I revised it & sent it to the Prohibition Candidate for President E W Chapin whom I have known since 1870. as a Boy in Waukesha. Now about top working my orchard contains many arguments in its favor I was one of its first advocates in your state & remember some things that were said of it by some of the knowing ones way back, but I want to say that I was more than please last sec. to see the Exhibits of two of two men that listened to me and who I furnished Citrus to start the work to wit Kenney & the Madelia man. I saw there that a few of the seeds I had sown had fell into favorable soil It is not thread bare with me as I top work some every year to show young men the results I am taking good care of my Garden and not working I have a fortune in a small over

amount of Property - and good wife and
good home and six as good Children as
a man ever had. one Boy who knew I was
putting in 400 feet of new cement Side walk
this season. Without asking sent me a check
for \$200 some weeks ago - saying if you need
it - use it if not deposit it in the Bank
I deposited it, and thanked God for such a
Boy - the Farm feeds + clothes us - and I'm just
living for others Boys + Girls that's why I wrote
my Book to teach Kindness + temperance
to the younger Generation. I sell them
now at 50¢ - to scatter them if they pay their
own Express + when the supply is exhausted
I will print more and add 100 pages of
still better matter. If I can help you with a
short paper I will be glad to do it as I expect
if Life + health are spared I will try to
be with you - I am busy helping our people
arrange for a home coming at our fair a week
after yours I cannot come to yours unless I
could work in for a bit Judge + have part
of my expenses paid
In haste ad Philips

--: ORCHARD HOME FARM :-

Bird Island, Minn. Aug. 15th. 1903.

Friend Latham:-

Can you give me any instructions as to how best prepare plums for cold storage, so they will be likely to be in condition to exhibit?

During the St. Louis Exposition, you sent me some cotton that seemed to be prepared for that purpose. If I need something of that kind will you please send me some, I will make it right with you when I see you.

I have the Aitkin plum and two or three other varieties that will be gone within ten days, and my only way to have any to exhibit will be to put them in cold storage within the next five days.

It is wet here now but I hope it will not last many days, or hurt the fruit for exhibit, I will do my best with honey apples and plums to make a creditable exhibit, I think I will have some ten varieties of apples and 15 or more varieties of plums to place on exhibit, will also make five or six entries of honey, am in love with my fruit and bees especially the bees, they have such a direct way of showing me when I make a mistake in handling them, there is no chance to mistake their protest, it is so pointed. It is like a period it brings one to a full stop or forces him to run, depending upon the numbers of bees protesting.

With best wishes I remain.

Yours truly.

Hamlin V. Pool



Excelsior, Minn., Aug 12 1908

A. N. Latham

Dear Sir

Yours at hand
and noted - If nothing happens
to my apples I - in a few fair
time I shall have some
fine fruit and a better show
than I first thought - tho some
of the young trees have only a
plate or so and should they drop
of course it would spoil things
I will do the best I can

Yours Truly
P. H. Perry

P.S. I notice in Primer Leaf State Fair
that a PK of *D. pubes* is mentioned
is this correct?

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Berwick, N.S., Aug 1 1908

A. W. Latham Esq

Rectory Maine, Hart loc.

Dear Sir: I have yours of June 3, and for various reasons too lengthy to explain it is yet unanswered. I am yet Secy. of the N.S. Assoc. and find through some carelessness your Assoc. has not been getting our reports regularly. I note that you are wanting and shall forward you same at an early date. Wishing you and the Museum all success

Yours Sir

Yours sincerely

S. C. Parker

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Minneapolis, Minn. Aug. 5th, 1908.

A. W. Latham, Secretary,
207 Kasota Bldg., City.

Dear Sir:--

I am in receipt of your favor of the 4th and thank you very much for the same, but it would simply be impossible for me to take this matter up and give it any attention at this time. I am extremely busy, and this is a little out of my line anyway, and will have to decline the honor. I certainly think that this is a move in the right direction, and will be very glad to see some one who is more competent than the writer prepare such a paper to be read before your society.

With kindest regards I remain,

Very truly yours,

S. G. Palmer

Bird Island, Minnesota.

July 28, 1908.

Friend Latham:

Please excuse my long delay in answering your two last letters. Being extremely busy is my excuse; assessing, inspecting roads, my fruit orchard and bees keep me out of mischief at least.

Have tried hard to get a suitable picture. The enclosed one showing "top worked Hibernial tree" is the best I could do. Have some 30 varieties of apples top worked on this tree.

Shall have more plums than I expected early in the season. Yield of apples will be much lighter than last year.

Am having great success with my bees, and lots of fun, just the thing for a man of my age,- the stings liven me up.

Yours truly,

Harold V. Pool

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A. J. PHILIPS

West Salem, Wis., July 16 1908

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Dear Friend

Mr

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that he receives the monthly but has recd no bound volume please send him the volume for last year - and I will give him the one he took such a liking to. I have forgotten the date. I would have liked to have attended your summer meeting but my wife was not well enough to stand the trip I see you had a good time. I desire to thank you for giving my name to the Institute Dept of Montana, and were I 10 years younger I would like the trip very much - I answered it - and may go for a short time. I am real well this summer and have been putting in \$100. worth of new side walk and am caring for a fine Flower Bed, when I go & look over the orchard where I have not went this summer. I will give you a short article for the monthly. Kind regards to all your family & friends hope to see you in Dec

sent 7.17.08
very truly
A. J. Philips