



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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S. H. Kenney, 77 years old

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Superintendent of State Experimental Station for testing hardy varieties of apples, goose-berries and currants, raspberries and strawberries. Grapes that the vines need no protection. Over 14 varieties Prof. Hanson's new plums.

R. F. D. No. 2

Waterville, Minn.,

GROWER OF
WEALTHY APPLES
WILD AND TAME HAY.

15th Aug 1913

General Lottum your Rec with Booths comes
to ship to after top working a great many years
I know perhaps dozens varieties winter Apples that
unless I spent weeks in going over my Books (And I have
not the time) what shall I do with these apples
about every kind at all last Springs Grafts is in fruit
some I can tell some I cannot tell so it is up to you
to Advise me. My Wife has made Sauce of the Slaw Plumb
everyone says they beat every thing. The Showings began
to ripen. I am packing my Apples have sent 34 bbl to Longfellow
Bro 6208. North 6th St have no returns expect some before long
I think we shall have red Raspberries till frost
I am hiring most of the Wash Plum. the Wealthy are the
principle Apple with one think I can pack some Sept 1st
about $\frac{2}{3}$ of Dutch picked will have great many Malines in November
I do not expect large prices Dutch will be 50c for 50 lbs at places
from sold some plums at 100 bushel today will rest some
it is a hard work for an old man SETH H. KENNEY
Much Money will be lost on Apples to many summer
Apples Fruit Association sold 35c lot that makes
loss to Shipper

Not a Blighted limb on any of my
Could look I read Haralson's Report
they never know blighted much that I can
remember

426 Franklin St, Johnstown, Pa.
Aug. 4, 1913.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:—

Your kind favor of July 30 was forwarded to me. The photographs for the article were not what I would like to have had, but they were better than nothing, and I am glad if they are of any use to you.

I expect to write to you once in a while and will let you know where I locate. It would give me a great deal of pleasure to hear now and then from you.

One word in regard to Mr. Brierly, who is undoubtedly at the Station by this time. As you may know, he is from the western fruit section and knows the apple packing work quite well, without doubt, although I cannot assert positively as to that fact. The pictures I sent you were some he took, which I obtained through Mr. Kirkpatrick.

If the Lake Minnetonka people are still interested in packing apples into boxes, as they undoubtedly are, they must get hold of Mr. Brierly to help them out, and perhaps you may be able to use him to advantage for that work at the winter meeting of the Horticultural Society. I have little doubt but that you will find him much more capable for that work than I was.

With kindest regards, I am ~~as~~ ever,

Most cordially yours,

A. R. Kohler.

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to be a friend of mine, it has made
more ^{of an} impression on me than it
might have from almost any other
man. I know it will be no snap and
it may be that I am overestimating
what I am able to do. I grew up on
a farm in Iowa, ~~and not within~~ where
we started in when I was eleven years
old, and there was plenty of handship.
It has not been sufficient to make me
off, but I can see that it is entirely
possible that I am expecting to do
too much. I am much better off for
starting in than my father was, both
financially, and in knowledge of the subject,
but, of course, that does not mean that
I can't bite off more than I can chew.
With kindest regards, I am
very sincerely yours,
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Short horn Cattle

Grower of
Wealthy Apples
Wild and tame hay.

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Waterville, Minn., 29th Nov 1912

A W Jackson Dear Brother I have been 2 weeks back
I shall let you know I have decided that I cannot come
to National Meeting. I regret this as I have missed
only 4 Meetings in over 40 or 42 years, but I will
show a very interesting Report on all blossoms
I have had on the Blue Grape the ones I had set
2 years ago come May. On the Thompson Lady Grape
and the Wicked Apples Small Losses from bad winter
on Black & Red Raspberries 5 kinds Strawberries Apples
Now if any other Subjects shall be glad to help out
I shall send to me if an old Member of Fruit Station with
a Drs Certificate Declaring Disability should by careful notes
through the Growing Season. (Should be some compensa-
tion for this time Promising the Report is of I trust
my love for the Meeting for so many years is conclusive
that Expenses in going or coming has not prevented me
the Degree is considerable. The Society will get the benefit
of my reports. Think over this.) My report on the
Hudson Grapes will be Growth in 2 years Grapes quality
quantity. Early bearing holdiness Gloves &c

Adaptation to our climate time of Ripening
from Kipt date in Vets Book you glad the State
entrusted me with these plants and I have done
my best. They should be in every fruit Orchard
you enjoy all the time, have not winter
the late frosts cut some near the ground
if any subject you think of more please advise
it I am up and around but not well enough
to go from home. My interest is not abated but will be
77 in Feb and I need the care I get at home
Elliott & I are all that is left in the 1st fracture
I think both of us must look out

With kind regards

Seth W. Kenney

This is the second that I could represent
the Honson Farms. He is a
Benefactor in the fullest sense
No other plants more promising

Farmers can grow fruits as easy as Pork & Beef
if any report dont get there it will be before 15 Dec
my work has been successful in 1862, more than paid
expenses without any own work

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Dec. 16, 1912.

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

Dear Latham:—

Enclosed you will find a receipted bill for some paper which I bought on account of the apple packing work at the meeting. Mr Cady suggested that I turn in this bill to you.

The amount of paper I bought was more than I really needed for that time, but it will be available for future use. I meant to speak to you about this before I bought the paper. I would not send in the bill but as I have spent several dollars ^{out of my own pocket} for similar purposes on previous occasions I thought I would not let it go this time.

I will send you a copy of my paper at an early date, I am having a few extra copies made just now for future

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use.

I am wondering if you have any objection to the publication of any of the papers given at the last meeting before they appear in your monthly publication. If you do not there are a few that I would like to get copies of for the Farm, Stock + Home.

I think the last meeting was very good and was glad to see it so well attended. I believe it was fully up to the standard of previous meetings, and superior in some respects.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A. R. Kohler

Worthington Dec 23^d/12

Mr A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Friend

Your kind letter of the 12th at hand & contents noted, I was talking with Prof Honsen & he said this Soegy was too poor to send a delegate to our Soegy so he did not know if you would feel like sending one to them & then added but if you will come we will pay your way but the way he spoke I thought he was joking so thought no more of it until I got your letter I have heard nothing from Prof Honsen since but think I will write him, if I do not hear from him soon, I can go as well as not, if they want me, are you

going to send them a delegate & if so
 who, & if I should go would you
 like me to make a report, I very
 much enjoyed our last meeting I
 assure you. the last one is always
 the best we could have used two
 more days to very good advantage,
 by the way last year someone spoke
 of having seen Apples marked wealthy
 for sale on the market that were
 not wealthy at all, a salesman was
 here 2 weeks ago selling Wealthy apples
 for \$1.50 per bbl by the carload, but
 when they came they were Ben Davis
 about 3rd grade badly bruised & small
 the same man was selling Johnathon
 by the box for \$2.25 from the co-ops
 they were small not larger than
 good Whitneys but all one size
 & wrapped in paper like Oranges

The market seems overstocked with apples. I never saw them so cheap this time of year & yet I saw in an eastern paper some time ago that there was but 40 per cent as many apples grown in the United States as there was 10 years ago, owing to the fact that the old orchards back east that used to supply the world were all plowed out the young men had gone west to grow up with the country & they, ^{have} putting out orchards ⁱⁿ so fast as they were dying out.

With best wishes, I am

Respectfully Yours
 A. J. L. L. L.



KENNEY'S 24TH ANNUAL CIRCULAR ON THE Amber Cane Industry.



WATERVILLE, MINN., JAN. 1, 1904.

During my experience of 45 years in this state, I began at the foot of the hill. As the saying is, I have kept everlastingly at it, making some improvements almost every year, till, in the judgement of my customers, the product is now absolutely perfect—a fine table syrup that is a positive luxury in hundreds of homes not only in Minnesota but many other states. The capacity of the factory is a gallon of syrup per minute. To do this our cane mill has a capacity of from 7 to 8 gallons of juice per minute. As to quality this last fall many of my customers said they would as soon have it as pure maple.

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about the factory of no less than 100

Memorandum to the Farmers on Sugar Planting

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28 Dec 1912 SETH H. KENNEY,
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A W Lottum Dear Sir I should be glad to send you something I know it adds interest to the Article written I have a Block of Wood with my Picture ready to get in type at the Printing office in Morristown I could send you that although 2 yrs away from the Winter Meetings it might be better than nothing. I am not handsome but if I live to be you'd "Handsome is what Handsome does" I have a garden the South West Side has a row of large Peach pine on South West Side the whole length. the trees from 20 to 25 ft high. the apple trees I placed a mound of earth about all the trees to keep them away. the tree that bears the best are further I planted Winter apple and the Belle Greening was doing fine. I forgot to tell you about these 2 kinds in my last. I have a good worker in Mr F. W. Kimble I am helping him. the corn stalks protect the Peach trees we took them off to soon in Spring it hurt them for last Spring I feel sure if Prunes was top watered on Wild Plumbs we could grow our own various strawberries would try this SETH H. Kenney



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 from Geo W Stone Apple Permium #381 This was more than I expected
 I will mention the Pennel Sweet. I grafted on the Peerless. The Dutcher
 North Western Bearing also on Patton growing all these trees give great promise
 last season they yielded after the hard winter & bushel and if so 1/2 bushel
 the blossoms will expect 100 or more bushels ¹⁹¹³ so far I regard them as a standard
 Apple for Minn. and I feel sure they will be a favorite on the market. So this counts
 as one of my reliable experiments so far. I have one peerless trees a light colored
 Apple about one bushel a good keeper flower as good as a Baldwin about one bushel.
 I have done so much grafting it is hard to keep track of all the varieties
 The information is sure on the annual I have a good many started, and the
 Ben Davis on Peerless nothing could be better. I do not like the Patton Bearing
 but it sells well on not setting any more trees of those. The Malms on
 Dutcher is as good as any thing the Aborn & Kansas we can tie to
 since I note you I got knocked down by one of my horses and hurt
 one shoulder my back and from that had cold and sickness so I have kept
 house for 4 days. I think it was good thing I did not come up
 to the meeting. if I could see Dwight think he could help me
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made the first Syrup the first season it was Boiled by
Steam and never was better Tell General Elliot to tell
Spencer & his friends We made a new Evaporator that from
time the clarified juice begins to boil till it runs out finished
Syrup is only 4 minutes we hope to get it patented
I want to keep busy every moment. So busy that I don't get time
to look back. The Glucose Syrup is a fraud it is getting
money for naught the Amber comes with 100 composed
with Glucose at my Fair My Worlds fair Premiums is
my Certificates New Orleans. 1885 Chicago in 1893 Paris France 1900
and 1st Premiums of Minn State Fair
A Silver Butter Dish at Fairbault and my Apple Exhibit
at Fairbault over one year ago never was surpassed
by any one it proved my statements SETH H. KENNEY

See Wagon I shall work as long as I can have sent to Minn for 2000 Apples

✓ 10.00

Brampton, Mich. Jan 4-13

Mrs. C. W. Latham,

207 Kasota Blk.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir,

I enclosed find \$10⁰⁰ for which please allow me to enter your Horticultural Society as a life member. I am very well pleased with the Horticulturist and find it, not only valuable and helpful, but also, interesting to read,

Hoping that the good work will go on I remain

Yours truly
Wm. A. Kurth

Please send me some apple seed again this year. I made a failure of it last year, having only three of the plants left, but hope to do better another time, I fear this will be a hard winter on fruit for we have no snow here,

Woodend Farm
Excelsior
Minn
Jan. 7, 1913

M^{rs} A. W. Latham,
Secretary of Minn. S. H. S.
207 Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.,

Dear Sir,

I received your folder, also Annual
Membership Ticket, ending the first Tuesday of Dec.,
1913. I am very Pleased to get them and
I thank you very much for sending them
Please find enclosed check for \$1.00
Annual Fee. I would like to have Trees
Fruits and Flowers of Minnesota.

Yours Very Truly
Wm. M. Steele
Landscape gardener
To

A. C. Loring Esq.
Woodend Farm

Due
1.00
Returned
1.00
1.00
1.82
10/10/13



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

A. W. Lathum
No 207 Korata Block
Sherburn Ave.
Minneapolis Minn

Weterville Minn You 17th 1913 Dear General
I got well I could get my Stationery tomorrow
I told him to send you the Electrotype soon as
possible, I got hurt by one of my Glass & rubs eye
I have been out for 3 weeks but am better. ~
I have by request finished the Early History of the Supreme
Court 50 yrs ago think you will read it in Minneapolis
 Tribune soon. I hope you will come to be sent to this Station
 Real Reservoir & Woodman has the best I have seen every thing
you want one to test. I have fine trees that are ready from
Molinier Seed that is up to last fall. I think the best results
will come from Molinier Seed. I hope mine will merit
1913 term. I think the State will teach the Squap
I necessity. My own asked my help Seth W. Atkinson



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1913 Dear Horticultural Bee

Yours with H. W. Kimbles Letter Rec My Picture is at the Printing office for 1000 letter heads. This time Amber cane & Fruits of Minn, I do not know as I have ever written you Particulars about the Peach trees. I had so much to attend to. I let my Son have 6 Peach trees. as per my directions he let corn fodder about the trees. and quite early in the Spring he was anxious to see how they had wintered. he took of the corn fodder found the limbs as Green as last fall. the corn one told me feeling fabulous. but later we had some real cold weather and winter Exposed the trees the Bark looked shriveled, but not killed but damaged. The ground was still frozen the Evaporation come and no support from the roots. Now I think a chance to take out and keep the tree supplied with logs. I think we have solved this Peach Problem to a share thing. to prevent Evaporation till the roots can do that work. I will send the picture soon. Not that I am wanting to show myself but because that is all I have. I wish you could mention about Grafting Prunes on Wild Plumbs so we will test it. — I went up Monday at the Syrup Works and bought 70 gall some 5 gall some 10 gall of as good as I ever made I think for 5 gall 3.50 for 10 gall 7.00. Should you send you must not pay till you had it The Minneapolis Tribune of your city have asked me to write the Early History of the Business I will send that you 2 and 1913 I think some of it will be of interest to you. you can put this word good but keep up show it will keep all summer if you do not eat it before the H. W. Kimble will let up the Peach question we will help I can show our mistakes so be well Arrive that



KENNEY'S 24TH ANNUAL CIRCULAR ON THE Amber Cane Industry.



WATERVILLE, MINN., JAN. 1, 1904.

During my experience of 45 years in this state, I began at the foot of the hill. As the saying is, I have kept everlastingly at it, making some improvements almost every year, till, in the judgement of my customers, the product is now absolutely perfect—a fine table syrup that is a positive luxury in hundreds of homes not only in Minnesota but many other states. The capacity of the factory is a gallon of syrup per minute. To do this our cane mill has a capacity of from 7 to 8 gallons of juice per minute. As to quality this last fall many of my customers said they would as soon have it as pure maple.

My repeated First Premiums at New Orleans, Chicago and Paris and eleven years at the Minnesota State Fair induced Dr. H. W. Wiley, of Washington, to ask me if I would make drawings of the factory and send them to the Department of Agriculture. My answer was: If my 45 years of planing and work would be of service to the Northwest in this most important industry he could send a competent Chemist for the manufacturing season, so the Department sent a man to stay through the manufacturing season in the fall of 1903. After this I received the greatest benefit from the Chemist sent here and a handsome letter from the Department, which I now have, thanking me for letting the Chemist come and make drawings of buildings, machinery, etc. I am constantly receiving letters asking how to make such syrup, while I cannot answer all these letters, I will say many have come and looked the factory over and I have explained the process and they have gone home and made a success, and I know enough about the industry to know that it is bound to come to the front, as last fall we had an offer from a responsible firm for 50,000 gallons at 50c per gallon, this being the price we have obtained for the last 2 years and seasons not as good as many years previous. I have not room to enter into detail on the manufacture, but it is my earnest desire to see such a quality of syrup manufactured that the industry will take a place beside the butter, and become an article of export to other states as I am doing at the present year and other years. From a letter received from David Whitaker, of Vineland, N. J.—“Mr. Seth H. Kenney, I want to congratulate you on your success in the manufacturing of the best and purest of syrups that are on the market to-day and for the great good you have done for the state of Minnesota. You will be a monument to your state in after years.” this is a sample. Now I know if men follow out the right way, people will thank me in after years when this industry has taken a front rank. I have taken years to produce this quality and now give to every one all I have learned without “money or price” as far as I am concerned. I use my own syrup the year round. Many doctors cannot say that of their own drugs. Makers of adulterated syrup and mixers cannot say that, but a pure article one never gets tired of. I have sent out with each keg of syrup a printed label guaranteeing the purity.

The new state law makes it a heavy fine to label syrup pure unless it is pure. This helps on the price of pure goods and the mixers have to take second place where they belong.

I greatly favor our Beet Sugar Industry but it requires enormous capital to run it while a good sugar cane factory can be built all the way from a horse power of 200 to 300 dollars up to several thousand for good steam power. I will direct those interested as much as possible if they do not forget to pay postage for an answer. Anyone interested and wants the syrup while we have it we send a 5½ gallon keg for \$3.00, freight paid by purchaser. 1 gallon, express paid by purchaser, 70c; ½ gal. 35c. 2 dram vial by mail at a cost of 10c. When ripe all kinds of stock eat the cane with profit, a piece planted for swine is profitable. We feed our cattle all the fall the pressed cane stalks as it always increases the flow of milk. As I plant the Early Amber Cane largely myself each year and give the seed to those that plant near the factory as it is to my interest to always have pure seed. To the customers that have bought seed of this variety of me the last 24 years this explanation is not necessary. The yield, where it is kept pure and all the juice extracted with a good cane mill, yields from 140 to 200 gallons per acre. We top the cane before cutting down but it is not necessary to go to the expense of stripping off the leaves if 6 hills are cut in one pile and weather is good so the leaves are withered sufficiently to draw into a close knot without breaking, the rolls will not extract any bitter taste in the syrup. We have not stripped the cane for many years. The McCormack corn binder harvests 10 acres and binds it into bundles in one and one-half days, saving a great expense, makes it safe in a high latitude to plant large fields. I have grown 60 acres myself in a single season.

The new Early Amber is three to four feet taller than the ordinary cane, and is very rich in saccharine matter, the proportion being larger than in any of the many varieties of Chinese and African cane introduced into this country. The syrup, if properly made, is free from the cloudy appearance, offensive odor and taste peculiar to sorghum, it is of a beautiful clear amber color, and of a delicious flavor resembling honey.

The Early Amber is very prolific, the yield to the acre being greater than any variety ever grown in this section, not even excepting the old regular sorghum.

The experience of the past few years has shown that with pure seed, proper culture and good machinery, the Minnesota Early Amber Sugar Cane produces the most profitable crop that can be grown in Minnesota.

The sooner cane is worked up after laying the proper time (a few days), the greater and better will be the product, hence the desirability of having machinery of large capacity. It is much more economical to use large machinery; for while the immediate outlay is greater, the product is so much larger in proportion to the labor and fuel, that the difference in price will be more than made up in an ordinary season's work.

(OVER)

Spoken Shows at West 5 miles west of Fargo from our factory

The Minnesota Early Amber Sugar Cane is usually from 11 to 12 feet high. We plant in hills $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet each way, on clean land, from May 7th to June 1st, and sometimes get a good crop even planted as late as June 15th. When planting it is safest to plant about 10 seed, and when 4 inches high thin from 6 to 7 stalks, and cultivate as for Indian corn till $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet high. At first it grows slow, but after it attains a height of three feet the growth is very rapid. It ripens in Minnesota from September 1st to the 15th. The machinery should be ordered early, so as to avoid delay after the seed is in the stiff dough. Two to three pounds of seed is required per acre. The seed can be placed in some cotton cloth and then buried in earth in a pan near the stove. You can then know if the seed is good before planting. Plant $\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep. It is very important to keep the cane well cultivated when small. If too much is left in the hill the growth will be smaller with less juice. In a large field special care should be used in time not to let the weeds choke the small cane. When the seed heads turn brown I commence to grind the stalks, taking care to use the juice as soon as possible after grinding. Cut the seed before cutting down the cane. I cut my cane 24 to 48 hours ahead of my wants. If the leaves are wilted so they will readily tie into a knot, the rank bitter taste is not imparted to the syrup. If not stripped and piled in large piles, it will heat and injure or spoil the cane. If the cane is ripe and frost is feared, I cut up the cane in small piles of six or eight hills. When once cut frost fails to injure the crop. If it gets frozen on the hill it must be worked rapidly to save it. A good article can be made in the crude form; but if a fine refined syrup is sought, the water should contain about 100 gallons of juice and be

treated to about one quart of milk of lime. Use the dry cane stalks or light wood for fuel, and bring nearly to a boil. Draw the fire, so as to prevent the juice from boiling over. Skim off all the impurities; then draw off for use in the Cook or Automatic Cook Evaporator, which if made of heavy copper, are much the best for fine syrup. The evaporator should be kept clean to do the best work. The juice should be boiled into syrup as rapidly as possible to weigh 11 pounds to the gallon. The syrup should be cooled as quickly as possible after it is made.

PRICE OF SEED FOR 1904.

I have a stock of pure Minnesota Early Amber Sugar Cane Seed, grown under my own observation, and carefully selected, which I will sell at the following prices:

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| By mail, postage paid | - - - | 32 cents per pound. |
| By express, 5 to 10 lbs | - - - | 20 cents per pound. |
| By freight, 25 lbs. | - - - | 15 cents per pound. |
| By freight, 50 lbs. | - - - | \$4.25. |
| By freight, 100 lbs. | - - - | \$8.00. |
| Purchaser to pay express or freight. | | |

Cash must accompany the order. No orders for less than one pound will be accepted. To parties who wish to see and test my seed before ordering, I will send a sample on receipt of two-cent stamp.

The factory is still in Morristown but the rural route changes my address to Waterville, Minn

SETH H. KENNEY,
WATERVILLE, MINN.

No 2
I bought the Syrup of Mr Fowler the 10 gall at 25 cents then 3.50 for 5 gals and 50c off on 10 gals for my trouble by Analysis it is Worth in Spokane \$10 a Gall. My Home where I have set the the Orchard east of my House on South West Side of this Hill. Was a Row of large pines once in 11 ft they decay 20 ft tall among of them 25 ft. the Spokane Dept, most of those on the pattern (Greening we alive but Follen is cut as bushes Ditcher the Earlness of Dutches gives the Fruit Buds a chance to ripen after the Fruit is gathered but they did not do that in 1912. Now this Letter is more especially to Wish you & Ester you Welfare as happy New Year also you Family People Name you Family & Ages of each Mine is my Wife 77 yrs old 26 March 1913 Our Granddaughter 27 last Aug Myself 77 yrs 22 Feb Next Month. in Wadswell village 9 months from Nov 15th to Jan 1st 1913 one of my horses hurt my Shoulder so I have been in House 2 weeks it is getting better

As the 1913 letter heads have not been rec I use 1904 Records

This letter is simply to help you start on 1913

I am assisting the State to reach Amber cane all through the Season

Read my Article in Tribune when it comes out

Seth H. Kenney

Thermometer 4 times at here in Dec

Muscatine County Crop Improvement Association

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MUSCATINE, IOWA, Jan 25 1913

Mr. A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

I never got into the office to get my copy of the Minnesota **State** Horticultural Society Report for last year. I would be very pleased if you would mail it to me here at Muscatine Iowa.

I have been on the job here about a week, and things are starting in nicely. I like the location, and the men with whom I have to work seem to be pushers.

I havent gotten out into the County as yet but will begin a series of meetings next week.

Thanking you for the favor of the report being sent here,

I am,

Very Truly Yours.

Kirkpatrick

IN SENDING IN NAME OF NEW MEMBER, IF CONVENIENT PLEASE FILL OUT AND USE THE FOLLOWING FORM

Willmar Minn March 1913

A. W. LATHAM, Sec'y Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

Dear Sir:

Please enter the name of

J. J. Nelson

Post office, *Willmar R. No 1*, as a member of the society for 1913, for which I enclose \$1.00, the annual fee. Besides the

Report and Magazine, you may send him plant premiums Nos.

4 and 5, No 10 and 12 seedlings For my premium in securing this new member

please send me the following *No 6, Chrysanthemum cuttings*
No 7 Beta grape vine, No 13 seedling.

Membership Signed *Peter A. Eklund.*

Post office *Willmar Minn R. 1.*

Membership Ticket No 922

SEND TO THE SECRETARY FOR MORE OF THESE FORMS AS NEEDED.

(OVER)

About the Minnesota State Horticultural Society

Have You Received

A copy of "Trees, Fruits and Flowers" for last year? In accepting this volume do not forget it is with the understanding that you will distribute the "Minnesota Horticulturist" received that year. Read what is said about this on page 3 of the Society Folder sent herewith.

The Society Folder

contains very full information about the society, and especially the great advantages of membership to the planter of fruits in this region. You will find it helpful in securing new members. Any quantity will be furnished free by the secretary.


Secure a New Member and

You will receive your selection from new list of valuable horticultural books, to be found in the "folder," 50 cents for each new member—or 30 cents in cash if preferred.

The New Member Will Receive

1. "Trees, Fruits and Flowers of Minnesota," cloth bound, 541 pages.
2. "The Minnesota Horticulturist," the society monthly, 40 pages each, full of live horticultural material, for the year.
3. Two Lots of Valuable Plant Premiums.
4. Membership in Largest Horticultural Society in America.

Four Dollars for One!

 The state prints all this material without expense to the society. Every tax payer helps to pay for its printing—by paying the \$1.00 annual dues he secures the great advantages of its use.

THE KANDIYOHI COUNTY
Horticultural Society

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WILLMAR, MINN. ¹²⁵ *Mar 8* 1913

A. W. Latham

Kindly add to our list
for 1913 the following
names

- ✓ J. T. Burrothers Willmar
- ✓ Ole Barstad " "
- ✓ L. J. M. Raines " "
- ✓ O. N. Stromstedt " "
- ✓ Magnus Olson " "
- ✓ G. J. Nilson Rte 1 " "

Please note enclosed letter
from Mr. P. A. Eklund.

I will deliver reports
to these members
check herewith for \$1.75

yours truly

G. E. Selvig

LAKEVIEW TRUCK FARM

PETER A. EKLUND, PROPRIETOR

FRESH VEGETABLES IN SEASON

GROWER AND SHIPPER OF CHOICE CELERY

Rural Free Delivery, Route 1
Willmar, Minnesota

March 1913

A W Latham Sec'y Minnesota
State Horticultural Society.

Dear Sir:

Please enter the name of
J D Nelson Willmar Route 1
as a member of the society for
1913 for which I enclose \$1.00 the
annual fee. Besides the Report
and Magazine, you may send
him plant premiums No 4 and 5.
also No 10 and 12 seedlings. For my
Premium in securing this new member
please send me the No 1 and 6, and
the No 13 seedling. My membership
Ticket is 922.

Respectfully P A Eklund
Willmar

Route 1 Minnesota



Publishes a Monthly Magazine entitled "The Minnesota Horticulturist". Sent free to all members of the society. Send for copy of the Magazine and Folder containing the "Fruit List" for Minnesota and describing the work of the Society, in publications, methods, etc. Membership fee \$1.00 per annum.

Minnesota State Horticultural Society

President, THOS. E. CASHMAN, Owatonna, Minn.

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Office and Library of

A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLDG.

Minneapolis, Minn., 2/14/13

Hon. John Lind,
Mpls.
Dear Gov.-

I have a letter from the president of our society, Sen. Cashman, in the matter of securing an appropriation from the present legislature to purchase more land for the fruit breeding farm in regard to which I spoke with you two or three days since. In his judgment on account of the multitude requests for money of the present legislature it will be difficult to secure this unless there is enthusiastic support for it on the part of all those interested. We know how you and Mr. Haralson and the Horticultural Society stand in regard to it, but isn't it possible that other members of the Board of Regents may be before the committee and be asked in regard to this purchase? I think we should feel that this measure would certainly have the fullest support on the part of all concerned if we are to endeavor to secure it. Unless we can say to the committee that we consider the land absolutely necessary that the work of breeding new fruits should not be delayed we should probably fail in securing what we are asking for.

Would you please give me your judgment as to the full situation as you look at it now, and we will not make any move in the matter until we hear from you, which I hope may be at your earliest convenience.

We have put your name on the mailing list for the publications of the society as requested.

Yours very truly,

A. W. Latham Sec'y.

Dear Mr. Latham: While you and I agree perfectly as to the necessity of more land for the fruit breeding farm I still think it best not to ask for the money this year. We will explain the situation to the Senate and House Committees and suggests that if it meet their approval we will take an option if we have a good chance
Yours truly
John Lind



S. H. Kenney, 77 years old

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GROWER OF
WEALTHY APPLES
WILD AND TAME HAY.

R. F. D. No. 2

Waterville, Minn.,

27 Feb

1913

A W Leothorn Dear Sir see the Logotype yesterday thanks I am
out every day but thin my cherries some Leominer better but not all
gone. but I never expect to do much more there work.
I expect to send you samples of the new Plums 14 kinds they are full
of fruit buds. they as far as I know had fruit about the bearing qualities
of theompson Cherry. John P Andrews tells me there is no cherry as
far as his experience goes that in today's days the cherries along
the Mississippi Bluffs do not do well at his place. I have a hope will
on my farm think I ought higher than any of the best of my land
can look down in every direction. a level place of I think to be seen,
I bought 6 or 7 years ago some of Wonsors improved Seed Cherries. the
frost has killed them except 2 years ago the bushes was bent to the ground.
Chas Wonsolson has 12,000 one year old bushes of the improved. if I had some
I would set them on this high piece of ground. I would like a few
Red Raspberries and any thing you advise me to try. I expect to come
to the summer meeting in July. I may come before do not know now
I read your Wad in the report. it would seem to me with the
large no seedlings at the State Farm we should soon get choice Seedlings
I think Wonsolson stands best choice with so many trees
I hope you can come down next Aug to this Station
Seth H. Kenney

I have had my men get up the gas Wood will Low it
with any Gasoline Engine when it gets warmer
it would seem to me some day Woodson will need
Water in a dry Season. I will know some yes it
is real necessary



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30 Aug 1913

A W Luthorn if you have not rec the picture of myself. Let me know I told our Editor at Morris town to send it to you. You will see by my letter heading I am going to stick to botanical work. But will write most of the work. I like lots of fruit. We want the best Minn will give us. I have been sending out Syrup here not much now think there will be good crop Apples.

My was worth more at home than usual

I hope you are well if I was how to Dwight I would offer to be a treatment. I think it is nice to log by our work in the Eden 6 months it gives us time to plan future work. 10 people in Waterville have died in a few weeks. my birth day comes 22 ⁷⁷ next month so I had to make it 77 to make the year proper till the birth lost year 1000 I think lasted 10 months.

I would like to see the Allied Army beat the Turks at Constantinople. They have killed so many Christians. Write if you need any thing
Seth H Kenney

I would like a few Pears
I think I see at Humboldt the best ever
I think next fall I can make interesting
report on all the Fruits as they were
ready to bear now
Seth C. H. H. H.

I rec the Annual Worry Thanks.
I sold 185 bushels corn at the crib for 185 dollars
and quite a volume in Syrup and Honey
The farm is 223 acres. I expect to show 30 or 40 tons
Selling at 4 per ton and not much else it is
the lowest price since 20 years or more
I have the Promise of (2007) Gifts from Mass
My Syrup customers of 40 to 50 years ago are most
of them Dead. 50 years makes great changes
I think in 10 years there will be lots of Winter
Apples grown on Wady Stock at Home

Seth

Apple
Plum
Compass Cherry
Current
Grape
Gooseberry
Raspberry
Straberry
Ornamental & Shade
Trees
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Dahlias
Mallow Marvel
Many other
Varieties

ALL STOCK STATE INSPECTED

AUSTIN, MINN.,

Feb 24

1913

A W Tarham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir

You will see by the Great Horticulturist I am entitled to some plant premiums my membership ticket number is 169 & yet it looks as though it is 969 and for my selection you may send me numbers as follows.

no one 2 sets grapes

no 4 6 *Conocanaster acutifolia*

no 5 3 *Pyrethrum uliginosum*

If the Great Breeders farm chooses to send me any of the stock for testing I will endeavor to take pains to give a good report of the stock sent me. each year
Thanking you in advance

Yours truly
J M Lindsay



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Waterville, Minn.,

7th April 1913

Friend Lottom the letter heads rec many thanks
I used 1,000 letter heads in 10 months I am out
of folders I am sending you the names that I
sent to them folders to Waterville Minn

Chas Christman

John Powers

Geo Dressell

Joseph Erverson

Arthur Sheldon all the above from Waterville

Winfuld Allen Lutzyn Cook co Minn

Albert West Noel Grey River Falls Minn

Waterville F. A. Lowe & S. H. Harrington both Waterville

C. A. Backman Waterville I once got him eyes ago

he may be now I do not know. Will it pay to send copy material

Since I wrote I have rec 44 (Encls 20) of Apple from Moss plumb

pear & Apple Graft from Charles city from Patten

Wax and lamp ready to Encl 1st Warm Day I wrote

Doxy of State University my 3rd write

you better send me 25 folders to put in my letters

I am trying for new subscribers I am sending 7 letters

today

I sold all the Symp we had

I have 1 yos Stone Wood for 3 fires cut and Piled
I own Gasoline Engine & Saw we cut 20 2 horse loads
in 13 hours 4 men to help

My Farm 223 acres is worth 100 per acre it pays to hold on

I bought 2 Hungarian Grape vines of Shonell by Jos falls

they come ready and kept 4 weeks the Grapes

I shall die up the tops of the trees I set last fall

I have a good crop of ice for the Summer

2 extra Jersey cows. I expect some Red Bay Pursat Grapes

I think I may be able to get some Grapes off the
limbs that Blew down by Cyclone last year

I have in cellar Malindi Apples Browns Sweet Lemons
got Grapes of J M Brome Monkeys and the Sun Crab

I got Gees eggs from O H Brome I was glad to make friends
with O H Brome I extended. the word that at time he only held it
after that he helped shake I heard on Freshman Expressing
his hostility the Lord "When I am well I stay well till
night" I think the Better Way "Agree with thine Adversary

quickerly" I have a very good time at Peace with all
the World Golden Seed all ready sowing so healthy

as a good Golden Peas, beets, Yumps, Lettuce, onions, sabbow, carrots
the Grapes promise abundance. Shonell says when I have
Hungarian Grapes he will buy them all

the Peas have much prospects for crops good

Seth W. Kenney



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Waterville, Minn., 12 April 1913

A W Leathron yesterday I wrote our Rep at St Paul
what our Society was doing that I had visited the State
Fruit Breeding Farm at Humboldt Minn. that I made an
Exhibit of Winter Apples 2 years ago and sold 100 bbls of
Waxed Winter Apples. that in a few years we would grow
all the Winter Apples and come to sell yesterday we
the Holders will send them when I write letters
I now must rec 30 Grafts of Hanson's Minnesota Plums
from Hanson expect to graft today I told our
Representatives the State needed more hard
dry know of my Apple Exhibit at Fairbault
I think I will get their help. Reed voted against
Worrey Saffrey. Kerner voted for it Reed is in
the interest of S. Leavens I think I think Pres
Wilson is Wrong in killing the Best corn Industry
North & South in Green Cleveland time Wool
Sold at 12 1/2 c lb they had to borrow 360 Million
Dollars they say they themselves. I have written
Pres of New Orleans Sugar Ex. change
I asked them who we should vote for next
President that they was Bidding for Labor vote.

With the old Party split their chance
looks good. The New Orleans Sugar Exchange
made an invited Guest with them at
their Meeting. Their own Party going Back was them
with Millions in Money must make them
feel sore and I do not Blame them
I think the Democrats Bid for to remain
in Power let of them the money for office

Seth

The core report was not all correct

I enclose one bill of our core
I send plant in your Garden

I find it Rich in Sugar and very

Early

United States Department of Agriculture,
Bureau of Plant Industry.

Pomological Collections.

Washington, D. C., April 12, 1913.

ERL-MJS

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago we addressed a communication to you requesting assistance in the work of revising the list of fruits suitable for cultivation in your district. If this letter did not reach you, please advise us and another copy will be forwarded you.

We are particularly desirous of obtaining an early reply to the inquiries made in the above letter for the reason that it is very important to have the data assembled, and tabulated, and the type set before the next meeting of the American Pomological Society in order that it may approve or amend the findings of the committee while it is in session.

We shall be very grateful for your assistance in this matter and shall deeply appreciate an early word from you covering the revision as set forth in our first letter.

Very truly,



Assistant Pomologist.



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REV. JOHN B. KATZNER

Supt. Trial Station

Collegeville, Minn., 4-26-13.

A. W. Latham,

Dear Friend:

I regret not to be able to serve you this time in sending you a photograph as requested. In the article I sent you I was not writing about my own pear trees but of those of Chas. G. Patten of Charles City, Iowa. It is evident I can't take a picture of his trees but probably he might send you a picture or two of them.

Yours very truly,

John B. Katzner,

P.S. I am home from St. Raphael's Hosp. at St. Cloud, but cannot do anything yet from weakness and from Phlebitis a kind of Rheumatism in my right leg, which prevents me from walking about.

Yours, J. B. K.



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GROWER OF
WEALTHY APPLES
WILD AND TAME HAY.

R. F. D. No. 2

Waterville, Minn., 15 May 1913

A. W. Lothorn Dear Sir I have the new ^{plants} Fruit all
bowed the same they was set out. of the plants set 2 years
ago last winter several of them died. I had at that time
grafted on Wild Plumb, and the kinds that died. that
I grafted on Wild Plumb all lived and not more than
4 rods from those that died Now only for this experience
I should give up the kinds that died one paper
I expect you can give exact list of those that died for
the winter meeting I regard this experience very valuable as
showing the influence of a hardy root I was intend to
show it up at the winter meeting the 2 year Grape roots
look as if I would have bushels of Grapes they was up on
the wire trellis all winter the Thompson Grape looks
fine think will be full crop they are as hardy as Peter,
the Orchard every tree full of Blossoms very many
top Waked bid for to the great things. the weather
today after the Rain last night is cold it is possible if it
dont bring frosts. 445 Seedling Raspberry roots 6 or 7 Seedling
Grapes. A Strawberry will give me opportunity to get
something fine and the tree that Royalton Bunch bloom
I hope to get some seasons as it Blossoms full as a

strips of bark connect with the root.
My Fruit is getting to be w local attraction
there is rushing to compare with it also the Orchard
Bro Dought has w Grape that I think better than
any Grape I have ever tasted I am waiting that
they close I do not want to go to a circus
as I have w good one each day at 26 some
I am clipping the corn busines
I never think in looking over the Garden
I now have 24 Thompsons Grape roots I stated
it is fine but not large I set the lot of Browns
Sweet I th of May it is a good keeper
I have 5 kinds corn with will have large crop
Molins Apples & Seedlings could handle all day
and not see all that is to be seen
I look for change in weather soon

Jetho W. Kenney

Send me w few Faintest Envelopes
A.W.L. when printed on them

I sold 102 bbls Winter Apples 2 quarts
they look w good next

Saint Paul

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(JAN 1st 1913)

SAINT PAUL May 26, 1913.

A. W. Latham, Sec.,

Minnesota State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I have called up your office at least four times and spent forty cents toll in trying to find out when I may expect the balance due me account of premiums. I have not received premiums numbers three and five.

Under No. 3, I am to receive eighteen evergreens, which I am very anxious to get. I am besieged with questions from all sides regarding ~~these~~ premiums. If you cannot supply them, please tell me and I will refund the dollar received as membership from my friends in order to avoid this embarrassment.

I did not think, when I entered the Society, that I would have any trouble along this line. If I had, I surely would not have joined nor advised any of my friends to. This sort of thing makes anyone indignant, - to be promised time and time again and then be disappointed.

Kindly let me hear from you.

Yours truly,

E. J. Kunkamp

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BIENNIAL MEMBERSHIP, \$2.00.
LIFE MEMBERSHIP, \$20.00.

May 24, 1913.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your very kind favor of the 14th inst. notifying me of the fact that you have forwarded a copy of your 1912 report. At this time I desire to thank you most cordially for the courtesy, as I appreciate the volume very much and shall take especial pleasure in filing it with the property of the society. At this time I also regret to advise you that this society does not maintain an exchange list, much to my regrets. Heretofore the secretaries apparently have not deemed such a feature desirable or possibly the funds of the society have not permitted of such an expense.

sufficiently to Personally I am not yet into the work of the organization and cannot say what will be done in the immediate future; but I expect to submit this matter to the society at its next meeting with the request that an exchange list be maintained with the further proposition that permanent headquarters be established. Should the society look with favor upon these features, it will afford me pleasure to comply with your request.

In the mean time permit me to call your attention to the fact that many societies of the character of yours carry thirty year memberships, which entitles them to copies of the proceedings for thirty years, *together with copies of all past ones still in print.*

These memberships cost \$20.00 at present. It is proposed to raise them next year. We should be delighted to receive your membership. In the mean time I shall take pleasure in sending you copies of our quarterly bulletin.

Yours truly,



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R. F. D. No. 2

Waterville, Minn.

17th June

1913

A W Luthorn the Hot Weather has caused
every thing to Grow Rapid the State has endorsed
me with a lot of things. the help is scarce and
I have to work hard to keep every thing in good
Order and I cannot well come up now but later
will come & visit the Fruit farm & J O Wald
the Strawberries will be almost as good as but
other things promising if the State comes around
the Agent I want the best there is and to state
I have it. I drop you this time to tell you
this will be the best showing on Apples I ever had
enough Raspberries to test them and the Grapes
the best I have ever seen no weeds in them
Grafts most all grew a good showing on the Runners
Fruits other Plums the trees full of Plum Pockets
they was sprayed with Armit's Lead & Lime Sulphur
I find every ones that did not spray the same
find out the cause at the Meeting if possible
in haste to get to work
I mulched the Orchard with Straw great many
loads
Seth

Holland Minn. June 28. 1913.

✓ \$4⁰⁰—

Mr.

A. W. Latham

Minneapolis

Minn

Dear Sir: Enclosed you will find \$4
for ^{first} payment of life membership fee.

I have been waiting for Plant
Premiums as I am a new Member
but did not receive any.

I will let you know how my Orchard
get along.

The most of my Apple trees did well
Transcendant Crab Withney 20. Hibernol
also Compass Cherry did not lose a fruit
bud at a lest Winters temperature 54
below zero. Compass Cherry is loaded heavy
with the fruit. Yellow Transparent
II.

Anisim Hystop also Wealthy have been killed back of the new growth.

Prof. Homsens hybrid plums Saper lost the new growth Opata is killed entirely Homska is doing fine.

Desote Wolf Surprise Plums went thru the winter with out injury.

Schmahl fruit Gooseberry Corrie Mountain Seedling are loaded with nice Fruit, Peol Companion Downing have only a little. Currents Perfection Norway Currant had no production over Winter and are bearing a good crop of Fruit. The St. Regis Raspberry also is loaded with Fruit.

We did not have any Snow until

Tomorrow and dawn only a little so
there was no protection.

I am going to bud some Compass
cherries on some wilde Cherrys dis summer
I have tried it least jeahr bant the
Buds made a poor Union.

Better Crab is not hardy in this
section. I have 12 and most of them
are winter killed.

I will close my poor writing

Respectfully
Yours

F. J. Kugler
Cook County, Howland Minn.



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Waterville, Minn., 24th July 1913

Harriet Latham Mr. Wiley and J. with his Daughter & Wife
looked over the Orchard today we estimated 200 bushel it will
probably take 600 bbls to handle these apples I own alone Old and
not very strong could you find some responsible man that
would buy these Apples on the trees. I found most of them Wealthy
of course there is a lot of Robinson perhaps 45 bbls not as many as
2 yrs ago, but more Wealthy perhaps 30 bbl Potters Greening
Now you might throw enquiries about such a chance
I would like to leave it with you as to price. I think could get
pickers at reasonable price right here I have got them 2 yrs
ago I feel it would be too much for me to undertake such
a job I had some pictures taken of the Orchard as the apples
are not yet colored up they may show only the best lumber
We have had a good visit Mr. Wiley goes home today you may
not see him now as he goes to Mounds today

I never have seen trees so loaded before

Remember I will pay you to help me
Seth H. Kenney

I write early so to help you out

I have one acre ground to lease that is all I accept

What about the Minn. Fruit Association

I think 600 bbl is not to long estimate

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I approved 2 times



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Waterville, Minn.,

July 23^d. 1913

A W Leathron Dear Friend I am writing to Moncton about Apple Exhibit. I think I may have in all 2000 bushel a very large lot of top Wabash Apples the ground is moist they have a good chance to mature Mr J O Wald of Mound Minn is here on a visit with his wife & daughter Mrs Cleator. We will go over the Orchard together today also the New Friends as you may not feel able to come down I told Mr Wald to report to you what he has seen the Orchard is quite heavily mulched with straw the water sprouts all removed. I think some 10 trees have been blown down with the high wind I have written to know the kind of Exhibit wanted if it is variety I can fill the bill of course on a Premium of 250.00 the Exhibit will be immense. but "Joint venture never was your Lady" We are greatly enjoying Mr Walds visit our long acquaintance in school days commencing 73 years ago and constant friendship ever since needs no comment since we are no blood relation the few Rosbours this year are large & fine

The young Orchard top Waked is very
Promising! the 27 Grape from the State home
all lined and more a fine Growth home
lost only 1 plum tree. I take great Pleasure
in county for them some as Women take in
fancy Needle Work, that I have kept busy
No one can deny when I get tired I lay down
and take a rest when up rested I walk again
the Berry Season is just about to a close
but some of the State Buses home Green Berries
this is very important in getting Late Berries
Seth W Kenney

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UNIVERSITY FARM, ST. PAUL, MINN.

July 17, 1913.

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

Dear Latham:—

Enclosed you will find some pictures which you may use for illustrating my article on judging apples if it is not too late. I regret not having sent them to you earlier and hope you will not be greatly inconvenienced by my delay.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,
A. R. Kohler.



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30 July

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A W Lathorn Dear Sir I thank you much for your trying to help me out. in Lathorn's letter he did not say any thing about sending or coming down. Today I have written him that I am not able to do so much work. I want to sell the Apples on the ground for 25¢ a bushel for the good Apples. 1/2 bushel is better than for me to try on such a large job. I intend to go to Waterville if Mr. Lathorn would come and see the orchard there are a other orchards near but not large like mine. When I hear will write you again the 28 July I sent to P. K. Gould some Opales Plums. they were the same I bought of Thomson in April 1911 they were valuable because so early and a prolific Bearer. I find the Bats (Bats) a great Bearer think from 15 vines I may have 10 bushel. The Thompsons Blossom fall but my Great took them. I perhaps cannot tell about the Thompsons from Seedlings one year old the Bearer was large & I have some of N.C. that may prove valuable as I have them now in Blossom & Green Bearer. They have had a high state of Cultivation the new plants are from 1/2 to 2 ft high (not all of that height the Bearer very large & blossoms of the Thompsons I know nothing other was they are of value they sent 19 plumb trees 18 are living these Bats Bearer were

The Grapes Seedlings are fine No 2 the largest Growth
3 ft and over all alive did not lose one
Strawberries doing well not all alive but they have
had good care I do not think one year experience conclusion
The Plumbs are valuable I do not think all are very good
I have a large lot top Waxed Apples I presume more
than most men I have about 4 bbl quantity they are small
will not send any to Market I wish I could show you around
the Ground is moist the apples grow fast

I hope I wont have to Market the apples

I know my Strength & Age wont admit
of it I like the Work but there comes a
day when the Cask is Broken at the Mountain
I will do the best I can I am proud of the Small
Fruit I have kept it choice

Leth W. Krimmy.

I top Waxed with good Success new
apples lost Spring

Some made growth 12 inches

I wish I could show you round