

play of apples, pears and grapes is superb, and amply sustains our growing reputation for producing the choicest of these kinds of fruits, but it is the prunes and plums, dried, boxed and ready for the market, that call for special comment, since the "Oregon prune" is the one great fruit that is going to give this region an enviable reputation the world over. Two superb exhibits are made by gentlemen, both residents of Portland, who are well known throughout the state as enthusiastic and able pomologists, Dr. J. A. Cardwell and Dr. O. P. S. Plummer. Their displays of Italian (*Fahlenberg*), Petit d'Agen, Gros d'Agen, German, Coe's Golden Drop, Silver and Reine Claude prunes, and Peach, Yellow Egg, Jefferson, Washington, General Hand and Columbia plums, probably excel anything that can be produced in that line elsewhere in the world. An examination of this magnificent fruit is an object lesson in the climate and soil of Oregon that is most impressive. Both of these gentlemen have devoted many years and much time, labor and thought to achieve this triumph, and their orchards, situated on the outskirts of Portland, are well worth the visit of any one interested in fruit culture.

Comparatively few people are aware of the giant strides being made here in prune culture. Taking the authenticated sales of two seedsmen in Portland for the basis of calculation alone, the subject assumes actually vast proportions. It is the custom in Oregon to plant peach pits from which to raise stocks on which to graft the prune and the plum. This is owing to the tendency of stocks from plum and prune pits to "sucker out." Remembering this, bear in mind that the two seedsmen above referred to sold during the past season at least 2,000,000 peach pits. Using these figures it is not unreasonable to suppose that within the next ten years at the furthest, making all due allowances for losses and sales to California—for that state is a heavy purchaser of Oregon prune and plum stock—and elsewhere, Oregon's bearing orchards of these fruits will number anywhere from 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 trees. These are huge figures, but by no means unwarranted by the facts. They suggest two things, one the importance, indeed the necessity, of looking out for and securing markets for the immense output of the future; and, second, the equal importance and necessity of mastering the art of putting



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