

uals can make the experiment at little outlay of labor or money. It requires about $3\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of seed to the acre, sown by drilling, and should be put in about the first week in May, or perhaps a little later here. If planted too early it is liable to run to seed. Grown to any extent would necessitate quite a plant for slicing, drying and grinding, but if readily grown the needed capital would probably be forthcoming to utilize the product. The crop is one worthy of consideration in this favored country where nearly everything may be grown to perfection.

THE JAPAN PLUMS.

Answering your query as to the Japan plums, I will say that of all the Kelsey strain I have seen, the fruit does not equal most of the European kinds. But the Simoni and Botan (Abundance) I prefer to any other plums I ever saw. Being great bearers, this fact strikes us forcibly, as they may surpass any of our older varieties. The fruit has a coming flavor that is irresistible. I have kept the fruits in my desk drawer for three weeks after they were in eating shape, without losing their aroma or showing the least decay. J. M. OGLE.

CREAMERY NEWS.

The Yakima creamery, up the Ahtanum, opens up this week. It was a very successful experiment last year; could not half supply the demand for its goods. Now they expect to run the year around henceforth.

Rosalia, Wash., expects a new creamery this spring.

The Sprague creamery is reported to be a sure thing this year.

Uniontown, Wash., farmers are determined to start a creamery. Plenty of room for it and money in its right working, gentlemen.

A \$10,000 incorporated company is to build a creamery at Montesano.

Auburn, Wash., people propose to start up a new factory about April 1st.

Last year the Satsop factory did a good business, so they start up this season on March 5. They intend to increase their field operations by locating cream separators in outlying districts, only the cream being hauled to the creamery, the sweet skimmed milk presumably being used by the farmers, than which no better food exists for veal calves and pigs.

A creamery is being built near Mound Prairie, Thurston county, Wash., by R. A. Brewer.

Crescent, Lincoln county, farmers are making big talk about a creamery and cheese factory.

The factory prospects in the Kittitas are treated quite fully in another article in this issue.

RANCH STORIES.

A gentleman farmer from Gotham-town-by-the-sea-in-the east, now become a genuine and successful rancher on the shores of the racing Yakima, king of irrigation rivers, tells a good story on himself in a way that proclaims him a gentleman under any clothes. One of the best follows:

One day in his first year on the ranch he tired of his unwonted labors in the field and went to the house sometime before the noon hour, leaving his men at work without special instructions. While enjoying his siesta, the men went to him for orders.

"And what will you have done with that dead furrow, Mr. Dash?"

"Dead! Good gracious? Don't it smell very badly? Bury it right away, of course." Slow music.

A New Apple.

Marion County Red is the name given to a handsome apple by its introducer, G. W. Waterbury, of Woodburn, Oregon. Mr. W. says it is a seedling from the Baldwin. In appearance the specimens shown were a bright red, nearly solid color, delicately striped and blotched. The form is midway between Baldwin and Spitzenburg; calyx deep and open; basin narrow, deep; stem short; flesh creamy white, lighter than the Baldwin; fine, melting texture; mild, sub-acid flavor; small core; season, February and March. Mr. W. states that it is a free bearer, better than Baldwin with him; a good keeper; habit of tree similar to Baldwin when grown.

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