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in my mind but pecan growing on the rich alluvial bottoms of the lower Mississippi valley will prove to be a very profitable business. Many of Van Deman's friends will be glad to hear of his great enterprises and that he is meeting with well-merited success. No more noble-hearted and generous man than Van Deman can be found and he deserves success.

A man by the name of Hayden called me up by telephone while I am writing these notes and asked me some important questions about raising grapes in the lower Yakima valley about Kiona. He especially wanted to know what I thought about growing the Flaming Tokay in that section. His questions are, no doubt, of interest to others who cannot talk to me over the telephone, so I give my answers here: I have no experience in growing the Tokay myself, but I know it is grown in the Yakima valley. Some six or seven years ago, when I was assisting the State Fair Commission in gathering up exhibits, I found some fine specimens of the Tokay in Yakima County. No one was growing it extensively, so far as I could learn. But I never saw finer samples of this famous grape than I found near Zillah. I have never tried to grow it, for we are not in the grape business except to supply our own wants, but I have no doubt but it can be profitably grown, and especially so as low down in the valley as Kiona, in Benton County. It may be necessary to throw the vines down to the ground and protect them with a covering of dirt during the winter.

Mr. Hayden informed me that some one had reported to him that the Concord did not do well in that part of the state. My answer was that such a statement is most certainly erroneous. We grow Concords, Wordens, Moore's Earlies, Delawares and other grapes very successfully in our fruit ranch near Zillah. Some of my neighbors grow Concords by the acre, and find a ready sale for all they can ship to Seattle and other cities. A leading commission man on Western Avenue, Seattle, told me once that finer Concords never come to Seattle than those sent by William Squires, Zillah, Wash. The commission men of Seattle buy Concords from Ohio and Western New York by the carloads. This man told me that just as soon as grape growers in Washington could ship in such grapes as came from Mr. Squires by the carload, and enough to meet the demand, they would cease to import from the East. There is no question about the high grade of these Washington grapes. Good money can be made by any enterprising man who will grow the standard grapes in carload lots. The undeveloped resources of the Northwest have many surprises in store, and that of growing grapes extensively is one of them.

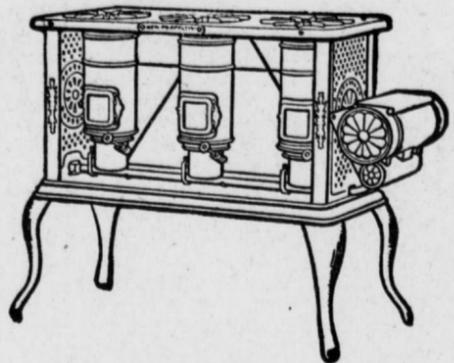
We sometimes say that great advancement has been made in the business of fruit growing, but we do not half realize what this implies. The following clipping will tell this story in a most convincing manner:

The other day we came across an old book with a curious item on grafting which is interesting as illustrating the ideas which were prevalent at that time. The book was printed in London in 1635 and in it we found this passage: "Now, when you have made yourself perfect in the sowing, setting, planting and grafting trees, you shall then learn to know the effects, wonders and strange issues which do proceed from many quaint notions and helps in grafting, as thus: If you will have peaches, cherries, apples, quinces, medlars, Damson or any other plums whatsoever to ripen early, as at the least two months before the ordinary time, and to continue at least a month longer than the accustomed course, you shall then graft them upon a mulberry stock. And if you will have the fruit to taste like spice, with a certain delicate perfume, you shall boil honey, the powder of cloves and soake together, and being cold, annoynt the grafts therewith before you put them into the cleft. If you graft apples, peares or any fruit upon a fig tree stock, they will beare fruit without blooming. If you take an apple graft and a peare graft of like bignesse, and having cloven them,

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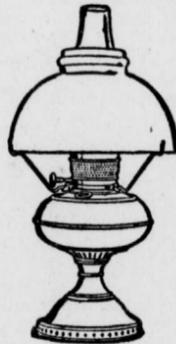
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