

"This tree, received in 1918, bore a bushel of fine peaches July 21, two weeks earlier than the earliest variety grown at one of the largest peach orchards in Michigan, located near Romeo." (Dr. Frank N. White, Romeo, Mich., December 15, 1922.)

COLOCASIA ESCULENTA (Araceae.) **Dasheen.** "Some time ago you sent me some dasheens, which I planted. From some hills I obtained as much as 15 pounds of tubers. I am still raising them and now have a fine patch. My family likes them as well as Irish potatoes and, besides, they come in when the latter are gone. On account of the climate we cannot keep Irish potatoes, but the dasheens keep well." (Alfred E. Thomas, Labelle, Fla., May 15, 1923.)

"The dasheen has been the only real money crop we have been able to grow during the last few years. I have been convinced as to the reliability of it, as last year I netted \$55.00 per acre, besides \$3.00 per day for my own labor and team, on a 6-acre tract, while the year before, after planting in sweet potatoes, I netted nothing, and received only about 30 cents per day for my labor. Of course it was an unfavorable season for potatoes that year, but the same land produced the dasheens under what would have been a still more unfavorable season for sweet potatoes. All we want now is the market for dasheens, but I know it will take a great deal of hard work to make it.

"The dasheen crop seems to be good through this section, although the recent heavy rains damaged considerably those planted on low land that were not bedded. I have only about three acres planted to dasheens this season." (Ernest Petree, Callahan, Fla., June 19, 1923.)

CYDONIA OBLONGA (Malaceae), 33213. **Quince.** "Antequera." From Granada, Spain. "This tree, which I received in 1917, has just borne, for the first time, a peck of the finest looking and finest tasting quinces we have ever grown. At this writing they are keeping in excellent condition." (Dr. Frank N. White, Romeo, Mich., December 15, 1922.)

PYRUS COMMUNIS (Malaceae), 43183. **Pear.** "Belmont." From Avondale, Auckland, New Zealand. "There were five pears ripened on this tree October 15. They were medium sized, with light-green skin, tinting yellow, with russet at the blossom end. The flesh was white, fine grained, very sweet and juicy, with a pleasing sprightly flavor, and not darkened at the core." (Dr. Frank N. White, Romeo, Mich., December 15, 1922.)