

resembling champagne. As the summer is remarkably short in Yakutsk government, and the winter's cold most intense, this currant may be expected to thrive in even the coldest sections of the United States." (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. Frank N. Meyer writes December 6, 1911, from Rostoff-on-Don, Russia, the following description of his visit to Mr. Woeikov, one of the most celebrated plant breeders in Russia:

"Mr. A. D. Woeikov is a man of about thirty-five, who although of a family which owns a large amount of land, is conducting a nursery. As he says, 'Dendrology is my hobby, but the nursery is my business'. He also conducts a modest school of horticulture for about twenty country lads, for which business he receives a governmental subsidy. He is especially interested in introducing all sorts of hardy trees and shrubs he can lay his hands on, while hardy fruits take the second place. He has a reading knowledge of German and English, but prefers French as a medium of conversation.

"His collections of trees and shrubs have been planted out on many spots, as he has been searching for the best all-around locality and he decided a few years ago to start a new plantation a few miles away from the old place, where he hopes things will do better. The climate in the Simbirsk Government is not congenial to trees. The summers are hot and dry, the winters quite cold, with little snow as a rule, while in spring they experience often very severe night frosts that kill off the young growth. Therefore the variety of trees and shrubs able to survive this climate is not a great one. On the hills one finds wild: *Pinus sylvestris*, *Betula alba*, *Quercus pedunculata*, *Tilia parviflora*, *Ulmus pedunculata*, *Ulmus pumila*, *Amygdalus nana*, *Acer tataricum*, *Populus tremula*, *Crataegus sanguinea*, *Spiraea hypericifolia* and a few minor things. On low places various species of willows occur, also *Alnus glutinosa*, *Populus alba*, *P. nigra* and some intermediate forms. On the whole it is not a very rich flora.

"As to cultivated plants, Mr. Woeikov's greatest specialty is apples, of which he has about fifty different varieties, not all, however, strictly successful. They are nearly all grafted on the Eastern Siberian variety of crab-apple, as this has the hardiest roots and withstands drouth the best; the growth, however, is slow and hybrids between *Malus prunifolia* and *M. baccata* supply really a better stock, but one cannot get them in sufficient quantity.