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APPLES, APRICOTS, CHERRIES, FIGS, GRAPES,  
MELONS, PEACHES AND NECTARINES,  
PEARS, PINEAPPLES, PLUMS,  
STRAWBERRIES

ASPARAGUS, BEANS, BEETS, CARROTS, CHICORY,  
CAULIFLOWERS, CUCUMBERS, LETTUCE,  
MUSHROOMS, RADISHES, RHUBARB,  
SEA KALE, TOMATOES

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## FOREWORD

A FEW years ago I contributed some articles on fruit culture under glass to THE FLORISTS' EXCHANGE. These were very favorably received, and it was even suggested to me that I should collect all my material on this subject and put it into book form. But at that time I realized that I still lacked experience in many of the details of that pursuit which were absolutely necessary to the successful culture of the several fruits it is possible and profitable to raise under glass.

The encouragement I then received has, however, induced me at this later time, and after more extended experience, to now attempt to carry out an undertaking which, even well into its beginning, seemed a Herculean task. But, strange to say, as I began to make progress the more deeply I became interested. It was to me a relaxation from other duties, and I have found the preparation of the subject matter very companionable. Progress has been slow, as the writing could be done at night only, after the more pressing duties of the day had received attention.

There are many well-known fruit growers throughout this country who raise excellent crops and who are thoroughly familiar with the art of bringing fruit under glass to the highest state of perfection; such men need no instruction from me. My sole motive in publishing this work is to give information to the less fortunate of my brethren, those who have not had the opportunity to learn all the details necessary to the successful cultivation of all kinds of indoor fruit.

If this book will prove of assistance to the inexperienced and to the beginner to the extent of imparting new life and energy to this important branch of our profession, I shall feel repaid a hundredfold for the time and labor it has cost me. I know there is a great and growing field for this work, and I would say to all gardeners (young and old), located in establishments where there is glass to any extent but no fruit: Introduce some pot fruit, but grow it well; it may be the means of adding a fruit range to the establishment. There is no better spender in the world than the American employer, provided that returns are in sight, namely, fruit of a higher grade than can be produced or obtained in the open market.

I have endeavored to discard theory and to give nothing but solid facts and information which, I may say, it has taken me many years of close experience to collect and apply. But I now feel sure of my ground—for the greater part of my life has been spent among hothouse fruit. I do not take any credit to