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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1888.

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THE NEW BRUSSELS SPROUT, a certain variety of Malus, the subject of this offer, is now ready for distribution, and may be had free on application to the Secretary, 19, East Street, Battersea, London.
and can be counted and valued, and their condition indicates how they have been pampered and otherwise treated. In some parts of Italy it is the practice to plant all the trees on a holding when the tenant enters, describing the number of trees of each kind in each enclosure, indicating the condition of the whole in general, if not of each, and valuing them all. When the tenant units is made, any allowance is made for natural improvement on the one hand, or deterioration similar to the reasonable "wear and tear" in a house, on the other, I cannot say. Perhaps some such plan could be adopted.

The simplest reform, however—and I believe that fruit growers and farmers can get it if they will act together—would be that of striking out the stipulation in the Agricultural Holdings Act which requires the landlord's consent to entitle the tenant to compensation for planting fruit trees, and for other permanent improvements. But as I have always been an unappreciated friend—to landlords, I must state one objection to this proposal. It would be hard to come down upon a poor, embarrassed landlord, or upon one fairly well-to-do, but only a small portion of either's income would by any form of compensation to an outgoing tenant. Therefore, it seems to me that the tenant is entitled to compensation for costly improvements made without the landlord's consent; the latter should have the option of preventing the right of free sale to the former. Or, perhaps, as landlords have always opposed free sale, it will be but a fitting lesson to them to make the amendment in the Agricultural Holdings Act just suggested, and to leave them to sue for free sale which, I fancy, under the altered circumstances, many of them would very quickly demand. At any rate, in the interest of the tenant, I contend, it is the right and the duty of the public to insist that the law of the land shall be so altered as to encourage, instead of hindering, the greatest profitable development of the resources of the soil. They should not recognize the right of a man who is allowed to "hold an estate in land"—the nearest approach to absolute ownership recognized by the law of the country—to keep it as a "water, or anything like a desert waste, if it will pay for improvement, and there are capitalists able and willing to do so. Or, there are applications for the appointment of public right and duty subject to me, I say that the people of this country, desirous as they are to see planting increased, should have the right to make applications in Parliament without unnecessary delay, so amending or adding to the statutes as to afford to every cultivator of the soil in that case a just and valued compensation for any improvement in the planting and culture of fruit which he is able and willing to carry out.

**New or Noteworthy Plants.**

*Cypripedium Elliotianum, Josephine Jolibois x, hbg. pall.*

This comes very near to *Cypripedium oxianum* subrubescens. But the staminode is quite distinct. The leaf at hand is quite of Harrisianum shape and is covered with rather obscure, dark, interrupted, broken bars. The bract is much shorter than the hairy, green, indigo-purple ribbed ovary, green with indigo-purple lines and freckles. The dorsal sepal is very broad, adored with an upper white, broad margin, with numerous indigo-purple veins on the back, and a rather indigo, narrow part, very dark with deeper spots of the same colour, which give a mossiform appearance. Petals nearly ciliate, ligulate acute, of a pale yellowish green, greenish at the base, where there are numerous dark spots. The whole traversed by ten dark, parpilh-brown nerves with some short, transverse, oblique bars in the anterior part running from one longitudinal nerve to the other. Dorsal sepal narrow, shorter than the lip, with indigo-purple nerves outside on the lightest greenish ground, quite covered with dense short purple hairs, while inside these are but a short few lines of indigo-purple hairs, not surpassing the base. The lip is that of *Cypripedium Harrisianum*, very pallid, having much olive colour underneath, some light brownish-purple above, and an ochre-coloured margin around the mouth. The involved margins of the stamens of the lip have numerous light, round spots; similar ones are to be seen in the interior, covered with very numerous dark hairs. The staminode is yellow, finally light-red, rather raise in front, with two large lateral lobes and a very small apical in the line of both.

Mr. R. Measures, of The Woodlands, Streatham, the *facile princeps* of Cypripedists, has raised this from *Cypripedium Harrisianum* and *C. insignis* together.

There can be no doubt if we knew how near all these varieties of Cypripedium insigne stand one to another, that those children of insigne and Harrisianum should be kept under the common name of *C. adunco*, as it appears that the genus should be divided, if this is the case; this is also the view of Mr. R. Measures. Allusion is made to a similar plant in the *Journal de la Société Nationale d'Horticulture de France*.