

## YOU DON'T EAT THE LEAVES!

A group of peach breeders were being conducted through the orchards of a midwestern experiment station and stopped at a tree with luxuriant foliage but no fruit. Many comments were registered regarding the excellent foliage and finally our guide closed the discussion with the remark, "After all, you don't eat the leaves."

The above is true to a degree and yet it is the leaves which manufacture the food materials which are transported to the fruits which are used for human consumption. Therefore, we do eat the leaves, indirectly.

We would like to plead for tolerance on the part of our readers when confronted with statements which at first appear incorrect. Such tolerance is necessary if we are to secure benefit from apparently conflicting information which does not seem to conform to the pattern with which we are familiar.

Many reports of success or failure with certain varieties may seem entirely contrary to our own experiences. We must be ready to appreciate such results because a seemingly unimportant variation in soil or climatic conditions may be the controlling factor. We must likewise keep ourselves so well informed that we can utilize profitably these various items which add to our fund of knowledge.

