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## Letters

### No. Crab Apple Needs Identification

Dear Mac:

We are wondering if any A.P.S. readers have a crab apple labeled U.S.D.A. No. 1. If so, we would like to know a little of its history, particularly where it originated and its parentage. According to our records here at the Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station, Mountain Grove, Mo., our trees came from the U.S.D.A. in 1931. In that shipment were many numbered apple seedlings, numbered mostly below 60. Close, No. 57, was one of them.

According to Dr. Magness there is no record of a Number 1 crab apple ever being sent out from Beltsville or from the Mandan Station in North Dakota, to this Station. So far as he knows there were no crab seedlings distributed for test at that time. We are interested in this particular seedling because of its many good qualities, as it grows here. It is slightly larger, and better colored, than Transcendent. It is a true crab, firmer than most, has fine texture, excellent quality, and blooms later than Transcendent. Quite a number of growers who have seen this crab want to know where the trees can be purchased.

Any information regarding the origination of this crab, or name, if

there be one at this time, would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

Paul H. Shepard,  
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### Fruit Names Well Clouded

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

Your editorial on "Is Its Name Right" brings to mind some experiences. First, the Reine Claude plum. It is a fine, high quality, yellow plum belonging to *Prunus domestica* and characteristic of the Green Gage types. It is an old European sort of excellent quality and was named probably affectionately for Queen Claudia.

However, in the Finger Lakes region of western New York where Indian names dominate, containers of these fruits often carry the large legend "Rain Cloud." This apparent Indian name will undoubtedly find its way back to Europe and will bring about the peculiar situation of having French royalty and American Indians hopelessly confused!

Again, on the western slope of Colorado a number of years ago I ran across a variety of pear which

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carried the name "Peaberry." This variety is properly "P. Barry." It is named for the illustrious New York state horticulturist Patrick

Barry. At all events, "Patrick Barry" has now become "Peaberry."

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