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Letter from George Sibley to American Farmer Periodical, April 8, 1823

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To the Editor of the American Farmer.

Fort Osage, (Missouri,) April 8, 1823.

"I am, at this moment, experimenting in my nursery. I have grafted apples on sycamore and cotton tree stalks, close to the roots. I am told that the most flourishing and surest orchards of apples in the west, are growing on sycamore roots. I am trying peaches on the wild plum, and shall, by recommendation of one of my neighbors, graft some peaches on stocks of the common black walnut. This neighbor of mine assures me, that he has seen a very *old* and flourishing peach tree growing on a walnut—it is easy to try it; and should it succeed, perhaps we may be able to obtain durable peach trees—at least, we shall escape the annoyance of the worm. I am determined to try all manner of ways to procure a good permanent peach orchard. The result of such of my experiments as prove successful, shall be made known to you in due time."