

## THE KIEFFER AND LE CONTE PEARS.

THE Kieffer and Le Conte pears were introduced many years ago, and at first found favor. In California they were soon discarded, the Kieffer especially being treated to columns of sarcasm anent its pumpkin-like flavor. Those, however, like many in the southern and southwestern states who have persevered, have discovered

color, and not till then should it be put on the market. Both varieties are vigorous growers, with large, shining leaves, and both are good and regular bearers. The Le Conte is particularly a success in the southern states, and its cultivation has assumed large proportions commercially. These pears seem almost exempt from disease, which

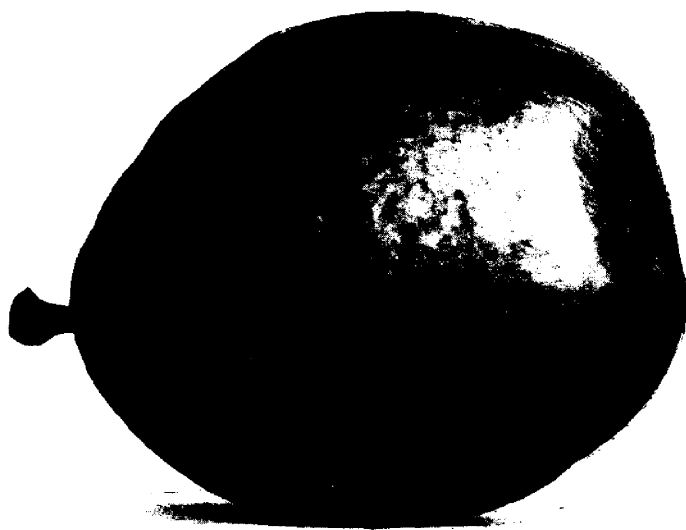


FIG. 1363.—KIEFFER PEAR.

great value even in the Kieffer when it is properly harvested. This variety is a cross between the Bartlett and the Sand pear of Asia, the Le Conte also being a hybrid with Oriental blood, and both show it plainly in habit of growth. It is necessary that the Kieffer be laid away in a store room until it gets its

is not the least recommendation. Planted even as a stock on which to subsequently graft other varieties, they are valuable, and as such they should be on their own roots (raised from cuttings), or on their own seedlings. The Asiatic pears make admirable stocks, and will no doubt supersede all others.

### PEAR BLIGHT.

Look over your pear trees and cut out all limbs that show blight — and mind this to cut 15 to 20 inches in the sound wood below the dead bark. Be careful about this. If you only just cut out the dead wood, before the summer is half gone you will find your trees just about in as bad fix as if you had not cut any. Have a heap of courage and a sharp saw and you may save valuable trees to bear crops of fruit for a number of years. I know what I am writing

about, for I have been all along this line for over twenty years. Now, I will say this: The Bartlett is a variety that will blight, and still live and bear fruit, maybe for some years, but it is the only one that I know of, and it will help the Bartlett to cut the blight out. I am satisfied that we have as yet no such a thing as blight proof pear trees, and all who offer such for sale should be regarded as frauds or fools. — Rural World.