



FIG. 2168. THE WILDER PEAR.

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A valuable early market pear, being beautiful in appearance, of fair size and very good flavor; probably the best of its season, but inclined to rot at the core if left hanging on the tree.

ORIGIN: chance seedling on south shore of Lake Erie.

TREE: vigorous, very productive and an early bearer when grafted on the quince.

FRUIT: fair to large in size, $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches in diameter; form, ovate, obtuse pyriform, sometimes shouldered at stem; color, greenish yellow, with deep red cheek and numerous grey dots; stem stout, $\frac{3}{4}$ and 1 inch in length, calyx open.

FLESH: white, tender, fine grained; flavor sweet, aromatic and very pleasant.

SEASON: August 12th to 25th.

QUALITY: dessert, very good.

VALUE: home markets, excellent.

WE have a few trees of this variety in our experimental plot, and there was none of them that attracted so much attention as the Wilder by reason of its rich beautiful dark red cheek on a

yellow ground. The Giffard, an excellent variety, and the Summer Doyenne were just over for all purposes, the Clapp not ready, and if perchance there were some of the former still hanging, they were not to be looked at when such fiery cheeks were in view as were presented by the Wilder.

Our readers will be interested in the following little account of this pear, which we found in an old copy of *The Farm and Home* :—

The original tree of this delicious pear was found on the shores of Lake Erie. It came up wild in a thicket of sprouts and rubbish and was grafted to Buffum, a few branches being left for natural fruit. The latter was found to be so good the Buffum branches were removed. Since then the tree has borne profusely each year. It