

THE DEMPSEY PEAR.



ON the occasion of our visit to the Trenton Apple and Pear Experiment Station, Mr. W. H. Dempsey pointed out to Prof. Hutt the original tree of the Dempsey pear. It was of good size and thrifty growth, but had been annually robbed of its young wood for propagating purposes. It was about twenty feet high and the trunk 6 or 7 inches in diameter. We brought with us a fine sample, which by measurement was 4 inches in length and $3\frac{1}{4}$ in thickness at its widest part. The pear at the time of writing is firm and good for keeping some time yet, thus

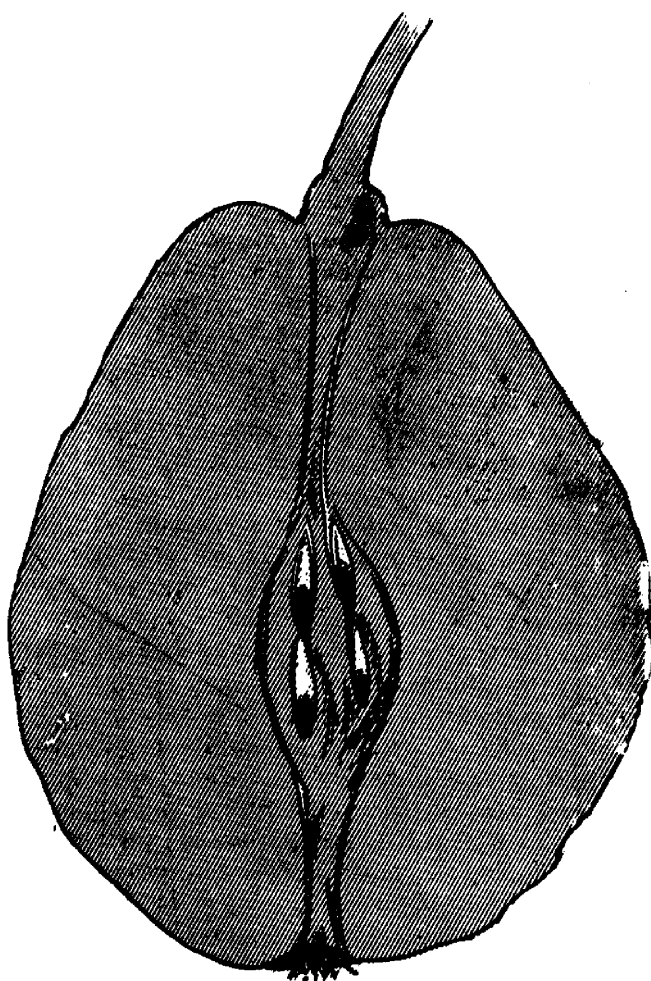


FIG. 704.—SECTION OF DEMPSEY PEAR.