

New or Little Known Fruits.

Morse's Seedling Harvest Apple.

I again send you a sample of my Seedling Harvest Apple. My Seedling is about "neck and neck" with the Early Harvest, with a second or so in favor of the latter as a rule. But it can distance the old sort in vigor of growth, size, freedom from "spot," and the flavor pleases me better—and it also pleases most others better—but flavor is "a matter of taste." The fierce frost of May caused a few specimens to crack, but there are no spots, while Early Harvest near at hand on higher and more open ground, has the whole crop ruined by "spots"; other varieties subject to that evil have suffered more or less. The crop as a whole is a failure, very early and very late blooming are least injured. The frost, like lightning, struck whimsically, and though not at all a respecter of high or low as to the person, it was, as to locality and aspect. Some have apples, some pears, some plums, some peaches, some most of the above, yet very few an abundance of either; much of the fruit is badly blemished by the weather and insect enemies. The codling moth and curculio are a vast majority compared with the fruit, and where reductive influences are not in force about ten or so insects seem to have applied for each specimen. The "blight" prevails to a slight extent, is present in both apple and pear.

My premiums of later years, Yel-

low Transparent, Niagara Grape, Vladime's Cherry, Jessie Strawberry and Louise Apple, are all doing from fair to very good. The grape somewhat protected was cut to the ground by the frost, while a Concord, some twenty-five feet away and not at all protected, partially escaped and is bearing some very fine fruit.

I am sure the HORTICULTURIST is becoming more and more appreciated, and by the more progressive cultivators of both the useful and ornamental felt to be a *sine qua non*.—S. P. MORSE, *Milton, Aug. 21, 1889.*

Reply by Editor.

This apple comes to us in good condition on the 23rd of August, and fully bears out all that was said in its favor on page 213, of Volume XI. of this journal. It is not quite so attractive in color as the Early Harvest proper, and of course is out of comparison with such varieties as the Red Astracan and the Duchess of Oldenburg; but, in point of quality for cooking, we judge it to be superior to any one of the three.

Seedling Pears.

I have sent you per mail, a box of my seedling pears for your examination. The tree that bore them is about ten or twelve years old and has now borne two or three years. This year it had about a peck on, last year it bore perhaps a bushel; the sample I sent you is about the average size.

The tree is an erect grower, thick