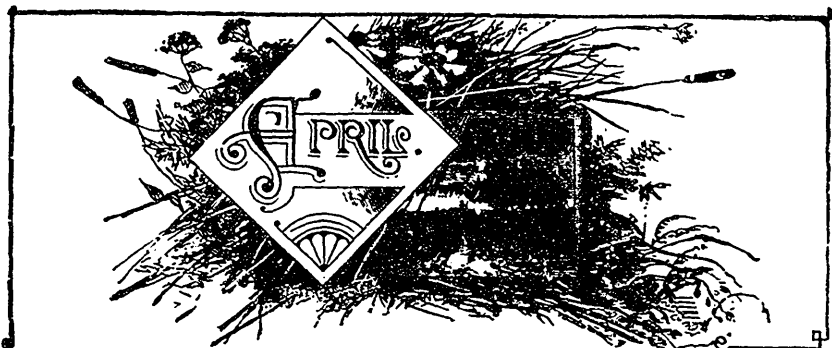


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## THE WOLF RIVER APPLE.



We agree with the President of the Michigan Horticultural Society, who stated at the recent meeting that apple culture had reached a new era, in which better methods and a choicer selection of varieties are essential to success. The man who will not spray, or manure, or cultivate his apple orchard; who will not trap codling moth, top graft best varieties, grade and market his fruit in the most up-to-date fashion, must go to the wall; but the intelligent, enterprising apple grower can make as great a success of the industry as any previous time, barring, of course, years of over production like 1896.

No doubt special trade will soon arise in special fancy dessert apples, and the man who can cater to the demands of the public will make money out of the business. At Ann Arbor the writer gave the following as three profitable varieties to grow for export, viz. :—

Blenheim, Cranberry and Ontario. These are varieties intended to cover the winter season from December to March, but for earlier shipments one might name Astracan, Duchess and Alexander. It has been the custom to condemn these varieties, because our home markets were overstocked, and they would not carry farther, but now that our steamship lines are being fitted up with cold storage plants, we can export them in good condition, as was proved by our experiments last August, when these very varieties commanded top prices in Great Britain. Of course they had to be graded for size, as well as quality; all wrapped in tissue paper and packed in bushel or half bushel cases, and then stand inspection by a government official before shipment.

Our frontispiece represents another apple that might be included in a list for export, viz., The Wolf River. A little later in season than Alexander, if anything larger and more showy in appearance, and better in quality, it