

Schumaker is a seedling originated by Michael Schumaker, of Fairview Township, Erie Co., Pa. Borne for the first time in '77. Described as large, round, bright yellow splashed with crimson, and is said to ripen three to four weeks earlier than Alexander or Amsden.

Graves' Semi-cling.—Originated by Mr. Wm. Graves, Hazelhurst, Miss.; is believed to be a hybrid of the apricot and peach. It is described as one of the largest and finest of the very early peaches, and five to six days earlier than Alexander.

Thus you see how extended has become the list of new peaches. It is to be regretted that so many sorts ripening almost at the same time, and so closely resembling each other should have been named and offered for sale. We trust that in the future no one will attempt to introduce a new peach until they are perfectly satisfied that it has superior qualities not common to any other variety. At the North, generally, and in western New York, in particular, the past season was remarkably favourable for the peach. We had ripe specimens of the Waterloo sent to us August 2nd, and on the 1st of November we gathered from our own orchard, ripe fruit of Comet, one of Mr. Rivers' Seedlings. At the West, however, the severe winter of '78-'79, and late spring frosts at the South ruined the peach crop in many localities; otherwise I should have been able to submit a much more complete and interesting report. Another favourable season will, I hope, enable us to fix definitely the value of many of these novelties, and then the list will undoubtedly be greatly reduced. I will add that the following varieties of Mr. Rivers' seedlings ripen at the same time with Mountain Rose and Crawford's Early, and being only of medium size and fair quality are hardly worth retaining. They are Dagmar, Dr. Hogg, Early Albert, Early Alfred. Early Beatrice is superseded by Alexander.

NEW APPLES.

Novelties in this class of fruits are remarkably scarce.

Highland Beauty, a seedling apple of medium size, good quality and a long keeper has been brought to notice by Mr. E. P. Roe.

Kirkland is the name of another handsome seedling apple, resembling the Yellow Bellflower; of large size, good quality and a late keeper. Both have been described in our horticultural journals, and it is not necessary to refer to them here.

NEW PEARS.

The "Hoosic."—Some nine or ten years ago, we received from the Hon. A. Foote, of Williamstown, Mass., several varieties of seedling pears. Among them were seedlings of Hacon's Incomparable, Seckel, Marie Louise, Washington, etc. They all possessed a certain degree of merit, but up to this time only one of them developed sufficient character and quality to be worthy of dissemination. This is a seedling of Hacon's Incomparable, which Mr. Foote first sent us as "Hacon's No. 3," and subsequently named "Hoosic." This variety we have fruited several years, and we believe that its many good qualities fully justify us in calling particular attention to it. Fruit large, obovate, having considerable exterior resemblance to Beurre Diel. Stalk $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length, moderately stout, and set obliquely in a slight depression; calyx large, open, in a shallow basin; skin, greenish yellow, dotted and marbled with russet; flesh fine grained, melting with a rich almond flavour like that of the Edmunds; in quality ranking as best; season, October. Tree, an erect, free grower, very hardy, and remarkably prolific.

Herr's Late Winter is the name of a new seedling pear raised by A. G. Herr, of Louisville, Ky., and brought to public attention by Messrs. Nanz and Neuner. It is described as of medium to large size, good quality and a long keeper; specimens having been kept in perfect condition until May and June of the following year.

NEW CHERRIES.

Mr. D. B. Wier, of Lacon, Ill., who has been experimenting with seedling cherries for several years, offered for the first time last autumn 45 new varieties of the Early

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