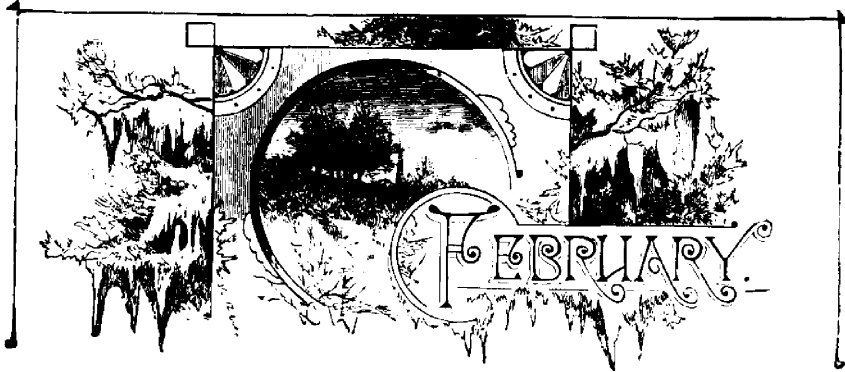


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CLAPP'S FAVORITE.



IN these days of low prices and frequent market gluts of nearly all varieties of fruit, it will not do to plant orchards too largely of one fruit, however good. Twenty years ago every fruit expert

recommended planting the Baldwin apple, the Bartlett pear and the Concord grape, but now the folly of such advice is evident, for these fruits are now produced in such abundance that there is a very poor sale for them.

The Bartlett pear is one of our most popular, and yet for two or three years past the price is little more than enough to pay for handling. Just because everybody grows it, and it is a variety that ripens up so rapidly, dealers are very cautious about buying it in quantity. Now unless the British market opens up for this pear, or we can hold it back long after its season by cold storage, this excellent variety will become a drug on our Canadian market.

Evidently the object now before us in planting is to secure such a selection as will best cover the whole season with the finest and most salable fruit. Among the early pears we have for example Giffard, Clapp and Bartlett, ripening in the order named, beginning about the middle of August, and covering a good part of September.

Clapp's Favorite is a beautiful pear where well grown and well colored, and of very good quality, so that it is well fitted to be a profitable market pear, with one fault, that it soon passes out of prime condition, and if allowed to ripen on the tree it will rot at the core. On this account the fruit must be gathered as soon as full grown and well colored, and shipped while firm.

Origin—Raised by Thaddens Clapp, of Dorchester, Mass., U.S.

Tree—Upright vigorous grower, somewhat spreading, forming a symmetrical top; bears fruit of uniformly large size, pretty evenly distributed; productive; succeeds well as a dwarf on rich soil.

Fruit—Very large, pyriform, obovate, usually symmetrical, sometimes unequal;