

OSBAND'S SUMMER PEAR.

next year's fruiting. I cannot just now state exact results, but I remember they were very large in quantity, and usually they realized very satisfactory results from them when put on the market.

The variety they mostly planted was the old well-known variety, Kittatinny, which seemed here to be perfectly at home, as I never saw anything like them before. For general planting, I may say that perhaps the old hardy reliable sort, Snyder, is the best for not very favorable locations, or for our strong clay soils. The plant is very hardy and very productive, and the first is, though not the best, yet fairly good. Wilson's Jr. and Wilson's Early

are both large, handsome good blackberries, and in favorable locations and soils may be made very serviceable in a large product of very fine beautiful fruit.

Wachusets is a newer and very excellent blackberry and will do well if planted on good loamy soil. For kitchen purposes during our long winter months, there is nothing better for family use than a good large supply of these most luscious blackberries. They can be made up into almost all forms of pastries and are first-class for jams, jellies, dessert, etc.

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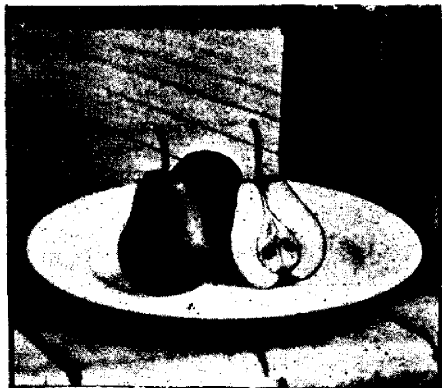


FIG. 1115.—OSBAND'S SUMMER PEAR.

AMONG the early summer pears of fine quality for the dessert table is the Osband's Summer, which ripens early in August. It is an American pear, which originated in

New York State, so that it is in its own altitude when grown in Southern Ontario. The tree is fairly vigorous, and a good bearer, but the fruit is rather small for a market pear. For home use as a summer dessert pear it is excellent, and a tree or two should be planted in every garden. The form is well shown in the accompanying photogravure, which of course is much reduced. The quality is very good, being rich and sweet, with agreeable aroma.

At Maplehurst we have had this variety many years in bearing, but cannot advise it for planting in the commercial orchard, not only on account of the small size of the fruit, but also because the tree is somewhat subject to blight.

