

Later in ripening comes the Hiberna, the tree is splendid, the fruit large and fair for cooking. Long Arcade is a beautiful late Fall apple of fine texture and quality, Lubsk Queen is a sub-acid of good quality, ripening in October. It has been reported as a sweet apple.

Longfield apple is one of the most promising of the new Russians. The tree is a large grower, and an early and abundant bearer. The fruit has kept from the 1st of March without any extra care. The fruit is *very fair*, averaging larger than Fameuse, and about as good in quality. As grown here it is the handsomest apple I have ever seen.

Following it in season is Red Queen and Lords apple. This last is quite large, resembles Blue Pearmain in color, and is covered with a bloom very similar. It is of fine texture, a clear and agreeable acid. The tree is very fine, I think fully as hardy as Duchess. The latest keeper is Little Seedling, size below medium; the tree is fine and the apple of good quality.

I have enumerated the more promising among those I have fruited; none of those designated on the catalogue as Winter have fruited yet. I hope to fruit them the coming season, and that they will prove a valuable addition to our list of Winter sorts.

We have just passed one of the hard Winters, the mercury reached a lower point than at any time since January, 1864. I have made an examination of the fruit trees, I find the Fameuse, Pewaukee and others of similar hardness, somewhat colored on the inner bark, while the new Russians are as clear and bright as Transcendant crab.

Yours, &c.,

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