

the nuts are well matured they will come up as thick as blackberries. The Canadian walnut is a greedy feeder, and should not be planted within speaking distance of fruit trees. The popular fallacy that the moisture distilled from these leaves after dew or rain is poisonous to everything on which it may fall is an absurdity. Let anyone convince himself by taking up a walnut root an inch or more in diameter, when he will find it literally covered with fine fibrous roots like the hair in a horse's mane. That is the secret of the poison. It is an old saying, but probably a little exaggerated, that five or six walnut trees planted through an orchard will destroy it. They make beautiful shade trees, and are very easily raised.

THE BEN DAVIS APPLE.

The Ben Davis is the most profitable winter apple, the most saleable, and most profitable to the orchardist, and sells more readily to dealers and to the people, and when well grown brings a greater price after mid-winter than any apple grown west of Michigan; and that it is selling now this mid-winter as readily and for as good prices in all the large towns and cities in the west and south-west as the best Michigan and Northern New York apples! One could get certainly as good a price to day in St. Louis, and sell them more readily, for a thousand barrels of first-class Ben Davis as he could for the same amount of first-class Spys, Greenings or Baldwins. And what is very strange, people who appear to have a good share of common sense buy them year after year with satisfaction. This is no guess work; we have been in the market year after year, and seen it with our own eyes, and the market reports where apples are quoted by name will prove it. And all our large apple growers will give their evidence that we tell the truth. The apple is large and very handsome; the tree is very hardy, healthy, and productive, a beautiful grower in both nursery and orchard, and adapts itself to nearly all soils and locations. It is placed among the most profitable from southern Georgia to Maine; it is one of the easiest of apple trees to propagate. But for the man who knows what a *good* apple is, it is neither fit to eat nor cook. We have for many years past looked anxiously for an apple with all the good points of the Ben Davis, among the seedlings brought out from year to year, that had the qualities so sadly wanting in it, but as yet have failed to find it. The fruit show at the meeting of the State Horticultural Society, at Warsaw, last month, gave us some hopes that the day is not far distant when the Ben Davis would be superseded by some of the seedlings there shown. They all appeared to be very handsome and of extra quality for all the purposes that apples are used for. The Salome (not quite large enough) by E. C. Hatheway, of Ottawa, Ill.; the Illinois Beauty, by A. H. Gaston, of Lacon, Ill.; one shown by Mr. Worthen, of Warsaw, Ill.; the Wythe, of Warsaw, and