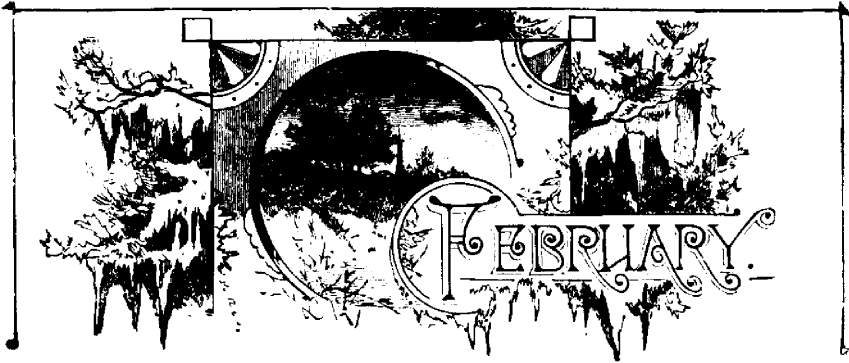


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THE ANJOU PEAR.



HE late M. P. Wilder, who was for so many years at the head of the American Pomological Society as its revered President, has the honor of introducing to American fruit growers this excellent early winter pear, the *Beurre d'Anjou*. He considered it the best of all pears, and said it would be his choice, if he were limited to one variety.

Its name would seem to imply that it is of French origin, but it is said to have first originated in Belgium, whence it was brought into France, and it soon became one of the most popular varieties in that country.

This pear was also the favorite of the late Patrick Barry, former President of the Western New York Horticultural Society. In January, 1888, he exhibited the most magnificent specimens of Anjou pears that we ever saw, at a meeting of that society held in Rochester on the 26th of January. They were quite as large as the ones represented in our colored plate, and quite as yellow. He had kept them in a cool room, and they were in prime condition for eating, though a month after their usual season. "As an early winter pear the Anjou is unequalled," were the words of this veteran pomologist at that time. Had the Anjou a red cheek like that of the *Clairgeau*, it would be generally accepted as a perfect market pear, but its dull color, at least until it yellows up, is somewhat against it in the market.