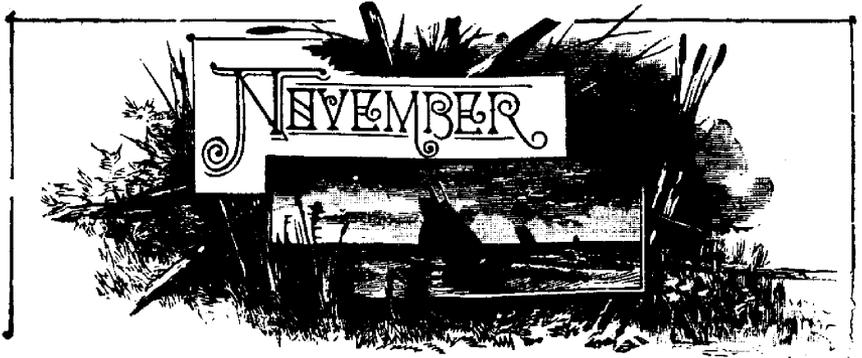


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GENERAL GRANT CRAB.



FOR a long time the Siberian Crabs (*Pyrus baccata*), were only valued as ornamental trees. The flowers were so handsome and profuse, and the clusters of beautiful fruit so dense, that in either stage the tree was counted worthy of a place near the house. But of late so many improved varieties have been produced, that these apples are beginning to take a place among apples proper, and to be planted for their use, as well as for their beauty. Especially is this true in the more northerly sections where hardihood is the characteristic of first importance. Always valuable for cider, preserves and cooking purposes, some varieties like the Whitney No. 20, which is counted of superior value for drying and canning, the Martha, the General Grant, and others, deserve, and are esteemed to possess considerable value for some sections.

Fine samples of General Grant were placed on the tables of the Canadian Fruit Exhibit at the World's Fair, by British Columbia fruit growers; much larger than we grow them in Ontario.

The *General Grant Crab* is thus described by Downing:—Size large for a crab; round, oblate, warm yellow ground, with broken stripes of dark, becoming, on the sun exposed side, entirely red, with a few minute light dots. Stalk slender; cavity open, moderately deep; calyx closed; basin broad, not deep, but conspicuously furrowed; flesh white, moderately fine-grained; not juicy; very mild sub-acid; core large for size of fruit; late autumn.