

*Wager* was originated by Mr. Wager, of Miller's Corners, Ontario Co., N.Y. It is a bright yellow peach shaded with red on the sunny side; flesh juicy and sprightly, and of fair quality. Tree very hardy and productive; ripens about the same time as the Crawford.

*Conkling*, which is undoubtedly one of the handsomest peaches known at the North did not produce any fruit the past season.

*Alpha* is a seedling raised by T. V. Munson, of Dennison, Texas, and is thought to be a cross between Early Rivers and Foster. Mr. Munson says it has ripened twelve days before Alexander, and is higher coloured and firmer than Early Rivers. Among the many very early sorts this seems to be the first representative of a new type, and we sincerely hope it may prove worthy of dissemination. We have now, too many seedlings of the Hale's and our efforts should be directed towards originating peaches like the Alpha.

Mr. Munson says that the following seem to be real acquisitions for the south.

*Family Favourite*, originated by W. H. Locke, Bonham, Texas; a seedling of the Chinese Cling, but ripening two weeks earlier.

*Bogy's Leviathan*.—Raised by Mr. Bogy, of Bonham, Texas, very large; of fine quality, and ripening three weeks later than Crawford's Late.

*Miss May*, originated by Mr. Carroll, of Dresden, Texas, of large size, first quality and very late.

*Infant Wonder*.—Raised by Capt. Daniel Webster, of Dennison, Texas; very large and fine; late.

Mr. Munson, who is making a specialty of peach culture says, that according to his observations, those varieties with reniform and notched glands are the most robust and healthy. Those with globose glands rank next in vigour, while such sorts as have serrate or glandless leaves are unreliable as to time of ripening, and are disposed to rot and mildew. He has classified the following:

To the first section belong—Early Beatrice, Early Louise, Early Rivers, Brice's Early, Waterloo, and Alpha.

To the next—that is those with globose glands—Wilder, Musser, Early Canada, Alexander, Amsden, Baker's Early May, Hynes' Surprise, Hynes' Nectar, Bowers' Early.

To the last belong—Downing, Climax, Cumberland, Saunders, Honeywell, Brigg's Early May, and Early Lydia.

I am indebted to Mr. Munson for the following list of new peaches, the names of which are now given for the first time:

*Williams*.—Discovered in Delaware some years ago by Lewis Williams, of Hillsboro, Md., said to be earlier and finer than Alexander.

*Larkin's Early*.—Raised by D. F. Larkin, Hunt's Station, Ten., is represented to be as fine as Large Early York, and ten days earlier than Alexander.

*Eureka*.—Disseminated by M. W. Samuels, Clinton, Ky., is said to be as good as Alexander, and earlier.

*Kelley's Early*.—Raised by H. M. Kelley, Irving, Ill., is said to be very large and to have ripened twenty-one days before the Amsden.

*Ramsey's Early Cling*.—Originated by A. M. Ramsey, Mahomet, Tex., is described as an improved Alexander.

*Seedlings No. 1, 2 & 3*.—Raised by Mr. Sharp, of Wooster, Ohio, are all said to excel the Alexander.

*Sherfey's Early*.—Raised by Raphael Sherfey, Gettysburg, Pa., who thinks it will eclipse all others.

*Brown's Early*.—Originated by W. L. Brown, Ashley, Ill., and is said to be very early.

*Sleeper's Dwarf* is the name of a dwarf variety originated by W. M. Sleeper, of Oxford, Indiana. It is described as of remarkable dwarf compact growth; the original tree having grown only three feet in eight years. Fruit of medium to large size, greenish white tinged with crimson; flesh juicy, sweet, rich; season, October. In our nursery the tree of this variety has not grown more than two inches in two years, and we have therefore rejected it from the list as unprofitable to cultivate. It is, however, a curiosity, and will be considered desirable by some as an ornamental tree.