

their district, and the result is, that several young orchards may be seen to-day.

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I am testing over forty varieties of apples, eight of plums, seven of pears and six of cherries, in my experimental orchard. Most of the trees have been three years planted ; some have agreeably surprised me, and with others I have been woefully disappointed.

One of our orchards was planted about eighteen years ago with Fameuse, St. Lawrence, Bourassa, Pomme Grise and King of Pippins. The two former have proved profitable ; Fameuse the most profitable of all. St. Lawrence has proved quite as hardy and long-lived as Fameuse, but bears only about two-thirds the crop. Bourassa bears well with high cultivation ; the tree, however, is not hardy. Pomme Grise has not proved very hardy ; is not productive, and therefore unprofitable. The King of Pippins bore enormous crops every year, but all the trees of this variety died in the winter of 1876. I attribute their death to the severity of the winter. Talman Sweet, planted about twelve years, has proved hardy and altogether a desirable winter fruit for home use.

Within the last six years I have planted the following in quantity, one-half Fameuse, remainder Duchess of Oldenburg, St. Lawrence and Canada Baldwin. The latter has not been thoroughly tested, but the trees appear hardy, and bear well ; the fruit is a good salable color, and I have great hopes of this as a winter variety. The following have stood a test of four winters in orchard, and are so far satisfactory : Blue Pearmain, Early Joe, White Calville, Fall Pippin, Tetofsky, Ribston Pippin, Norton's Melon, Winesap ; but Hubbardston's Nonsuch, Benoni, Wagoner and Golden Russet have not proved quite hardy ; the latter, particularly, has disappointed me. Norton's Melon, strange to say, has proved more hardy than Golden Russet.

The following, although only two years planted, promise well : Walbridge, Wealthy, Haas, Plumbs' Cider, Pewaukee, Ben Davis. I shall not give the names of all those that failed