

quite a good keeper. For canning purposes I do not know of any kind equal to this. The tree is a robust grower, a regular producer, and has never shown any signs of tenderness in this hard climate.

No. 3, which I have named the "Gibson," is, in my opinion, a first-class dessert apple. Thirty-four years ago I found the parent tree growing on a farm belonging to Wm. Gibson, in the county of Leeds, nine miles west of Brockville. This tree, I believe, is still alive and bearing heavy crops of fruit. It is probably a seedling of the Fameuse, having some resemblance to it. Its flavor is more aromatic, flesh firmer and crisper, size rather larger, color darker red—not so apt to spot; altogether it is an improve-

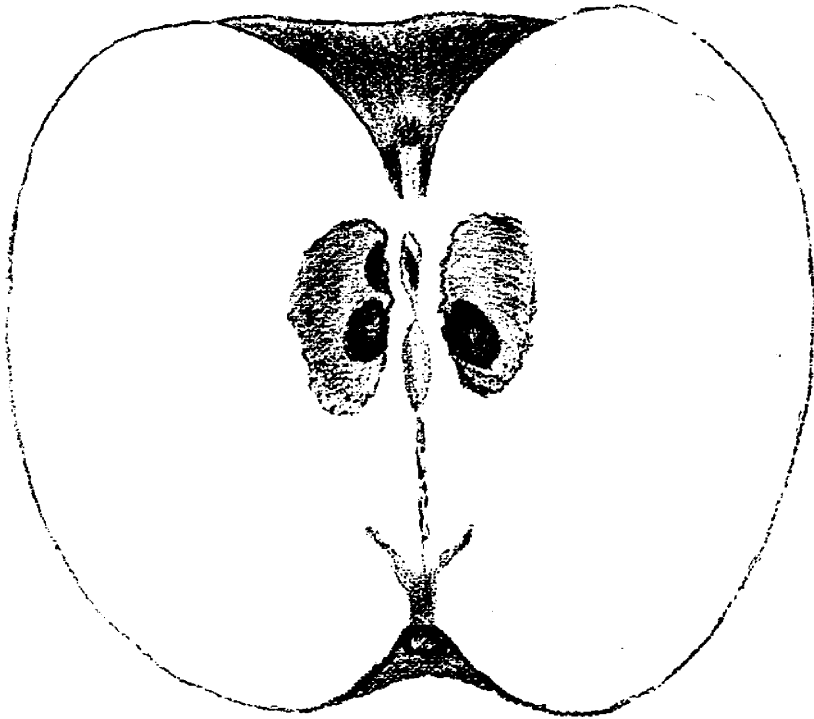


FIG. 3.—SECTION OF LA RUE.

ment on the Fameuse. The tree has proved to be as hardy as the Duchess, a free grower, but, like the St. Lawrence, does not bear early.

No. 4, which I have named the "McLean," is from a seedling found on the farm of the late Alex. McLean, of the township of Elizabethtown, county of Grenville. This I consider a dessert apple of the finest quality. Medium size, sub-acid flavor, yellow color, with blush cheek and very thin skin. Keeps till January. The tree is perfectly hardy, but rather a shy bearer.

Doubtless some will say there is no use in trying to introduce new varie-