

Wilmot is a fine pear for dessert, of medium size, the skin a bright yellow, the quality good. It reminds us very much of the Ritson which was described in Vol. 14, page 387.

The apples are worthy of special notice being English varieties of high standing. Cornish Gilliflower has an ugly appearance and poor color, a true Gilliflower in shape; strange to say, it is one of the most valued of dessert apples in Great Britain. A writer in the English Garden speaks of the powerful aroma of the fruit when cut in half as being one of the characteristics of the variety, and of its rich flavor, which makes it so popular, and declares that there is no better dessert apple for the months of April and May, than this variety.

Lord Suffield is one of the leading cooking apples of Great Britain for use in the months of August and September. The fruit is large, white, soft and excellent for tarts and pies. A writer in The Garden says that it is the best of the Codling family, but the tree is a bad grower chiefly in consequence of its prolific habit.

Peasgood's Nonsuch is a very large beautiful apple. The sample before us is four and a half inches in diameter. The skin is green with a bright red cheek and streaked with the same color. The tree is a loose grower, but the fault is well made up in such beautiful specimens of enormous size. The quality of this apple is excellent for cooking. We give an engraving of this apple taken from the Garden. The Gardeners' Chronicle says that, apart from its beauty, this apple is recommended as one of the very best varieties, especially for culinary purposes.

Lane's Prince Albert is a winter cooking apple, large, clean skin, marked something like our Cayuga Red Streak. A writer in the Garden says: "Two good apples which every one should plant are the Cellini and Prince Albert. They will be useful both for home use and for market, as they are not only good, but they look good, and the latter point is as necessary as the former in anything grown for sale."

#### A FINE APPLE.

SIR,—I send you two or three sample apples from a tree received from the Association four years ago in place of a Yellow Transparent. These apples have been off the tree about three weeks. The tree had between three and four pecks of fine large apples like the sample. It is a very thrifty grower with an open head.

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It is surprising that a tree planted four years ago should produce such a crop, and this speaks well for its productive qualities. The apple is very fine in appearance, somewhat resembling the King. Size, large; color, red on greenish-yellow ground; cavity, small, deep, ribbed; calyx, closed; basin, similar to cavity; flesh yellowish-white, tender, mellow, juicy, good flavor; season, about the first of September. The apple is surely a seedling. At least we know of none like it of its season. It has a strong competitor in the Duchess, a variety which can hardly be surpassed.