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be worse than the disease. The gooseberry caterpillar often does a vast amount of damage if not destroyed as soon as it appears. Handpicking is the best and

safest remedy for these. Dusting the bushes with white hellebore powder is often recommended, and is very effectual.—*Journal of Horticulture* (England).

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THE Red Bietigheimer Apple, which was so favorably noticed in *Garden and Forest* for September 25th, page 390, has fruited here several years. While it has valuable qualities for culinary and market purposes, its flesh is rather coarse, and it would not be called a good dessert fruit except by those who like a brisk subacid flavor. On account of its symmetrical form, large size and handsome color no apple in the station collection attracts more attention than this at fairs and exhibitions. Under good cultivation it is a free grower and a regular and abundant bearer. The fruit is very large, and quite apt to drop before it is well colored. This fault is more serious with the Red Bietigheimer than with Wealthy, Alexander or Gravenstein, and probably will prevent its being planted extensively in commercial orchards.

Among the comparatively new or little known varieties of considerable merit is the Sharp. The fruit resembles Maiden Blush somewhat in shape and color, and it is better for dessert use than that variety. Its flesh is nearly white, fine-grained, tender, moderately juicy, nearly sweet, of mild pleasant flavor and very good quality; season, October. The tree has fruited here but three years, but it appears to be a good bearer.

One of the handsomest late August and early September apples in the station

collection in the Stump, which is excellent for market or home use. It begins to ripen soon after Chenango Strawberry, which it resembles in shape. The tree is upright and productive. The fruit, borne on short spurs close to the limbs, is pale yellow, beautifully striped and shaded with red. Flesh firm, crisp, tender, subacid, mild in flavor.

Switzer is a very handsome German apple that begins to ripen about the first of August. The fruit, which is of medium size, is nearly white, with a beautiful blush. It is very good in flavor and good in quality either for dessert or for culinary use. The tree is productive.

Williams' Favorite, is a dessert fruit that should be more widely known. Its symmetrical form and deep red color make it an attractive apple in market. It is also desirable for home use, as it is good in flavor and quality. The tree makes moderate growth and is a good bearer.

Among the October apples desirable for culinary use may be mentioned Cox's Pomona. It is an old variety of English origin. The fruit is large, highly colored with crimson on a clear, very pale yellow ground, making it an attractive market fruit. The flesh is white, crisp, subacid. It cooks evenly and ranks good in quality.—S. A. BEACH, in *Garden and Forest*.