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THE TALMAN SWEET.



SOME of our readers may criticise us for bringing into such prominence in this journal, an old variety of apple, which has little or no market value in Canada. But the Talman Sweet has great value as food for stock; the food is easier grown than carrots, and excels them as food for our horses. In the home it is highly prized by many people as a dessert apple, and those who are fond of bread and milk will find it a delicious addition to that wholesome article of diet, if first well baked in the oven. In the Eastern States the Talman Sweet is considerably grown for market, because in such cities as Boston there is a special demand for this fruit. In Canada there is little use in growing it for market, because there is no demand for sweet apples in either the English or the Canadian markets.

The Talman Sweet is a native of Rhode Island. The tree is a vigorous grower, with an upright spreading top.

The fruit is thus described by Mr. Charles Downing:—Form, nearly globular. When fully ripe whitish yellow, with a soft blush on one side, and generally a line running from stem to calyx. Stalk rather long and slender, inclining to one side, and inserted in a rather wide, shallow, but regular cavity. Calyx set in a small basin, slightly depressed. Flesh quite white, rather firm, fine-grained, with a rich sweet flavor. November to April.

As a stock on which to top graft other varieties, the Talman Sweet cannot be excelled. It is very hardy, of healthy and vigorous growth, very productive and seems to impart to the variety top grafted upon it, some of its excellent qualities. The King is usually a poor bearer, but when grafted on the Talman