

excellent, tender and sweet. The second one, Scroeder's Muscat Hybrid, (Fig. 542), is in size from medium to large, with yellow skin and fine red stripes, closed calyx and yellowish, juicy flesh, sub-acid taste, ripens in January. This apple is destined to have a great future in very cold countries, as in hardiness it is not excelled by the wild Siberians.

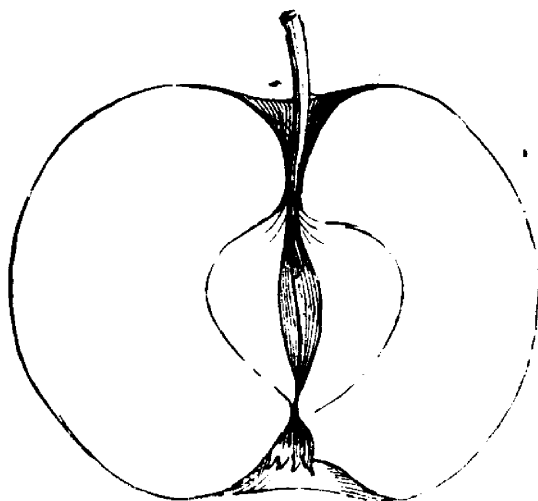


FIG. 542—SCROEDER'S MUSCAT HYBRID.

I received from south-western Siberia a species of wild apple, of which the leaves only are greenish red, and the rest, as bloom, bark, fruit and flesh, is all red. This native species has no botanical name, and it certainly will become a very ornamental tree in our public parks. It will also have some value as a fruit tree, because it bears a small apple of good quality, which ripens in winter. When my tree has made some growth I will send you some scions.

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RAKE the lawn, removing sticks, stones and other rubbish you may find upon it, repair the bare patches, and roll it over to leave all clean and even for the mower. The best tool to use on a fairly good lawn is a close-toothed wooden rake, it takes off all the rubbish without ruffling the earth. But where the grass has been left quite long and it has died and matted on the ground, a large steel-toothed rake removes it best. In the event of bare spots where the lawn grasses had been killed out by last summer's drough, or smothered by crab grass, with the steel-toothed rake scratch off the dead grass, at the same time ruffling the surface of the ground a little, then sow some grass seed on it, and roll it.