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A COTTAGE SCENE.

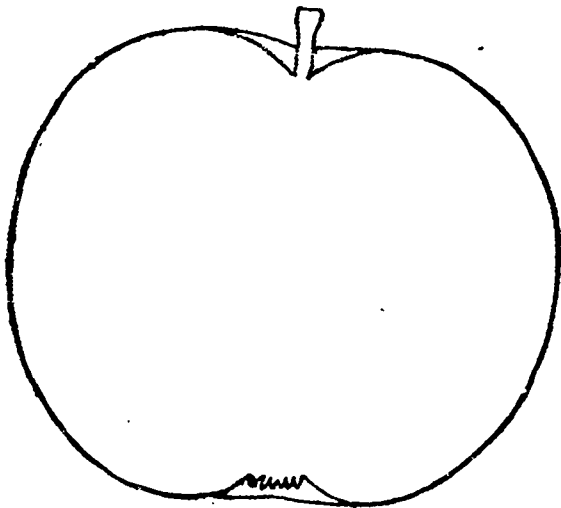
BY MRS. SIGOURNEY.

I saw a cradle at a cottage-door,
Where the fair mother, with her cheerful wheel,
Caroll'd so sweet a song, that the young bird
Which, timid, near the threshold sought for seed,
Paus'd on his lifted foot, and rais'd his head
As if to listen. The rejoicing bees
Nestled in throngs amid the woodbine cups
That o'er the lattice cluster'd. A clear stream
Came leaping from its sylvan height, and pour'd
Music upon the pebbles; and the winds,
Which gently 'mid the vernal branches play'd
Their idle frisks, brought show'ring blossoms down,
Surfeiting earth with sweetness. Sad I came
From weary commerce with the heartless world;
But, when I felt upon my wither'd cheek
My mother Nature's breath, and heard the trump
Of those gay insects at their honied toil,
Shining like winged jewellery, and drank
The healthful odour of the flow'ring trees
And bright-eyed violets, — but, most of all,
When I beheld mild slumbering innocence,
And on that young maternal brow the smite
Of those affections which do purify
And renovate the soul — I turn'd me back
In gladness, and with added strength, to run
My weary race, lifting a thankful prayer
To Him who shew'd me some bright tint of heaven
Here upon earth, that I might safer walk,
And firmer combat sin, and surer rise
From earth to heaven.

THREE EXCELLENT EARLY APPLES.

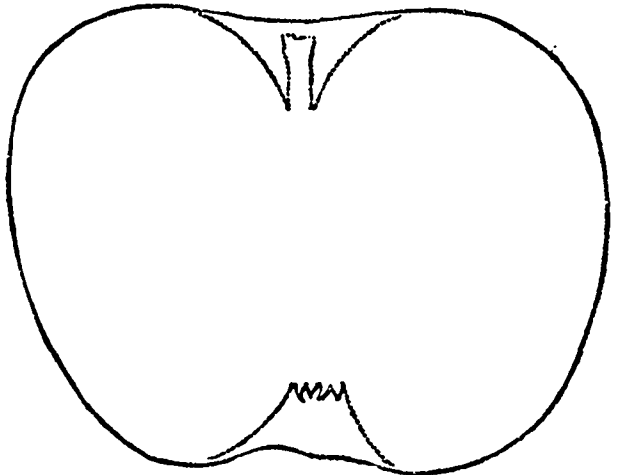
The apple undoubtedly stands at the head of all cultivated fruits, both as regards usefulness and profitableness to the orchardist. The following cuts and descriptions are from Downing's celebrated work on the Fruits and Fruit Trees of America.

EARLY HARVEST APPLE.



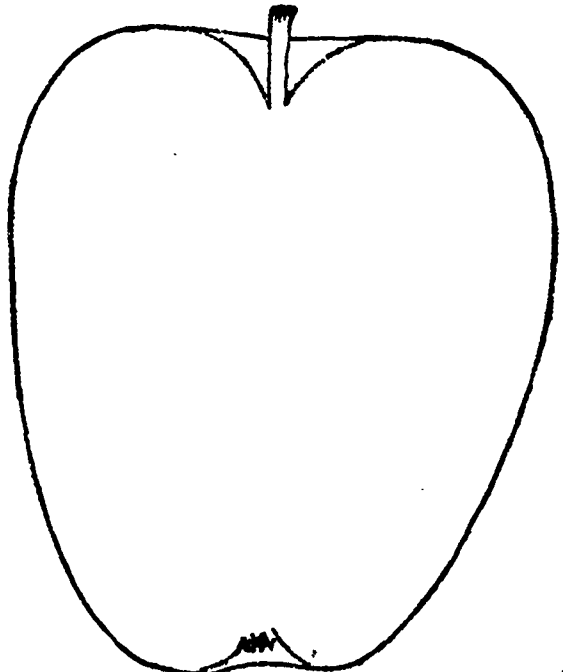
An American apple of the finest quality, at the head of all the early apples either for cooking or dessert. It begins ripening about the 1st July, and is in use during that month. Form round, above medium size, rarely a little flattened; skin very smooth and fair with a few faint white dots; bright straw colour when fully ripe, flesh very white, tender and juicy: crisp with a rich sprightly subacid flavour—not remarkably noted for bearing

RED ASTRACHAN.



A Russian apple, decidedly one of the very finest summer fruits; its large size and unrivalled appearance render it one of the finest dessert fruits of the season; it ripens from the latter part of July to the middle of August, but if not pulled as soon as ripe it is liable to become mealy. Fruit roundish, above the middle size and very smooth and fair; skin almost entirely covered with deep crimson, with some times a little greenish yellow in the shade, and occasionally a little russet near the stalk, covered with an exquisite bloom on the surface similar to the plum; flesh quite white, crisp, moderately juicy, with an agreeable rich acid flavour.

PORTER.



A first-rate New England apple, a great favorite in the Boston market. The fruit is remarkably fair, and the tree very productive. Fruit large, regular, oblong, narrowing to the eye. Skin clear, glossy, bright yellow, when exposed, with a dull blush next the sun. Flesh ... grained and abounding with juice, of a sprightly agreeable flavour; ripens in September, and deserves general cultivation.