

ON RUSSIAN APPLES IN WISCONSIN.

 BARABOO, March 11th, 1883.

TO MR. CHAS. GIBB :

DEAR SIR,—I fruited last season between 40 and 50 of the new Russian apples. I have on trial over 100 varieties, and all of them seem perfectly hardy. I have never seen a bud hurt by the Winter. Some of them have blighted, but none more than Alexander, and most of them are as free from blight as Duchess.

Of early apples the Transparents are of excellent quality, fully equal to the old Early Harvest, much fairer, and better for market. I find very little difference between Yellow and White Transparent, Charlottenhaler and Red Duck, either in tree or fruit, except that the fruit on Charlottenhaler is larger—fully as large as Duchess. They are all long in season for early apples. I consider them a great improvement, both in tree and fruit, on Tetofski, or any early apple tested in this climate. Following the Duchess in season are several apples, large, showy and of good quality. The trees seem to be very early and abundant bearers. Of these, Zolotorf, Turnipy Juicy, Green Streaked, Vasilis. Largest and Titus apple are well worthy of cultivation. Green Streaked is particularly fine, uniformly very large, brighter in color than Alexander, and of better quality. I think it the most showy of any apple I have ever grown. It probably takes its name from streaks of green inside the apple.

There seems to be several apples much like Duchess in appearance, later in ripening, and of better quality. One I fruited under the name of Summer Lowland. From its season in ripening it should have been called Autumn Lowland. The tree is very fine, and the fruit of excellent quality, a very pleasant sub-acid. Arabian is very much like Duchess, both in tree and fruit, so is Anisette and Glass Green apple.