

Winter Nelis should be grown on pear stock, or double-worked on dwarf stock. White Doyenne being the best tree for double working. A slender grower, in order to obtain bearing trees within a few years, it should be top-grafted on good-sized vigorous trees. It often overbears, and requires thinning, otherwise the fruits prove inferior in size and quality. Indeed, too much stress cannot be laid upon the necessity of thinning, not only with pears, but with all other kinds of fruit.

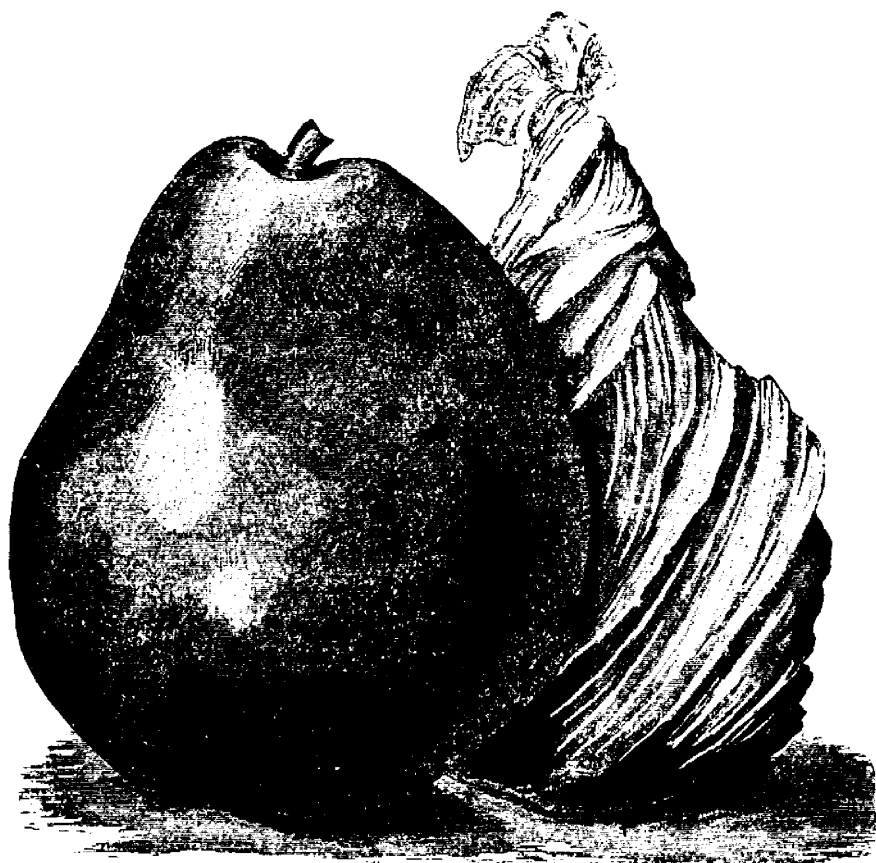


FIG. 34.—ANJOU PEAR, AND SPECIMEN IN TISSUE PAPER FOR SHIPPING.

By all who have tasted the Josephine de Malines when well grown and ripened this will be pronounced one of the very best late-winter pears. The fruit is medium to large, the pink or salmon-stained white flesh, melting and of a delicious rose aroma. This succeeds either as a standard or dwarf. Its season is from January to April. Owing to its moderate, irregular growth, it is little propagated in nurseries, and on this account is not much disseminated.