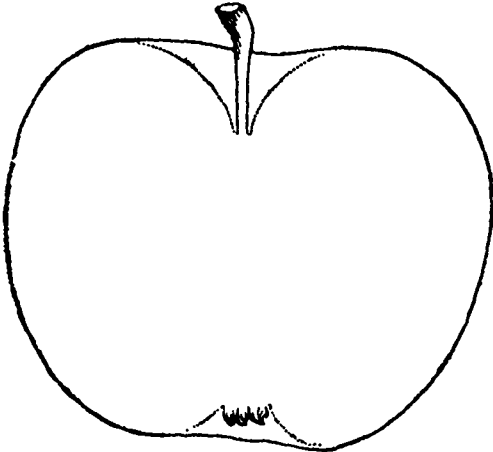


THREE FINE DESSERT APPLES.

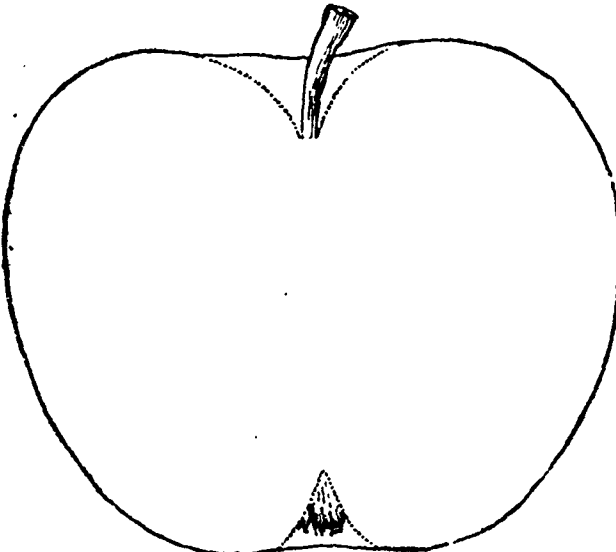
Ross Nonpareil.—An Irish fruit, and in this country, according to Downing, one of the highest flavoured and most delicious of all apples for the dessert, approaching in flavour to some kinds of pears; in England this is a winter fruit, but in this country it is in perfection the last of October, and will keep a month. Fruit rather below medium size, roundish, narrowing a little to the eye. Skin covered with a thin mellow russet, and faintly stained with red on the sunny side. Flesh greenish white, with a rich aromatic fennel flavour. A profuse bearer, and worthy of a place in every garden.

ROSS NONPAREIL.



Baldwin.—A Massachusetts fruit, and more largely cultivated for the Boston market than any other sort; standing at the head of the New England fruits. Fruit large, roundish, narrowing a little to the eye. Skin yellow in the shade, but nearly covered and striped with crimson, red, and orange, in the sun; dotted with a few large russet spots, and radiating streaks of russet about the stalk. Flesh yellowish-white, crisp, with an agreeable mingling of the saccharine and acid, constituting a rich, high flavour. Tree a vigorous upright grower, and bears abundantly. Ripe from November to March; in perfection in January and February.

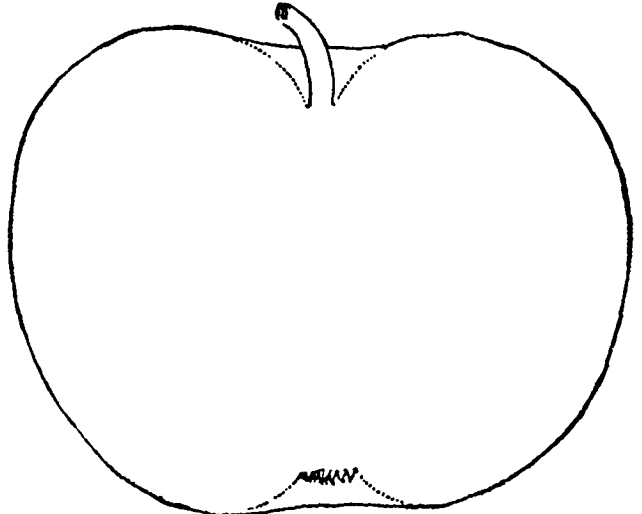
BALDWIN.



Rhode Island Greening.—Is a universal favourite. It succeeds well in almost all parts of the country, and on a great variety of soils, and is, perhaps, more generally esteemed than any other early winter fruit. In the Eastern States where the Newtown pipin does not attain full perfection, this apple takes its place; and in England, it is frequently sold for that fruit, which, however, it does not equal. Fruit large, roundish, a little flattened, pretty regular, but often obscurely ribbed. Skin oily smooth, dark green, becoming pale green when ripe, when it sometimes shows a dull blush near the stalk. Flesh yellow, fine grained, tender, crisp, with an abundance of rich, slightly

aromatic, live'y, acid juice. The tree grows very strongly, and resembles the Fall pipin in its wood and leaves, and bears most abundant crops. The fruit is as excellent for cooking, as for the dessert. In use from November to February; or, in the north, to March.

RHODE ISLAND GREENING.



—Downing's Fruits and Fruit Trees.

OLD ALGERINE PIRATES.

If Africa owns one peculiar district on which her ancestral curse is specially entailed, it is surely that portion of the southern shore of the Mediterranean flanked by the pathless sands of the Desert of Sahara, which is known by the modern appellation of 'Algeria.' In former times, indeed, the land of the Algerines 'hath been against every man'—and foul were the outrages and cruelties which rendered their city a byword, and their name a reproach.

"Ergo exerceatur, penis, veterumque malorum Supplicia expendant." Rhadamanthus himself could not inflict a severer expiation for former license, than their present condition. The red pennon of the pirate is forgotten in the aggressions of the tri-color. Providence—or ambition—has assigned to the 'Great Nation' the task of avenging, and that, perhaps, altogether too ruthlessly, the ancient insults of the lawless corsairs of Algiers.

We propose, in the present article, to take a rapid review of the rise and fall of this piratical state, and to enter into some brief considerations of the position and prospects of its French conquerors.

The north-western coast of Africa has undergone, perhaps, more than the usual vicissitudes to which national as well as individual life is subjected. Mauritania Cesariensis—for such was the name which that district, which we now term Algeria, received from the Romans, when the battle of Thapsus reduced Numidia under their sway, is a region whose most prominent feature is the two parallel chains of mountains which traverse the country from west to east. The southern and more lofty of the two is called the *Great*, and that which fringes the Mediterranean coast, the *Lesser Atlas*. Ancillary ridges, usually stretching north and south, unite at unequal intervals the two *Atlasses*, and enclose within their arms valleys and table-lands of exquisite fertility; while the northern slopes of the lesser Atlas are covered with the rich and varied vegetation of the East, and yet preserve some of the peculiar advantages of more temperate climates.

This productive colony was lost to the Western Empire, under the third Valentinian. Bonifacius, the imperial governor in Africa, desirous to revolt, but diffident of his own resources, resolved upon an experiment, which is never tried but once, and invoked the aid of a foreign power. Genseric and Gonderic, the young and ambitious leader of the Vandals, having already devastated Spain, cheerfully promised their assistance; and these princes established on the ruins of the kingdom they were summoned to preserve, a dynasty which (though at one time menaced by the famous Belisarius,) continued to sway the north of Africa, until its conquest was achieved, at the close of the seventh century, by the enterprising khalifs of Arabia.

The reduction of the West had indeed been attempted by the Saracens somewhat earlier; for in the year 647 Abdallah, the