

RIBSTON PIPPIN APPLE.—We have been under the impression that this popular English apple is not adapted to America, and believed it was now seldom grown, and yet we noticed it in no less than fifteen different exhibits from the north west and from Canada, and in splendid condition. Its frequent and superior appearance in this way must have bothered those who believe in old varieties wearing out. — *Gardeners' Monthly.*

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The American Commissioner of Agriculture states that almost the only complaint about the Apple Crop of 1876 is that its superabundance has greatly diminished its market value. In Genesee the best winter apples are selling for \$1 per barrel; in Henry, Kentucky, "the yield is so great as almost to annihilate the market price." In Illinois most of the apples are being manufactured into cider.

At Kew a Physiological Laboratory is all but completed, and large additions are being made to the building containing the herbarium and library.—The South African International and Intercolonial Exhibition, approved by Lord Carnarvon, was opened on the 15th February, 1877.—The average weight of oats in Scotland this season is 37 lb. per bushel, the lowest being 34 lb. and the highest 39½ lb.—Mr. A. R. Whitney, Franklin Grove, Ill., has marketed 2000 bushels of winter apples this season, and gathered over 20,000 bushels of cider apples, besides which he has purchased from his neighbours nearly 15,000 more, and has already made 2700 barrels of cider; his presses are still running. Let some Annapolis farmer step forward and beat that.

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