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HAAS APPLE.

OUR frontispiece represents no novelty. It is an apple, which under various names, as Haas, Fall Queen, Gros Pommier, etc., has been well tested in Illinois, Iowa, Vermont, and the Muskoka district of Ontario, as well as in many other places, and the universal verdict is favorable. According to Prof. Budd, of Ames, Iowa, it is a full-blooded Russian in its origin, though long ago introduced into the Southern United States; and is grown in Northern Sweden under the name of "Grosse Pommier."

As might be expected from its origin, it is a variety of great hardiness, and may be commended for planting in most parts of Ontario.

The fruit is very attractive, being above medium size, and in color a pale greenish yellow, shaded and striped

with red. It is like most apples of Russian origin, a fall apple, ripening in September, and keeping until about the first of December. The flesh may be described as white, tender and juicy. At the South it is regarded as coarse-grained and sour, but grown at the North the quality is far better, and is fine-grained and sub-acid, especially if picked early and kept in a cool place until November; when, according to Prof. Budd, it becomes decidedly pleasant for eating, if the skin be removed, in which an unpleasant flavor is observable.

In habit of growth the tree is unique, being remarkably upright while young, even in spite of abuse, and when older, its branches become gracefully pendant.

The tree bears fruit early and abundantly.