

planters, and it is not safe to come to hasty conclusions in passing our judgment upon new varieties.

In apples, most of those possessing merit are fall kinds, whereas there is more room in the long-keeping class for the introduction of new kinds. An apple about the size and shape of a good sized Baldwin, brighter in color and better in flavor, that would hold flavor as late as Swazie Pomme Grise, would possess merit, and, if hardy, would be entitled to general cultivation.

We would all welcome a winter pear as large as Duchess or Clairgeau with flavor as good as Josephine. In a late-keeping pear we require size as well as flavor to get commercial value. Indeed, size has a great deal to do with market value in the fruits of all seasons, and even the delicious Seckel, although holding the proud position of highest flavor in the pear, is languishing for the want of an appreciative market, simply because it cannot boast of size.

I would like to follow a large russet apple shown at the Western Fair by a Mr. Jarvis. Looking at a single specimen I considered it Roxbury, although well covered with a finer russet, but after seeing several specimens together and examining more closely, it is clearly not that variety. To me it is new, and if it is as long a keeper as I would judge from what I saw of it, and is a good cropper and hardy, it would be a decided acquisition. It would not be safe to judge by specimens seen at a fair, however, as generally the finest are taken for that purpose; but I would like to follow the apple into a closer acquaintance, as it has flavor, size and color as well as form to commend it as a russet.

I hope to see specimens of many new seedlings at our next winter meeting of the F.G.A.

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PROFITABLE CHERRY GROWING.—Mr. Powell is a large grower of cherries, having about 300 trees, 100 of which are in full bearing. The varieties are Black Tartarian, Black Eagle, Yellow Spanish, Napoleon, Bigarreau, Windsor, Elkhorn, Early Richmond, English Morello, and Montmorency. The Elkhorn, which has been in the past one of the most profitable cherries, will have to be abandoned as the trees are all dying. Why this is thus no one can tell.

"Were your cherries a profitable crop?" queried I.

"They did very well indeed. The crop was large; the quality good and prices averaged high."

"How did you manage to secure high prices, when others received very low ones?"

"It is simply a question of good taste and care in packing and arranging for market. All my cherries were shipped in the Armstrong & Atwater crate, which is supplied with springs. They hold six boxes of nine pounds each. The fruit was all faced in the same style as the California cherries, a labor which cost me about \$7 per day during the season, but it paid me very well. It was mainly sold in Boston."—*Green's Fruit Grower.*