

becomes better known it will not bring as good returns as it does at present. It has one bad fault: after coloring up and coming to maturity, the skin rapidly changes to a very dark and spotted color, giving the appearance of decay while still sound.

*Winter Nelis*.—Tree, a moderate but irregular grower, branches slender and straggling; healthy and hardy, productive; succeed best when top grafted on some other good growing stock. Fruit, small to medium, roundish obovate, yellowish green, nearly covered with russet patches and streaks. Flesh, fine grained, juicy, buttery and melting, with a rich, sweet, aromatic flavor. Season, December to January. When the soil is suitable and it can be grown to a fair size, it makes a good market variety, usually brings good prices and is about the only really good winter pear.

#### AMATEUR VARIETIES.

*Doyenne D'Ete*.—Tree, a moderately vigorous grower, upright, slender branches; hardy, but subject to blight; an early and abundant bearer. Fruit, small, roundish, obovate, yellow, shaded with a red streak on the sunny side. Flesh, juicy, melting, with a very pleasant, sweet flavor. Season, end of July. This little pear is well deserving a place on the amateur list, as it is the first to ripen, and although small and not of the highest flavor, yet being the first of the season to ripen, is usually much enjoyed.

*Ott*.—Tree, moderately vigorous; stout short-jointed branches; very productive. Fruit, small, roundish obovate; greenish-yellow, some russet, shaded with dull red. Flesh, juicy, melting, sweet, rich perfumed flavor. Season, August. A seedling from the Seckel, a very fine dessert fruit.

*Clapps Favorite*.—Described under market varieties.

*Tyson*.—Tree, a very vigorous growth, taking on a fine pyramidal form, very healthy and hardy, a very fine tree to top graft weak-growing varieties on; requires age before it commences to bear; moderately productive. Fruit, small to medium, ovate pyriform, deep yellow with crimson cheek. Flesh, juicy, melting, very sugary, slightly aromatic flavor, very good to best. Season, middle of September.

*Bartlett*.—Described under market varieties.

*Seckel*.—Tree, moderately vigorous, healthy and hardy, productive. Fruit, round obovate, dull brownish yellow with reddish brown cheek. Flesh, juicy, melting, buttery with a very rich spicy flavor. Season, October. The Seckel is generally considered to be the highest and richest flavored pear grown and is a standard of quality by which other varieties are very often measured. Originated near Philadelphia.

*Sheldon*.—Tree, a vigorous upright growth, hardy, somewhat subject to blight, requires age before commencing to bear, only moderately productive. Fruit, should be gathered early as it is much inclined to blow off. Fruit, medium to large, obtuse obovate, greenish yellow, nearly covered with thin russet, brownish red cheek. Flesh, very juicy, melting, sweet rich vinous flavor, a little gritty near the core, very good to best. Season, October to November.

*Bosc*.—Described under market varieties.

*Lawrence*.—Tree, a moderately vigorous grower, forming a round spreading top, healthy, hardy and productive. Fruit, medium size, obtuse, pyriform, lemon yellow with occasional patches of russet. Flesh, juicy, melting, sweet, aromatic flavor, very good in quality. Season, December.

*Dana's Hovey*.—Tree, a vigorous upright grower, healthy, hardy and productive. Fruit, small, obtuse pyriform, greenish, yellow, netted and patched with russet. Flesh, juicy, melting with a very rich sweet aromatic flavor, best, nearly as good as the Seckel. Season, December.