

The *Beurre Clairgeau* is a pear gradually assuming a prominent place among pears. The size is very large and pyriform, with a very bright suncheek. The tree is very vigorous, and bears early and abundantly. For market purposes, we know few pears that can compete with this. After being gathered, it keeps sound for a very long period, a good characteristic recommending its cultivation to the market producer. The name of this variety, we believe, is pronounced "*clairso*."

The *Laurence* is the King of late autumn, or early winter fruit. At Christmas and New Year's day, it is all that can be desired. It graces the Christmas table, and is a *recherche* pear to the cultivated palate. Unlike the generality of early or late winter varieties, it is readily and easily ripened. The same authority, Mr. Ellwanger, of Rochester, says, it is "*one of the most valuable of all our early winter pears*." The tree is prolific, and this variety does well both on its own, and on the quince root. We have never known it to blight.

LATE WINTER PEARS.

Of this class, first comes the *Easter Beurre*, one of the most esteemed, and best known of winter pears. In France it is known as "*Doyenne D'Hiver*," and has been long and favourably known. The tree cannot be said to be a vigorous grower, but it is an abundant bearer. When properly handled and ripened up, the *Easter Beurre* is a grand pear. Before it is eaten, it requires to be on the dining-room buffet three or even five days. It mellows wonderfully in the heat after having been brought out of the cellar. On the quince it does splendidly, and in some soils attains to great size and excellence.

I have cultivated the *Beurre Gris D'Hiver Nonveau*, which is a large, melting, first class early winter pear. It bears prolifically.

The *Josephine de Malines* is a medium sized roundish fruit, of a beautiful pale straw colour, the flesh a tinted rose colour, melting and delicately perfumed, first rate in every respect. The fruit, strange to say, grows in clusters of three, five, seven, &c., &c. The older the tree the better the fruit. This is indeed one of the most delicious of our long keeping table pears.

Last, not least, is *Mount Vernon*, a good winter variety, gradually creeping into public favour. In the central districts of Ontario, it does well. P. C. Dempsey, the Honoured President of the 'Fruit