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THE FULLER QUINCE

AMONG several varieties of quinces fruited at Maplehurst in 1903, was the Fuller, a sample of which we had photographed for use as a frontispiece to this number.

The variety is named after Mr. A. S. Fuller, of Ridgewood, N. J., who noticed it fruiting on a neighbor's grounds in about the year 1870, took some cuttings and introduced it to public notice. It may be described as follows:

TREE: A good grower and showy both in fruit and flower.

FRUITS Large, $3\frac{3}{4} \times 4$ inches; distinctly pyriform in shape, sometimes with an elongated neck, somewhat ribbed.

COLOR: A rich yellow; calyx set in a deep wide basin.

FLESH: Tender in texture; flavor good.

SEASON: Last of September.

VALUE: Market, good; home uses, good.

QUINCE CULTURE.

Quince culture is not so profitable of late years as formerly. Thirty years ago the writer had orange quinces sold in Toronto at \$6.00 a barrel, and these prices soon gave such encouragement to the planting of quince orchards, both in Ontario and in New York state, that the markets were soon

overstocked, and the price came down to \$2 and \$3 a barrel. This season the demand was a little better, and no doubt in future it may pay fruit growers to cultivate this fruit on a moderate scale.

In planting quinces for profit care must be taken to secure the Orange or one of its sub-varieties, such as Fuller, Meech's Prolific or Champion. These are all satisfactory, both as to beauty of fruit and productiveness of tree. The Angers, or common quince, is useful as stock on which to dwarf the pear tree, but the fruit is small and unsalable, and the tree often unproductive.

The propagation of the quince is very simple, and if one has a few trees the number may easily be increased, either by encouraging the growth of suckers or by cuttings, which take root very readily.

The quince orchard should be planted on good rich soil, not too dry. If the land will produce 100 bushels of potatoes to the acre, or 50 bushels of corn, it will do for quinces; otherwise the best results need not be expected. Pruning must not be neglected or the heads will become a tangled mass, and the crop will be most disappointing; but, generally speaking, no fruit tree receives less attention in regard to the details of cultivation and pruning than the Quince. Fig.