

## PROFITABLE MARKET APPLES.



HIS was one of the questions in debate at the recent meeting of the Western New York Horticultural Society. The irrepressible *Ben Davis* came forward as usual, and its great productiveness, its freedom from scab, and good appearance amplified by its friends; while others condemned it on account of its poor quality, and claimed that in a few years it would have to give place to some variety of better quality. The old story, fought over just as it so often is at our own meetings in Ontario.

The writer conveyed the greetings of the Ontario Association, and gave his experience in shipping *Cranberry Pippins* to Australia during the past season. He claimed the apple was superior both in appearance and in quality to the *Ben Davis*, but, of course, by no means good enough in quality to be recommended as the ideal apple for the commercial orchard. Our Mr. Morris, called attention to the excellence of the *Ontario*, as being an ideal apple in many respects, while some New Yorkers commended the *Sutton Beauty*, as the most excellent apple for market purposes.

It was Mr. Van Deman, U. S. ex-Pomologist, who mentioned the *York Imperial* as the most desirable of market apples. The *Ben Davis*, he said, should not be grown outside of the Mississippi Valley, where it was at home, and attained its highest excellence. He condemned the *Stark* because of its dull color, while *Lawver* and *Gano* were not needed at all. In Chicago *York Imperial* was now quoted at \$4.50 per barrel, and *Ben Davis* at \$2.50. He believed the *York Imperial* would stand second only to the *Newtown Pippin* in the British market.

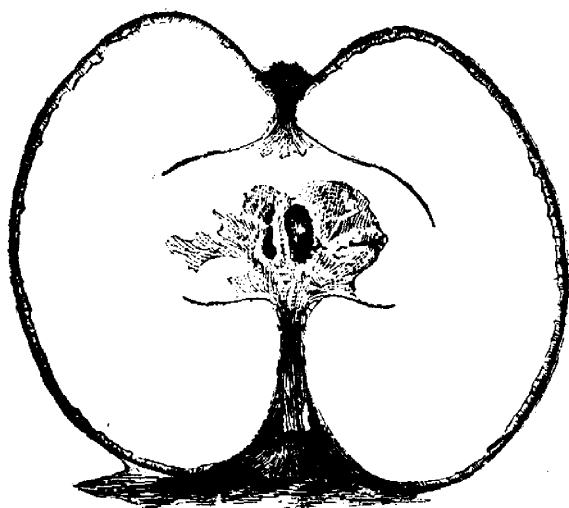


FIG. 917.--CROSS SECTION YORK IMPERIAL.