

a lively red as it ripens up. Flesh, exceedingly juicy, fine grained, with a very agreeable slightly acidulous flavor. Season, first of September. A very good market fruit, but must be picked as soon as full grown and before fully colored, or it will rot at the core.

Bartlett.—Tree, an upright, but not very vigorous grower; healthy, but not very hardy; succeeds best when top grafted on some hardy, strong growing stock; exceedingly productive, in fact is almost an annual bearer; requires heavy manuring. Fruit, large obtuse pyriform, clear pale yellow, occasionally a pale blush on the exposed side. Flesh, very juicy, fine grained, melting; sweet, with a rather peculiar musky, agreeable flavor, fine for both dessert and canning. Season, first to middle of September. One of the best pears for home market, and fine for export if picked early and properly handled.

Duchesse Precoc.—Tree, an upright grower, healthy, fairly hardy, exceedingly productive; commencing to bear very young, consequently the trees do not grow large, and will probably be short lived. Fruit, resembles Bartlett in size and color, but slightly longer in form. Flesh, juicy, melting, with a slightly acid flavor, not of the best quality for dessert, but very fine for preserving. Season, a week later than Bartlett. A comparatively new variety, originated in France. Although not very high in quality, yet on account of its fine appearance and enormous productiveness it makes a very profitable market fruit.

Boussock.—Tree, a vigorous, spreading grower, healthy and hardy; moderately productive, but not an early bearer. Fruit, large, roundish obovate, deep yellow and russet, with a warm red cheek. Flesh, juicy, melting, sweet, agreeable flavor. Season, end of September. A very showy fruit, but not quite productive enough to make a first-class market fruit.

Howell.—Tree, an upright grower, healthy, moderately hardy, productive and an early bearer. Fruit, large, obovate pyriform, pale yellow, occasionally shaded with red. Flesh, juicy, melting, pleasant, slightly acid flavor. Season, first of October. A very good market fruit.

Goo ale.—Tree, a vigorous, thrifty, upright grower, healthy, hardy and productive. Fruit, large, oblong obovate, greenish yellow, shaded with reddish brown. Flesh, juicy, melting, sweet agreeable flavor, a little gritty at the cores. Season, middle of October. A very good and profitable market fruit.

Bosc.—Tree, a vigorous but irregular grower, moderately healthy and, I think, quite as hardy as the Bartlett; productive, fruit evenly distributed over the tree, generally only one fruit on each spur, in place of clusters, as is common with the pear, ensuring nearly all fine specimens even in size and form, and free from blemishes. Fruit, large, acute pyriform, dark yellow, mostly covered with cinnamon russet, with occasionally a light touch of red on the sunny side. Flesh, melting, buttery, with a rich, delicious, slightly perfumed flavor. Season, middle to end of October. A very beautiful fruit, fine in quality, one of the best for home market, and will probably be one of the best for the foreign market; should be top grafted on a strong, hardy stock.

Anjou.—Tree, fine vigorous, spreading grower, healthy and hardy, but not productive. Fruit, large, obtuse pyriform, greenish yellow, shaded with brownish red. Flesh, juicy, melting, with a pleasant vinous flavor. Season, November. Fine for both home and foreign market, but too unproductive to be profitable.

Keiffer.—Tree, a very vigorous upright grower, healthy and hardy; a very early bearer and exceedingly productive on account of its early bearing and great productiveness; will probably not be long lived. Fruit, medium size, ovate in form, golden yellow, with bright red cheek and russet dots. Flesh, half melting, juicy, a somewhat peculiar sweet but poor flavor; gritty at the core; too poor for dessert, but fine for preserving. Season, November and December. On account of its great productiveness and beauty, it may for a time prove to be a profitable market variety, but I am inclined to think that when its poor flavor

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