

we have been gathering from time to time from every quarter, such varieties as we have found to be held in high esteem in their respective localities. Two years hence we shall have a superb list of American fruits; our extensive personal acquaintance with the principal fruit growers and nurserymen in England and on the Continent has enabled us to make arrangements to receive *annually any new and valuable fruits* that may be brought to notice. Our practice is to *plant a specimen tree of every variety cultivated in order* to test it under our own observation; our specimen grounds now contain upwards of *two hundred varieties of apples, one hundred and fifty of pears, sixty of cherries and fifty of small fruits, and so on.*"



FIG. 915.—THE LATE PATRICK BARRY.

In addition to the trial of fruits, much attention has also been given to specimen ornamental trees and shrubs, which have always been kept correctly labelled and open to the inspection of the public.

The accompanying engraving showing a fine specimen of *Picea pungens*, or Colorado Blue Spruce, is grown upon the grounds of Messrs. Ellwanger and Barry. The tree on the left is a fine specimen of cut-leaved Weeping Birch,