

THE MAGISTRATE APPLE.

HOME.—This is a fruit which comes from Holstein, where it grows in some parts abundantly, and is much valued. Also in Germany it is much liked, and Oberdieck calls it rightly a noble fruit. At full maturity it equals in taste the noble "Gravensteiner," and although easily distinguished from it in shape, they are often confounded. The "Gravensteiner," which cannot stand our climate, is surpassed by the "Magistrate Apple," in size and fruitfulness.

In our North, this kind is found especially in Livonia and Estland, and also in the neighboring provinces, and is much valued on account of its superior qualities. Without losing its fine taste, the fruit is larger with us, and shows more vivid colors.

LITERATURE AND SYNONYM.—This apple has been described by the most celebrated German Pomologists, and has also been mentioned prominently in the Manual of Pomology.

Synonyms are the "Livlandische Gravensteiner," the "Wine-apple," the "Herbststrifling," and, perhaps, also, wrongly, the "Striped Rambour" and the "Titovka."

SHAPE.—It is often somewhat high-looking and conical. About 3 to 4 inches wide, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches high. The greatest circumference near the apex.

CALYX.—Pointed, half open to closed, is situated sometimes in a deep and wide basin, provided with ridges and furrows, from which start distinct ribs.

STEM.—Woody, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch long, in a tight flat cavity. A little russetty.

SKIN.—Shiny, and when taken from the tree yellow; when stockripe, a beautiful gold yellow with crimson stripes. After wet summers shaded between the stripes; in a wet and cold autumn insignificant and only a little red. Odor fine and spicy. The color is similar to the "Titovka," but the latter has a still more brilliant color.

FLESH.—Yellow, fine, soft, and of a refreshing spicy taste, which is much like the real "Gravensteiner."