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THE MAIDEN'S BLUSH APPLE.



**O**F the long list of apples ripening in the autumn, there is, probably, not one which is so deserving of admiration, on the score of beauty, as the old and well-known Maiden's Blush, a very good representation of which we show our readers in this number. It would, indeed, be a fair maiden whose blush could equal it in coloring, and to say of any apple that it almost equals the Maiden's Blush for beauty is saying almost all that could be said for it under that head. This apple is a native of New Jersey, and was first described by Coxe. The season is mid-autumn, ripening from the 20th of August to the end of October. For table, cooking and market, it is valuable: although deficient

in richness of flavor, a point in which the famous Gravenstein far surpasses it. The showy appearance, however, always gains for it the highest price in the British market. The writer has shipped it to Covent Garden, London, about the first of September, and it has brought as high as \$6.00 per barrel, for extra choice stock.

In our experience with it, however, it has not proved to be a heavy bearer, nor is the tree a very large grower. Our committee on apples, in preparing the catalogue of fruits for the guidance of judges at fairs, has only given it a total of twenty-five points, out of a possible forty, as an autumn apple. Its rating is as follows: Dessert 3, cooking 7, home market 7, foreign market 8, out of a possible 10 under each head. Possibly, it might bear a point or two more for dessert, on the score of beauty.