

NEW PEARS.

The year has not been prolific in new pears. An American variety, one of the Messrs. Clapp's seedlings, has been introduced, and gives promise of great excellence. It is called the

Frederick Clapp or Clapp's No. 22.—We are indebted to the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder for the following description: "Form generally obovate, but somewhat variable, size above medium; skin thin, smooth and fair, clear, lemon yellow; flesh fine grained, very juicy and melting; flavour sprightly acidulous, rich and aromatic; season October 15th to November 1st, remaining sound at core to the last; quality *very good to best*, and will be highly esteemed by those who like acidulous pears. It has been exhibited for many years by the originators, Messrs. F. & L. Clapp, of Dorchester, Mass. Of this pear the Committee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society have reported favourably for years. Of its quality they state in 1873: "It was pronounced decidedly superior to *Beurre Superfin*, and is regarded by all who have seen it as the highest bred and most refined of all the many seedlings shown by Messrs. Clapp." It is probably a cross between *Beurre Superfin* and *Urbaniste*, the tree resembling in habit the latter variety, and may safely be commended as worthy of trial by all cultivators of the pear."

Kieffer's Hybrid Pear is another novelty, raised from the Chinese sand pear, crossed with a cultivated variety supposed to be Bartlett. The fruit is large and very uniform in size; skin greenish yellow; flesh white, buttery, juicy; quality good. It ripens in October, when pears are scarce and high. The tree is a strong grower, and is claimed to be blight proof.

CHAMPION QUINCE.

Champion Quince.—A new variety, which originated in Georgetown, Conn., in 1865. It is described as being superior to all other varieties now known. The fruit is said to be larger than the Orange, fair, smooth and of fine quality, and a late keeper. Tree bears large crops, early and regularly. We will look toward this variety with a great deal of interest.

NEW STRAWBERRIES.

During the past few years a large number of varieties have been introduced to public notice and are now offered for sale. For the purpose of reference, I have prepared the following list, which is still incomplete. The name of the variety is given first, then the name of the originator and date of introduction. As a record it will be found convenient and useful. I am indebted to Mr. Wm. Parry, of Cinnaminson, N.J., for information regarding the origin of several varieties:

Belle, Moore, Mass., 1876; Black Defiance; Caroline, Moore, Mass., 1876; Centennial, Durand, N.J., 1876; Crescent Seedling, Parmelee, Conn., 1870; Champion, Reisig & Hexamer, N.Y., 1872; Capt. Jack, S. Miller, Mo., 1874; Continental, Felton, N.J., 1876; Damask Beauty; Duncan, Lucas, N.J., 1875; Duchesse, Hexamer, N.Y., 1874; Cumberland Triumph, Miller, Pa., 1874; Essex Beauty, Durand, N.J.; Forest Rose, Feters, Ohio, 1877; Gen. Sherman, Moore, Mass., 1877; Great American, Durand, N.J., 1875; Golden Defiance, Miller, Pa., 1874; Gertrude, Miller, Mo., 1873; Hervey Davis, Moore, Mass., 1878; Kerr's Late Prolific, Kerr, N.Y., 1875; Matilda, Tillson, N.Y., 1873; Miner's Great Prolific, Miner, N.J., 1877; Maud Miller, Miller, Mo., 1873; Mary Stewart, Miller, Mo., 1873; Monarch of the West, Brady, Ills., 1871; New Dominion, Biggar, Ont., 1873; Panic, Peck, N.Y.; Pres. Lincoln, Smith, N.Y., 1875; Photo, Crawford, Ohio, 1876; Pioneer, Durand, N.Y.; Patuxent, Washington, D.C., 1876; Rapahannock, Washington, D.C., 1876; Springdale, Miller, Pa., 1874; Success, White, Mass., 1876; Susquehanna, Washington, D.C., 1876; Seneca Chief, Merrill & Son., Mich., 1874; Seth Boyden, Jr., Crawford, Ohio, 1876; Sharpless, Sharpless, Pa., 1877; Turner, —, N.J., 1872.

What portion of these varieties will prove worthy of general cultivation, it is as yet difficult to say. Another season's trial, we hope, will enable us to give more definite and