

NOTES ON SUMMER PEARS.

OUR experimental plot of dwarf pears consists of over fifty varieties, and we had hoped for a splendid assortment of samples for our report, but, unfortunately, the same condition which blighted our hopes as commercial fruit growers, also swept away our hopes of a grand collection of varieties for study and for exhibition purposes.

The first pear to ripen with us in the season of 1901 was Summer Doyenne about July 30. The fruit was in clusters, very small, too small for market, but of delicious quality for dessert. The trees are not as thrifty as Brandywine or Wilder. The last picking was August 12th.

The Chambers closely followed the Summer Doyenne, ripening about the 5th of August. The trees are heavily loaded, and the fine size of this pear makes it the most promising variety of its season for

market. The tree is vigorous and healthy and, so far, has not shown any tendency to blight. The last picking was August 20th.

The Giffard closely followed Chambers in season of ripening, coming in this year, which is unusually late, about August 10th. It yielded a good crop, and the quality is so good and its appearance so pleasing, that it is the most largely planted for market in the Niagara district of any early variety.

Osband's Summer ripened about August 10th, and is a variety over much planted; this year the trees were heavily loaded, but very small, especially on the older trees. We do not recommend the planting of this variety now that finer ones of the same season have come in.

Lawson and Andres des Portes ripened about August 12th, on dwarf trees, but both are rendered worthless by a fault in com-

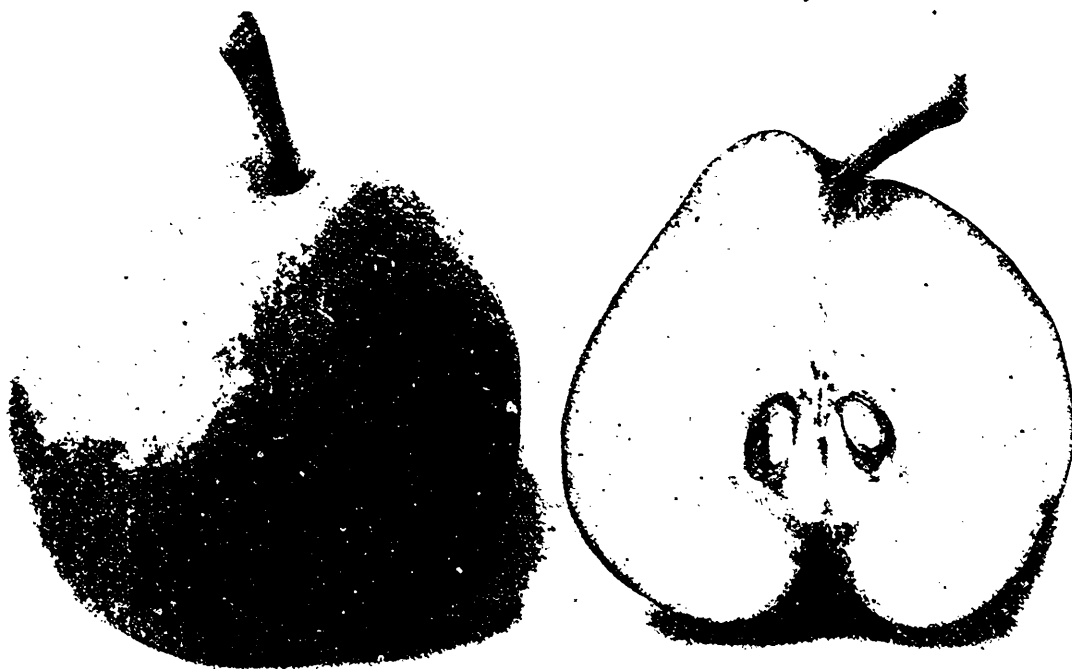


FIG. 2169. ANSAULT.