

the drawback of this variety is, that it needs eating the moment it is ripe. The *Beurre Giffard* and *Tyson* are noble fruits, the latter attaining to great excellence, and large size in soils adapted to its growth. The fruit is melting, juicy, and fine flavored, the tree a good grower, and produces one of the finest of summer varieties of pears.

AUTUMN PEARS.

Beurre Superfin holds much the same relation to autumn pears, that the *Bartlett* does to summer varieties. It is a grand pear, and not so sufficiently and generally known as it ought to be. The size of the fruit, and the beautiful form of it, commend it for market cultivation. Its appearance is peary, very juicy and melting, with a rich sprightly sub-acid flavour. It bears evenly all over the tree three or four varied forms of fruit. One beautiful green, peariform and handsome; another entirely russet, a third partially russet, and the fourth a pale green. It is certainly a fine pear, and has few peers.

Beurre Bosc, where it can be grown, stands much in the same rank as the *Beurre Superfin* in point of merit and excellence. It is, however, a more taking pear for the market, and there is never any difficulty in disposing of all the *Beurre Bosc*s that can be raised; they bring a long price per the barrel. For the mere gratification of eating I prefer a *Bosc* to a *Bartlett*; on the principle that I prefer a cod to salmon. The latter, like the *Bartlett* is too luscious; the former, like the *Bosc*, being relished always. Both varieties, unfortunately, are very liable to blight. The *Bosc* is a prolific bearer, with a long neck, deep-brown russet, highly flavored and delicious. The tree is sprawly, not a very vigorous grower, and does best on the native stock. It ripens to fruit in September, and early in October.

The *Belle Lucrative* and *Flemish Beauty* may be classed together, both in point of excellence and beauty; these varieties are well-known, being both in very general cultivation. Some growers prefer the one and some the other. I might apply to the case, a very common saying in regard to another sort of choice, "How happy would I be with either, were t' other fair charmer away." Both varieties are A1 in all respects. The fruit of the *Belle Lucrative* is large, melting, and very sweet, a great and early bearer; it has every good quality to commend it to the grower. The *Flemish Beauty* is apt to decay at the core immediately on maturity, but the size, shape, and quality place it in a first position among well-known cultivated varieties.