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Belle de la Croix, *Royal George*, *Royal Kensington* and *Early Rivers* are peaches of the highest flavour, and cannot fail to satisfy the most delicate tastes.

Among the older sorts raised in this country, *Atlanta*, of the style of *Hales*, and one of *Dr. Sylvester's Seedlings*, is a delicious fruit and ought to be extensively cultivated. *Foster* is another which should not be overlooked. It resembles *Crawford's Early*, but is superior in texture and flavour. *Coolidge's Favourite*, although rather small, is a fine peach, and deserves to be better known.

NEW APPLES.

But few really new apples have been brought to notice the past year. Of the Russian apples which we have had under trial for some time, several have given evidence of value, and while they can hardly be compared in quality to our best apples, still they are fair, and will undoubtedly prove valuable in those localities where only hardy varieties succeed. The following are worthy of particular notice :

(Season of ripening, August and September.)

Titouka or Titus Apple.—A large, handsome fruit, resembling *Twenty-Ounce*. Skin smooth, greenish yellow, striped and splashed with red; flesh a little coarse, sub-acid; ripens, middle to last of August. This is the largest and showiest of the newer Russian varieties which we have thus far tested.

Arabskoe (Arabian apple).—Another beautiful fruit of medium size, roundish oblate form, with dark red skin, covered with a rich purple bloom; flesh white and juicy.

Belborodooskoe.—Of medium to large size, rather flat, tapering slightly to stalk, skin yellowish green, with light dots and a brownish tint on sunny side; flesh a little coarse, juicy, sub-acid. A good apple.

Groskoe Selenke Gruner.—Of medium size, roundish conical form, skin smooth yellowish green, colour of *Sweet Bough*; ripens early in August. Promises to be one of the most valuable.

Ostrowskoe.—Of medium size, round, regular, skin smooth, greenish yellow, with red cheek, and covered with white dots. Very distinct and handsome.

Repka.—Size medium; roundish oblate form, regular and smooth; skin pale straw colour, transparent; flesh fine grained, crisp, juicy, sub-acid, good; ripe early in August; tree a free grower and very prolific. For this variety we predict great popularity.

Roschdestwenskoe, or Christ Birth Apple.—Large, roundish, stalk short, stout; skin green, mostly covered with purplish red. A handsome apple.

Tschernoe Drewo.—Of medium to large size, roundish; skin yellow, with a beautifully mottled red cheek. Very attractive.

Waskaroe.—Size medium, roundish, slightly conical; skin yellow, striped and marbled with crimson, about the colour of *Duchess of Oldenburg*; flesh crisp; ripens in August.

Grand Duke Constantine.—Although we have had this variety in our collection for several years, we have not as yet had an opportunity to test it entirely to our satisfaction, owing to the imperfect condition of the fruit when examined. The conclusion we came to, however, was that it would prove identical with the well-known *Alexander*. The following description is *Mr. Scott's*, the celebrated English pomologist, and we quote it because, if correct, this variety deserves to be placed in the front rank among the Russian varieties. *Mr. Scott* says: "This is a noble fruit, in size and appearance. It is, perhaps, as handsome and beautiful as any existing variety, not excepting *Alexander* and *Northern Spy*. It is of the largest size, roundish, somewhat flattened; skin clear, bright yellow, almost entirely covered with streaks of dark crimson on the side exposed to the sun; flesh white tender, juicy, sweet, slightly sub-acid; ripens in August.

Grand Sultan.—Another variety represented to be of first size and quality; skin whitish yellow, covered with a beautiful bloom and striped and shaded with red on the sunny side; flesh white, and, when ripe, transparent. A very fine fruit; rich and juicy; ripens in August and September.

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