

Blight and cracking of the Pear, Apple Rusts, etc. In speaking of the best

NEW FRUITS

Mr. Van Deman recommends the *Jeffries* as the choicest early apple known to him; a chance seedling from Pennsylvania. It is medium in size, skin smooth, yellow, profusely covered with carmine stripes and crimson splashes. Season, August and September in the middle states.

Of pears, he speaks favorably of the *Wilder*, a small pear of excellent quality, which originated in New York State, and which ripens in August in that state. Of the *Idaho* he says it is of real value, and recommends it for extensive trial. He describes this pear as follows:—"Size of fruit, 4 to 4½ inches in diameter; shape, a little flattened, tapering slightly both ways from the centre, quite irregular, depressed at the stem; surface rough and uneven, yellow or straw color, with a faint blush or brownish red on the sunny side, and a few bronzed blotches; dots minute and dark and very numerous; basin, deep, flaring, very irregular or ribbed, and thickly covered with fine brown dots; cavity, medium abrupt, irregular; stem, stout and rather long; core very small; seeds few; flesh, almost white, fine grained, buttery, melting, lacks the grit so often found in pears; flavor, sweet to mild sub-acid, rich and aromatic, juicy; quality, very good; season, September in Idaho.

The book is well illustrated with expensive colored plates, illustrating the subjects treated of, and is a volume well worthy of preservation for future reference.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE IOWA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY for 1888. Secretary, Geo.

Van Houten, Lennox, Iowa. A volume of 494 pages, with many interesting papers and discussions, from which we hope to draw material for the benefit of our readers.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSERYMEN held at Chicago, 1889. Chas. Green, Rochester, Secretary. This Report of 114 pages proves this Association to be a live body. The interests of the nurseryman and the fruit grower are more closely allied than some seem willing to admit, and their presence and aid in our discussions are almost indispensable.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL CROP REPORT, July, 1889. This crop report does not pretend to the exactitude of a census, but is intended to give the public immediate and valuable information concerning the crops at a time when it would be most useful, leaving it for the census to give complete and exact returns of the actual crop harvested. Of Annapolis county, one of the principal apple growing regions, for instance, this Report gives the quality of the winter fruit about an average of former years, but the quantity about 50 per cent. of the usual average. Kings and Gravenstein, however, promised a full crop.

T. C. ROBINSON'S Fall Catalogue and Price List of Small Fruits, Grapevines, Fruit Trees, and Selected Ornamental Shrubs, Owen Sound, Ont,

WILLIAM BROTHER'S TROPICAL SEED CATALOGUE, for Planters, Agriculturists, Horticulturists, Nurserymen, Seedsmen and Florists in all parts of the world. Heneratgoda, Ceylon.