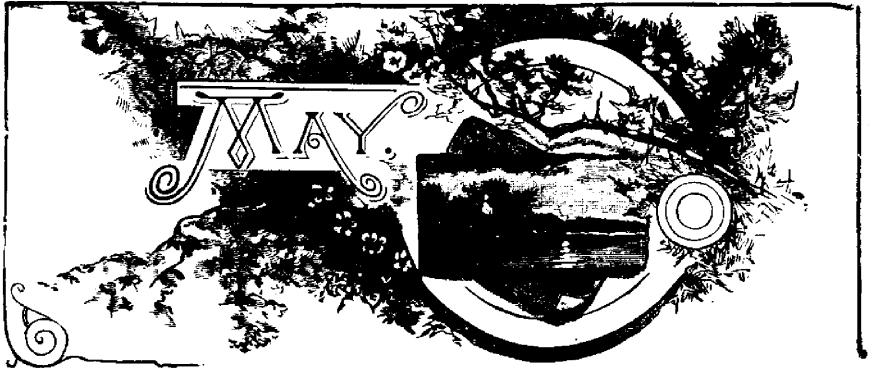


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**P**ERHAPS there is no apple about which more difference of opinion exists than the Ben Davis. Like the Kieffer pear, the Crescent strawberry, the Lombard plum, and the Concord grape, we might say of the Ben Davis that, while far from being the first of its class in quality, it stands at the head for productiveness and consequent profit. The early orchardists in Ontario planted their commercial orchards with the Baldwin, but now find that in many localities instead of being the most productive, it is the least so; orchardists in the Western States, on the other hand, have planted the Ben Davis in their commercial orchards, and in fruitfulness at least it has not disappointed them.

In Southern Ontario many of the best orchards of Baldwin have been almost barren for the last half decade of years, and it is for this reason we bring under the notice of the owners an apple which is not a failure in this respect at least. The late P. C. Dempsey, who was our director for Prince Edward Co., had great confidence in the Ben Davis, and in our report for 1893, page 7, he says, "I can make more money out of one tree of the Ben Davis than I can off fifty Kings. We have a lot of trees of the latter variety twelve years planted, and have never realized twelve barrels off them, but we have taken that many off a single tree of the Ben Davis. For market value, we find that in England the Ben Davis has sold as high as 32/ a barrel."

At our meeting in Peterboro' last December, Mr. Alex. McNeill championed the Ben Davis. He said, "The Ben Davis is like a piece of cork in the