

covering an excellent season in the market, when the Bartlett is entirely cleaned out, unless kept in cold storage. It so much resembles Bartlett that it could be well sold for that pear, but its flesh is essentially different, though scarcely inferior.

The pear is the product of many experiments in hybridizing conducted by the late P. C. Dempsey, father of the present experimenter, and we are glad that so good a fruit bears his name. The accompanying cut being taken from an actual specimen gives an exact representation of a section of this pear. The tree was grown from a seed of the Bartlett and fertilized with the Duchess d'Angouleme. It is an upright, good grower; foliage large, glossy, dark green, resembling both parents.

Description.—Fruit large obtuse pyriform, irregular in outline. Skin smooth, green, changing to yellow as it ripens, with a slight brown tinge where exposed to the sun. Stem about an inch long, stout and set lightly to one side. Calyx shallow. Flesh white, fine grained, tender, buttery, almost melting, with a rich, sweet, delicious flavor. As a dessert or market pear it is of the highest merit. It will stand transportation to the most distant markets. Season, October and November.

THE TALMAN SWEET NOT A HARDY TREE IN ALL LOCALITIES.



EIGHT years ago I set out an orchard of 180 apple trees. About 20 of them died the first year. The nurserymen very cheerfully agreed to replace any that would die the first year, at half price, which they did, but the agent whom I dealt with, in replacing trees for the ones that died, sent me nothing but Talman Sweet and Stump. Now those Talman Sweet were set out promiscuously through the orchard and proved to be the only sickly trees in the whole lot, among 30 or 40 different varieties of apple trees.

They started off all right and did as well as any of the others for a few years, even bore fruit and matured it in good shape; but one or two of them dies every year. One of them was planted in the vegetable garden and was highly cultivated; it was making excellent growth. I got one apple off it last year, this spring it blighted and died. Out in the main orchard where they are not so well cultivated, there is the same result; they just die.

The Stump tree does very well here, but appears to be shy at bearing, so far. As for its fruit, I must say it is a very delicious apple; it would be hard to beat as a dessert apple. With me, its season is October.

Hope, B. C.

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