

THE IDAHO PEAR.

DURING the past year we have seen a great many notices of this pear. Most of our horticultural exchanges have given it great prominence, and many of them engravings of it; and since there is such a universal chorus of laudation from all sides, our readers will soon be accusing us of ignorance if we do not join. We have, therefore, had a colored plate of

illustrations; and it is further described as follows:—"Cavity very irregular; basin shallow and plaited; calyx very small and closed; core very small; skin golden yellow, with many russety dots; flesh melting, juicy, with a sprightly, vinous, delicious flavor; season, September and October." The season of ripening is about a month later than the Bartlett; it is a much better keeper.

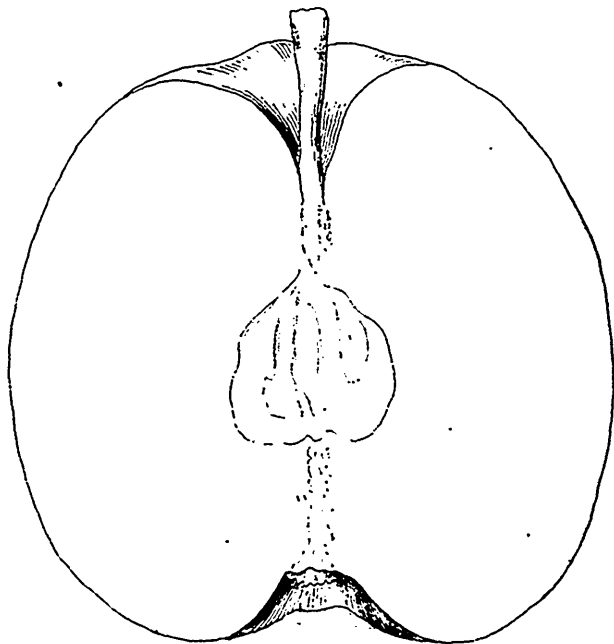


FIG. 1.—THE IDAHO PEAR. CROSS SECTION.

the Idaho pear printed for our January number.

The Idaho pear originated in the northern part of the Territory of Idaho, whence its name. It was first noticed as the Mulkey pear, after a Mrs. Mulkey, of Lewiston, to whom belongs the credit of raising it from a seed sown some twenty years ago. The general form and coloring of the fruit is well shown in our

In fig. 1. we show an outline of a cross section of the Idaho pear, showing the small size of the core, which is almost seedless. Although the exterior is somewhat coarse in appearance, like the Duchess, the flesh is fine, smooth, and free from granulations.

The tree is a good grower, we are told, but inclined to overbear; yet even without thinning, the pears grow to average