

❧ New or Little Known Fruits. ❧

GREENFIELD'S SEEDLING APPLE.

SIR,—I send you to-day two seedling apples, the tree of which is grown by Mr. Samuel Greenfield, near Ottawa. The apple, it is said, will keep till *June* in a fairly cool cellar; the tree is as hardy or hardier than the *Duchess*, and it is a free and early bearer. You will notice the apple somewhat resembles the *Spy* in color and general appearance, the calyx, however, being more prominent. The apple at the present time is not ripe, being quite hard; the flesh is crisp and moderately juicy. I class it as fairly good fruit, about second class; but the hardness of the tree, its early bearing, and excellent keeping qualities, ought to commend it for this and colder localities, even I think for *Manitoba*.

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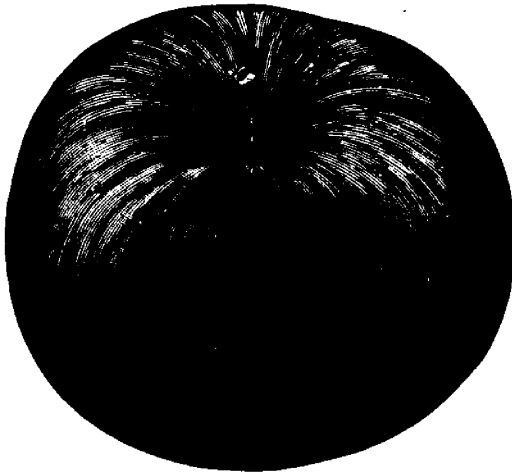


FIG. 39.—GREENFIELD'S SEEDLING APPLE.

This apple is certainly rather attractive. It is a little small to be commended for cooking, and the quality is hardly good enough to make it a high class dessert apple; still its hardness gives it a claim upon our notice, for the good winter apples, possessing this characteristic, are very few. On this account we have thought best to prepare an engraving of the apple for our pages, in order that a more exact record of it may be kept, than can be made in words.

DESCRIPTION.—Size, below medium; form, roundish, slightly conical, ribbed; skin, light green, washed and striped with carmine; stem three-quarter inches long, in a deep narrow cavity; calyx closed in a very shallow wrinkled basin; flesh white, crisp, tender, mild sub-acid, juicy; flavor poor, but scarcely mature enough to be fairly judged.

GREENFIELD'S CURRANT.

Mr. W. W. Hilborn, of Leamington, sends us two plants of a new red currant for testing. It was originated at Ottawa by Mr. Samuel Greenfield. Mr. Lowe, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, of that place, says it is by far the best red currant he has seen, either in Canada or England. Mr. Hilborn states that he has counted as many as twenty large-sized currants on a single stem, and that the bush is a strong grower and very productive.