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LETTERS FROM RUSSIA—IV.

THE SAPIEGANKA PEAR OR AUTUMN POLISH BERGAMOTTE.

I GIVE in your journal a description of this pear, not on account of any particular prominent qualities which it possesses, but because I am of the opinion that on account of its hardiness it may be successfully grown in Canada.

In its home in Lithuania, old and large trees are met with which have endured many severe winters. In the Tamboff Government it is the most hardy of all pears there grown, and for this reason the Sapieganka, can be positively considered a hardy variety.

The fruit is of middle size, of Bergamot type, the skin is smooth, yellow and has a red cheek on the sunny side. In Lithuania it ripens on the 1st of September, in the Tamboff Government in October, and keeps in the cellar two months. The flavor of the flesh depends upon local conditions, for though it is tasteful enough in the warmer districts, it is sometimes harsh; and when grown in the north it is juicy and buttery. The fruit is adapted for the table, drying and other home uses. This pear is recommended by Russian horticulturists as being adapted for cultivation in market garden.

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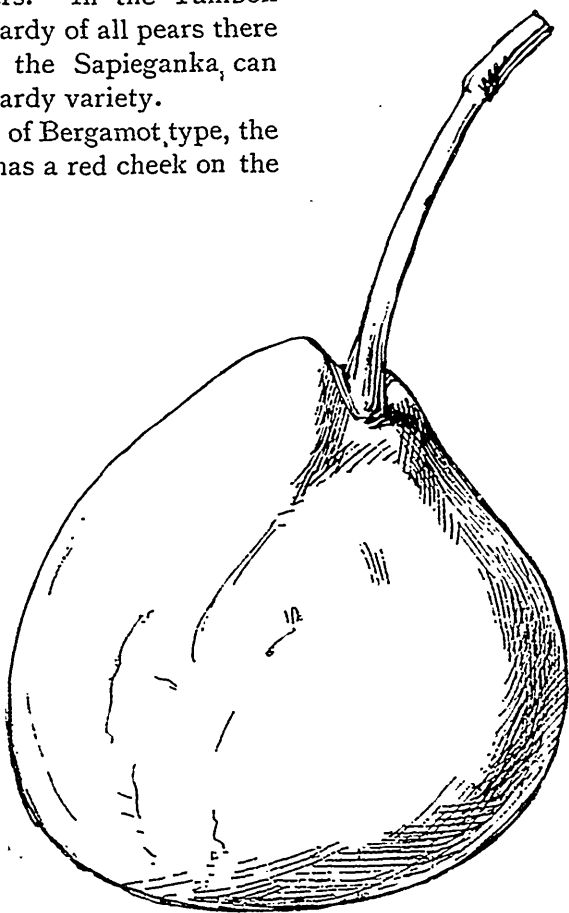


FIG. 57.—THE SAPIEGANKA PEAR.