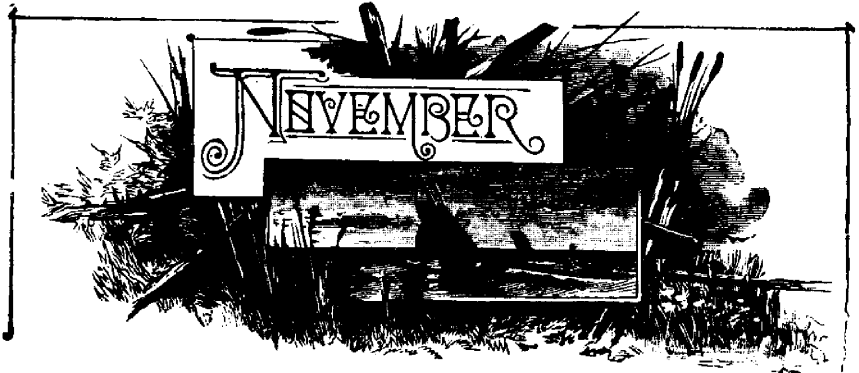


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THE LAWRENCE PEAR.



OUR frontispiece this month represents a well ripened sample of the Lawrence pear, one of the very best winter pears and one that should be in every collection, whether for home use or market. It succeeds well either on the pear or the quince. Though not large nor showy, its excellent quality and productiveness place it very high in the estimation of all pear growers.

We have grown it at Maplehurst for twenty years, and it is always the favorite dessert pear for the home during the month of December. The Howell, Sheldon, Duchess and Anjou are excellent varieties for October and November, but nothing surpasses the Lawrence for December and January.

The variety originated at Flushing, Long Island. The tree is a moderate grower, but although classed as hardy in most nurserymen's catalogues, it is not sufficiently hardy for any but the more favored portions of Ontario.

Mr. P. C. Dempsey, of Trenton, Ont., says of it: "With me the Lawrence is one of the best, if not the best, December pear. The tree is a good grower and very productive, but not hardy. It is nearly as tender as the Bartlett. It does better top-grafted upon some hardy variety."

Mr. George E. Fisher, of Freeman, President of the Burlington Fruit Growers' Association, says: "Ten years ago I planted twenty Lawrence pear trees. They