

foliage, very healthy; the fruit is borne in clusters. I counted as I picked them, seven of those little pears to each cluster, for about a dozen clusters, but some had more on, some less, of this year's crop. Last year there were some branches completely covered with fruit; some spaces for two feet were almost solid packed with pears. I think they will beat the well-known little pear the Seckel. It think it well-flavored, sweet, juicy, neatly shaped with a short stout little stem which hangs well to the tree till ripe, not apt to be blown off by wind. For pickling it is just the thing and also for preserving or canning, or for eating fresh it is very good. I think a man could as easy eat a dozen of these as he could one of Clapp's Favorite.

Please report in the HORTICULTURIST what you think of them.—D. B. HOOPER, *Almira, Aug. 26th, 1889.*

Reply by Editor.

The package of pears came to hand in good order, but we cannot advise their propagation, as they are altogether too small to be grown for market purposes, and very few would plant pear trees simply for pickling pears. They are about the size of the Transcendent Crab. The quality is very good, but so is the quality of the Tyson which ripens about this time, and the Rostiezer is far superior, a pear hardly out of season yet, and these pears, though much larger than this seedling, will only command about 50 or 60c. per basket, while Clapp's Favorite and Bartlett, on account of their fine size, sell at nearly twice that sum. In these days a fruit must have some especial excellence to be worthy of commendation.

Scott's Seedling Peach.

I send you by mail a seedling peach grown on my grounds, Park Avenue, Chatham. Please tell me if it is a new variety, if not what is the name. The tree is young and only bore a few this year for the first. The balance on the tree are just ripe now.—J. L. SCOTT, *Chatham. Ont., Sept. 14th, 1889.*

Reply by Editor.

The peach is a magnificent one—equalling if not surpassing the Early Crawford in quality, and also resembling that popular variety in size and beauty of appearance. The skin is yellow with an exquisitely beautiful red cheek; flesh yellow, rich, juicy, and melting, and free from the stone; well worthy of propagation.

Wilder Early Pear.

Among the new fruits that promise well is the Wilder early pear, of which a very good drawing is here given. Mr. Vandeman, Pomologist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, writes as follows concerning it:

"Among the midsummer pears there is none that pleases me more than this one, except that its size is rather small. But like the Seckel, what it lacks in size it makes up in quality, although it is larger than that variety. It is a chance seedling, found in Chautauqua Co., N. Y. The original tree was partially grafted with scions of Buffum in 1870, when it was young, and would never have borne any fruit except of this old variety, had not three of the natural branches been left. These bear profusely, and the fruit, when fully grown, is quite attractive. It does not rot at the core.

Size, small to medium; shape, pyriform, bell-shaped, irregular, a little angular; surface, smooth, pale yellow