

valuable. At Simbirsk it is considered one of the most profitable. At Tenki, near Kazan, it is a success, both in nursery and orchard, and from what we saw would seem to have been grown there for many years. At Tula we see one very old tree of it, a survivor of an ancient orchard, killed by a severe winter many years ago. It is therefore a tree that thrives in the severest climates. It would not be safe to assume it to be quite as hardy as Anis or Antonovka, yet it is not very far from it. The flesh is coarse, but juicy and mildly acid, quite good, not at all disappointing, rather better than Duchess, because less acid. In season it is not one of the earliest, yet is a summer or late summer fruit. We might reasonably expect this to become one of the great commercial apples of our country.

UKRAINSKOE.—I was very much struck by a young tree I saw at Vilna, in full bearing. It looked as if bearing a crop of uncolored Northern Spy. At Orel we hear of it as a hardy tree, and a good apple, but not as productive as some other kinds. Mr. Shroeder also notes it as a light bearer, but says the tree is hardy, and that it is a good cooking and second quality eating apple which ships and keeps well. At Saratof, we are told of an apple under this name that has been grown there for a very long time, said to be quite hardy in that climate, and to keep till March, and it is noted there as one of their profitable market fruits. In the milder climate of Warsaw, our friends say, why grow Ukrainskoe a green apple, when you might as well grow a red one. Color in an apple is a very good point, yet I feel that any good late keeping apple that thrives upon the Russian Steppes is worthy of trial.

VARGUL.—A firm flatish conic apple of yellowish color, with some red on one side of extra quality, and keeps till May or June, so says Mr. Shroeder. I do not think we saw it, yet we heard of it often in Middle Russia. At Tula an amateur friend puts it among his five best varieties. At Orel, at Voronesh and Kursk, we hear an apple well spoken of under this name.

VARGULOK (or little Vargul) is often confounded with Vargul, and said by some to be the same. Mr. Shroeder has both, and describes this as a medium sized yellowish green apple, good for cooking or table, a long keeper and tree hardy at Moscow.