

Another point which we should bear in mind carefully, and which might very easily be lost sight of, is that there is a great difference between considering large size an actual defect, as Mr. McNeill suggests, on the one hand, and not giving it undue weight in judging, as it is too often done now, on the other.

All things considered, I should favor Mr. McNeill's suggestion that abnormal size be considered as a defect with strictly dessert varieties of apples. I would add, that even with the ordinary "commercial" sorts, size should not be considered as outweighing color, uniformity and freedom from blemishes; but that two plates, one of which is normal size and the other above, should compete on equal terms so far as size is concerned.

If we could have these two accepted as general principles, the exceptions that I have alluded to above could be, I think, easily managed. For it would only be with a very few varieties that abnormal size would be, or should be, considered an actual asset.

This whole discussion, however, only emphasizes the fact that we ought to have a different score-card—or, if we do not use a score-card, a different ideal—in judging each particular variety; so that, while size would be far more important with Wolf River than with Pomme Grise, and color far more important with Spy than with Rhode Island Greening, quality would be given much more weight with McIntosh Red than with Ben Davis.—F. C. Sears, Agricultural College, Truro, N.S.

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The plants were not planted as early as the other varieties. We considered, however, that if planted at same time as other early varieties, they would be just as early. This year we are sowing plentifully, and intend putting them on the market as one of our earliest and best tomatoes. We do not hesitate to recommend the June Pink to growers.

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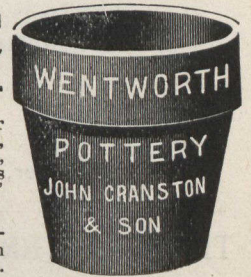
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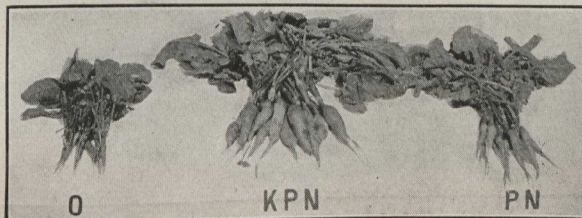


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