

to mature, is good in quality. (a few plants rotted during the season) is valuable for early use, as it bleaches very quickly after banking up.

White Plume—Heads small, requires but little banking up. Matured a few days later than Golden Yellow. The quality is not so good as some others. Its whiteness makes it easy of culture, and it is becoming quite popular for early use.

Solid Ivory.—An excellent variety. Stands winter well without rotting, has a good nutty flavor, is free from stringiness. Heads quite large, valuable for late use.

Grant Pascal.—Resembles the Solid Ivory in flavor and texture; head does not grow so large as the former, but makes a very solid, compact growth; as the season advances becomes quite pithy.

THAT RED APPLE ORCHARD

A thoroughly posted eastern Washington fruit grower who is a close and appreciative reader of THE RANCH and a true friend to the orchardists of the county writes as follows concerning varieties now talked of for this part of the state:

I don't like to criticise Mr. McGinnis but I want to say to him that if he can get eastern consumers to try Lawyer—(Delaware Red) simply because its a big red apple I fear his sales account will disappoint him. The apples are well known in eastern markets. The scale on which the merit of all fruit in Chicago at the Columbian exposition was in the following order: Dessert, cooking, market, each a scale of 10 points. The rating of the Lawyer, as I am informed, was, for dessert 3, cooking 2, market 8; so you see, while McGinnis might sell a few boxes of them, (if he did not let customers taste them.) under his mark of "McGinnis's Red Apple Brand" his trade might not have that continuity so desirable in one having a large orchard to market. The color will sell the Lawyer for a time, as it does the Ben Davis, which, as a dessert fruit, rates 5, kitchen market 9. In both instances their ratings show, that if it was not for their beautiful coloring and size they would need "boosting" very hard in the market. The ratings of Esopus Spitzenburg are, dessert 9, cooking 10, market 9, but I understand after diligent inquiry that in eastern Washington and Oregon that they are "shy bearers" TENDERFOOT.

[We do not find the fact about the E. Spitzenburg in this immediate section as intimated by "Tenderfoot," and shall be glad to hear from Ellensburg and other orchardists regarding the point. One other idea suggests itself: Will our correspondent give RANCH readers his selection of four red apples for market purposes? We are sure that Mr. McGinnis and all other beginners will be thankful for the information that will keep them in the middle of the road.—EDs.]

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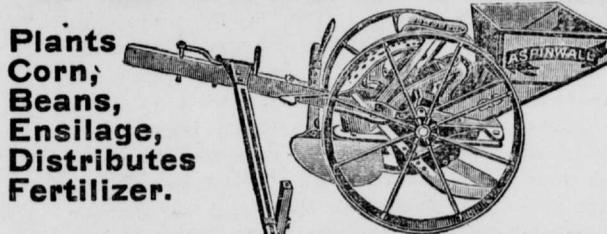
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