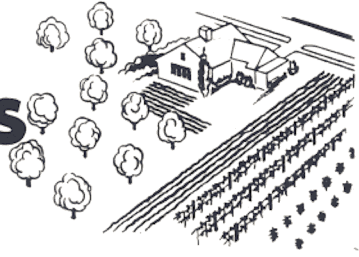




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## *Has the Celestia Apple Survived?*

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In Dr. John A. Warder's book, "American Pomology," published in 1867, and dealing exclusively with apples, there is an old variety called CELESTIA listed. A line drawing is included, and a rather full description of it.

This apple, Dr. Warder declared, "appears destined to take the place of the DYER, being more handsome." It was a seedling of the Stillwater Sweet produced by Mr. L. S. Mote of Miami County, Ohio.

Having fruited the DYER for two or three years, any apple that can be mentioned in the same breath with that melting and delectable fruit—the flavor and the wonderful texture of which make Adam's disastrous defection quite understandable—is one which I would give a

good deal for the privilege of growing in my orchard.

The Celestia fruit is large, angular, waxen yellow; the flesh is yellow, very fine grained, very tender (like the Dyer), subacid, very sprightly, spicy and aromatic. Its season is September.

"This is essentially," the good doctor observed wisely, "an amateur's fruit, as its texture and color disqualify it for market, while its delicious flavor renders it very attractive."

Perhaps in Ohio or elsewhere a CELESTIA apple tree yet lingers, in spite of its sad uselessness in commerce. Or have we lost it forever? Any clue leading to its recovery will be appreciated by a number of apple growers.

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