

Cox's Orange, just off the tree, does not quite have the characteristic richness of flavor which develops in higher degree as it mellows with age during the months of November and December. However, there are two other varieties which I must add for this season.

One is *Golden Nugget*, a 1932 cross of Golden Russet and Cox's Orange Pippin (from the Kentville, Nova Scotia Station of the Canadian Department of Agriculture), a small apple of Cox's size and appearance, but predominantly yellow-streaked, and splashed with bright orange, and more often spotted and netted with russet. It is sugary sweet, luscious in flavor, and one of the choicest dessert apples in my collection. But it has a short keeping life, and should be eaten soon after picking.

The other is *Ross Nonpareil*, an old Irish apple, small, russeted, usually with brilliant scarlet stripes. It has a high combination of sweetness and acidity, with a pronounced fennel flavor. Downing, probably the most famous of American pomologists, had it in his collection at Newburgh on the Hudson, and said of it in 1845 in his *Fruits and Fruit Trees of America*, "to our taste, one of the highest flavored and most delicious of all apples for dessert."

There is another late September variety to which I would give qualified approval on the basis of a few specimens which fruited this year. This is *Pink Pearl*, introduced by the California breeder, Albert Etter, in 1944. It has a strong, rich flavor and fine aroma and may have been generally ignored because it has pink flesh like its parent, Surprise (first noted in England in 1831). Unlike its parent's solid green skin, *Pink Pearl* has a more attractive cream and pale green coat with a light red cheek.

Strawberry Trials in Massachusetts

James F. Anderson reported on the more promising of the newer strawberry cultivars in *Fruit Notes*, based on their performance at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Some of his observations were as follows:

Fulton: Vigorous, productive, and free from leaf diseases, but not resistant to red stele. Fruit of medium size, very firm, and very good in flavor.

Fletcher: Large attractive fruit of good flavor. Is productive, and ripens midseason. Is not resistant to red stele.

Frontenac: Large, attractive fruit of good flavor. Plant is susceptible to drought.

Midway: This midseason cultivar is vigorous, very productive, and resistant to the common races of red stele. Berries are deep red, glossy, and very good in flavor. Berry size is medium to large, but has been variable.

Vesper: Is very late, ripening two to three days after Jerseybelle. Berries are very large and attractive, moderately firm, and good in flavor. Dark berries may be soft. Productive, but susceptible to red stele.



Correction

Attention has been called by R. M. Brooks and J. C. McDaniel to errors in the names of oriental persimmons described on page 11 of Vol. 19, No. 1 of *F.V.H.D.* The first clone should be 'Hachiya,' the fourth should be 'Tanenashi'; and the name 'Maru,' which means round, refers to a group of clones rather than to a specific one.