



The Pekin Pear or Pai li (White Pear).

Both the Keiffer and LeConte varieties of pear which are extensively grown in America have shown a fair degree of immunity to the pear blight, a very destructive bacterial disease. These varieties are believed to be crosses between varieties of the Chinese pear (*Pyrus chinensis*) and the European pear (*Pyrus communis*). Unfortunately, neither the Keiffer nor the LeConte is of high quality, having inherited a certain coarseness from the Chinese parent. The introduction of the *Pai li* or white pear of Pekin, considered the finest variety in North China, will probably interest the pear breeders and may lead to the production of better flavored blight-resistant pears. Photo No. 13030 by Frank N. Meyer, Oct. 18, 1913, Pekin, China.