

narrow, moderately deep; calyx small, closed; basin shallow, rather narrow; skin thin, pale green with occasional semitransparent spots on it; core rather small; seeds medium sized, few in number; flesh greenish white, rather soft and spongy, tender, somewhat coarse grained, aromatic, pleasant, juicy, and sweet.

This apple would seem worthy of further trial, particularly in the warm sections of the country or on the boarder line through southern Virginia, northern Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Season October - November.

The following is taken from Dr. Fairchild's desk book, November 17, 1922:

"I have just tasted, after nearly twenty years, the 'Melo gelato' apple, S.P.I. No. 9471, scions of which Mr. Lathrop and I collected in Portici, Italy, or, rather, which we arranged for through Professor Savastano in 1903. The delicate aroma of this apple brings back all the scenes of those delightful days in Naples, with the street venders, their street cries, and all. It has been a long time coming into fruit, this apple, but at last it is really here. How productive it will be I do not know, but its aroma is surprisingly delicate. I can not taste it without a sense of the romance of this work of bringing to America the flavor of a Naples fruit."

**MALUS SYLVESTRIS** (Malaceae), 10345. **Apple.** In January, 1904, there was received from Nikita, near Yalta, Crimea, a number of apple scions. These scions were presented to E. A. Bessey, who was then in charge of the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction, by Theophil Kalaida, head gardener of the Imperial Gardens at Nikita. The scions were entered under No. 10345 and the name of the apple was given as "Sabla Sinap". The only comment recorded is that the fruit is "distinguished for its beautiful appearance." In February, 1904, the scions were turned over to the Arlington Farm and thirteen grafts were made from them. Three of the young trees were planted among the apple collections on the farm and now, after eighteen years, two trees have come into bearing. While the quality of the fruit is only fair, its unusual shape and striking color would seem to make it worthy of notice for limited plantings where a highly colored, unusually shaped fall