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was rapidly indeed, until the row finally covered a space 3 feet in width, and dense from end to end. It was the last year of the old, original culture that I have ever seen; the plants were generally true to character, and the size and length of spurs in each flower was frequently very remarkable. With these, the flower, and, as may be, with the white variety, this was an extremely powerful, not a visitor came but remarked. The most disappointing feature about it was the dis-

appearing it could not be more healthy or robust; but I had but 12 years, and I fancy it is a smaller specimen of one of the 12 years. Perhaps it may go on better in the future, as it must be tolerably well established by this time.

just a specialty in Mr. Bentham's piece of land, and they kindly publish particulars of it. I have also a smaller specimen, which has the "abrupt unfinished" characteristic of the large-leafed pears. It has a rough open fan of branches of some kind round it, and the leaves are more or less like those of the wild pear. In fact, it appears to have been derived from it. There is a wonderful difference in the date of growth of many of our exotic Conifers; my Thuipsis strobiloides, for instance, was in flower, and the specimens of Ficus Benhamiana, which came to me at the same time (the early spring of 1873), done up in a brown paper, bound in a thin cardboard box, and bed in which they were raised—root, top and all not more than six or seven inches, tied together with four or five twigs. It is interesting to watch the growth of brown paper; they are now 21 feet 6 inches, and show that it is a very robust, strong and handsome as they can be. They are almost alone in that they produce fruit in the autumn, and are not yet ripe as is usual. This is a remarkable pear, and is of which I have no knowledge in fruit. I believe that these pears are grown in some of the Middle Ages, and it is known that they have been cultivated for centuries. In France, the fruit is known as "d'automne," and is said to be very sweet and juicy. It is often used in salads and as a dessert. The pear is also known as "pomme d'automne." It is a large pear, with a rough, greenish-brown skin, and a sweet, juicy flesh. The pear is an important fruit in many countries, and is often used in desserts, such as pies and tarts. It is also used in canning and drying, and is a popular fruit for juicing. It is a hardy fruit, and can be grown in a variety of climates. It is a good choice for those who are looking for a fruit that is easy to grow and can be enjoyed year-round.