HE PICKING, PACKING, AND SHIPPING OF FRUIT.

ruit Unfit for Market—Points in Feeding _To Remove the Turnip Flavor in Milk-Farm Notes and Home Hints.

Marketing Fruit.

The following advice regarding the ticking, packing and shipping of ruit was written for the benefit of anadian fruit-growers, and appeared the "Farmers' Advocate." dvice given is equally applicable to rowers here, and is worthy of their ttention:

The amount of fruit that is sent to market by wagon, train or boat every eason that is unfit for market is omething enormous. Why is it that arrers, or fruit growers, who apea to have enough sense in many atte s, will persist in trying to sell o their city customers or friends uit that they know is not fit for sale and pa kages that they know they have la ked with the best berries on op of the basket or package and hat the bottom of said package whatver kind it may be, basket, bag o parrel, is filled with poor, miserable, mall and wormy tru k. and entirely infit for food! Farmers and fru t rowers, if you have been doing this, top at on e. To those who are free rom the vi e, I say. don't commen e; ou (an't do it and make money. i k and pack your fruit hone tly and airly, if you want to suc eed in the

If you get a good customer, don't ry to cheat him by giving him an in-erior article for a good one; if you o, he is lost to you. If you ship alogether to commission men, the buyers know your brand or package n a day or two, and if you are caught with false packages you will be the one to lose, for they will buy your ruit at about half price on account of he previous bad packing. Remember hat trade once dropped because of bad packing and poor fruit is hard to egain, if it ever can be. If you have poor fruit, ship it as poor fruit. Send your good fruit sorted by itself, and if ou send poor fruit, don't top out your package with good fruit; you will rue it if you do. If you don't do the packing yourself, watch the man who does. He will not be likely to pack right if not watched and instructed. The idea is just this: If you ever intend to succeed in fruit culture, you must strive to grow the pest fruit possible and pick at the proper time; pack and ship right good fruit and you need have no fear of the consequences. The buyers are every day, and it only takes a few days to find out what kind of fruit the grower is sending, and the buyer is there to buy it on its merits.

Many ship in dirty baskets, pack good grapes and culls all together, the whole badly smashed. After the best grapes are picked and shipped wine can be made of the balance if deirable, or they can be gathered and shipped to market I have found the ten pound basket is large enough for all table grapes, and for choicer varieties five and eight pound boxes, packed in crates, bring the best prices, though in very hot weather the crates do not afford ventilation enough; but late in the season grapes two cents per pound more than ten pound baskets. Everybody buys and eats grapes, and they would buy more if put up in more tempting packages. Let all fruit be picked at the proper time and in the best manth the proper time and in the best manth the proper time and in the best manth times severe injuries.

Seed bed made firm.

On barbwire fences, at least one they are unpreted to show the stock where the wire is. It would save lots of bad scratches and sometimes severe injuries. ner, put in the neatest packages, and my word for it, you will have less trouble in selling fruit at paying prices. forgot to mention that in this section we are using only the 24-box gift crate for strawberries raspberries and blackberries, having discarded the old box crate that was returnable. but which we rarely did get returned. This gift crate costs only 20 cents per crate, including boxes, and is neat and easily handled; each having handle, two can easily be carried. You will require covers. Look them up in time, and be sure

you get the right colors. Good bright cardinal is best for peaches, pears, and white and yellow plums and is nearly as good for the dark plums as any. Red and white grapes also require the cardinal, but dark grapes must be covered with purple or plum colored material, which is also often used over dark plums. Never use green, yellow, dark red or blue, if possible to avoid it; the color often sells the fruit in making it look good or bad in color.

For those who drive to market and retail their own fruit this will be of no interest; but there are hundreds of people who have to ship or prefer to ship. To those I would say, there is no trouble in finding good, honest commission men in any city, who will handle your fruit to the best advantage and remit the proceeds, if you will only take the trouble to look them up. Many who are now selling their fruit or produce to others, would make more money if they shipped direct themselves. If you are shipping every day, ask the consignee to wire you the price your fruit sold for immediately after sale; thus you know what to do again. Many a time the writer has made from \$10 to \$25 more on a shipment by using the wire a little, thus learning where the best prices are obtainable. Very often you will find that if you ship to a flat luke warm water, kept in a warm market, by the time your shipment reaches its destination the market is up, and the high market down flat.

Points in Feeding.

Buring the fattening period the folowing points bearing upon feeding should receive prompt attention. 1. The meal ration should be moderate gradually increase as the time goes on, until a maximum quantity is dripping-pan kin side up.

reached This period will depend on the length of the feeding term but it should not be near the commencement in any case. 2. The strength of the meal ration should also be increased as the season advances. 3. The appetites of the animals should be carefully watched and no more food be given to them at any time than they will eat with a relish. When once put off their feed by over-feeding, they seldom regain their former tone while the experiment lasts. There is no necessity for giving them more than three feeds per day. Some old feeders have practiced giving five feeds per da .. It may turn out that two feeds per day will answer every purpose, but I am not prepared to affirm this in the meantime. The feeder should be careful not to finish the animals before the probable date of sale. If they are not expected to take the market until May they should be so fed that they will not be ripe a day sooner. When they are ripe the flesh assumes a solidity which is easily discerned by the practiced hand. After this condition is reached the gains are slow, no matter what the nature of the feeding

may be. It is also wise to sell before the warm weather comes, when this can be done, as after that period the gains will not increase rapidly .-Thomas Shaw in National Stockman.

To Remove Turnip Flavor From Milk. The only way to get turnip flavor out of milk is to heat the milk in a water bath to 135-140 degrees immediately after milking. This will completely eradicate the turnip flavor. and the milk will make good, sweet butter. This heating of the milk will also cause the cream more per-fectly to rise if set in shallow pans, and will thus increase the amount of butter. We have often described the mode of heating milk in a water bath. which is in short, to set the vessel containing the milk into another vessel containing water, allowing the water to circulate under the vessel containing the milk by raising it on two thin bars of iron. The milk will then be heated by hot water and can-not be scorched. The taint of milk from sour or mouldy ensilage is removed by heating it to 130 degrees. We have made butter quite satisfactory to very particular customers after thus heating the milk -Farming World.

Farm Notes.

Land can hardly be manured too highly for corn. It pays to sharpen the harrow as

well as the plow. Experiments in removing corn tassels have not been satisfactory so far.

growing crops. Poor soil weil cultivated frequently soil poorly worked.

The ground for strawberry beds should be prepared some time before putting out plants, in order to kill out weeds and grass.

Lands that are liable to wash would be benefited by being sown to rye, as it would form a sod which would protect the ground.

W. S. Chamberlain, of Ohio, thinks collars or joints. Nearly all experienced wheat grow-

ers are agreed that land for wheat and the constant agent of those nameshipped this way very often bring should be well pulverized and the less, numberless acts of kindness which seed bed made firm.

times severe injuries.

A New Jersey horticulturist in order to give his trees two heads cuts back the young trees within a foot of the ground and keeps the ground well potash.

A writer for a Canada paper says that the Canada thistle can only be checked at blooming time. If a small patch, they can be dug up, but if a field is infested, it is best to plow under at that time.

Home Hints.

Soft butter the size of an egg weighs

Four teaspoonfuls are equal to one tablespoonful. One pint of coffee "A" sugar weighs

twelve ounces. One pint of best brown sugar weighs

thirteen ounces. One quart of sifted flour (well

heaped) weighs one pound.

Two teacupfuls (level) of granulated sugar weigh one pound.

Two teacupfuls of soft butter (well packed) weigh one pound.

one and one-third pints of powdered

sugar weigh one pound.

One pint (heaped) of granulated sugar weighs fourteen ounces.

Two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar or flour weigh one ounce.

Two teacupfuls (weil heaped) of coffee 'A' sugar weigh one pound.

Two and one-half teacupfuls (level) of the best brown sugar weigh one pound.

Rice flour wafers, which are slightly sweet are the correct thing to serve with five o'clo k tea.

One tablespoonful (well heaped) granulated coffee "A" or best brown sugar equals one ounce.

If the fishy taste in wild game is objectionable, it can be removed by putting a small onion, cut fine, into the water it is cooked in, or carrots

if onions are not liked. When young chickens are to be baked, with a sharp knife cut open at first as to quantity, and should the back at the side of the backbone, press apart and clean, and place in a

The tiphabet in Single Sentences.
A few years ago this department contained a "note" entitled "An Alphabetical Sentence," which ran as follows: "John P. Brady gave me a black walnut box of quite small size." The Republic's editor commented on the ingenious little piece of word carpentry and supplemented it with another in which "Blocks of Five" was curiously interwoven with the results of such political tinkering. The Brady sentence containing forty-seven letters, and at the time it was published was thought to be the shortest alphabetical sentence in the English language. Since that time 'ye editor' has succeeded in capturing the following:

J. Gray Pack my box with five dozen

Z. Badger: Thy vixen jumps quick at fowl.

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phyr, waft my gravelin to ox." The first contains 33 letters; the two last 32 each. If you notice closely you will see that the last sentence lacks a "b," a fact which seems to have been entirely overlooked by Prof. Morrison, its author.

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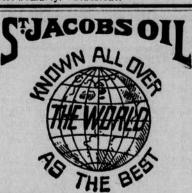
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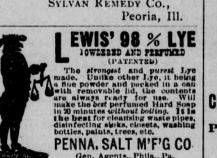
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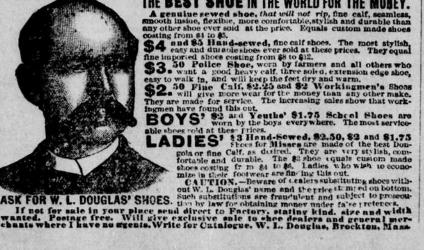


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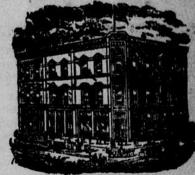


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