

instead of the ordinary 12-quart size. Now there is only one excuse for very small packages, and that is, where the fruit is of extraordinary beauty or size, and therefore will command extraordinary prices. It is always better to put up ordinary fruit in ordinary packages, as there is less expense about packing and less trouble to the salesmen in handling them. Besides, it is very inconvenient for railway companies to handle large quantities of fruit in small baskets. No wonder the agents and trainmen become impatient and throw about the baskets in such a reckless fashion, or that the Grand Trunk Railway

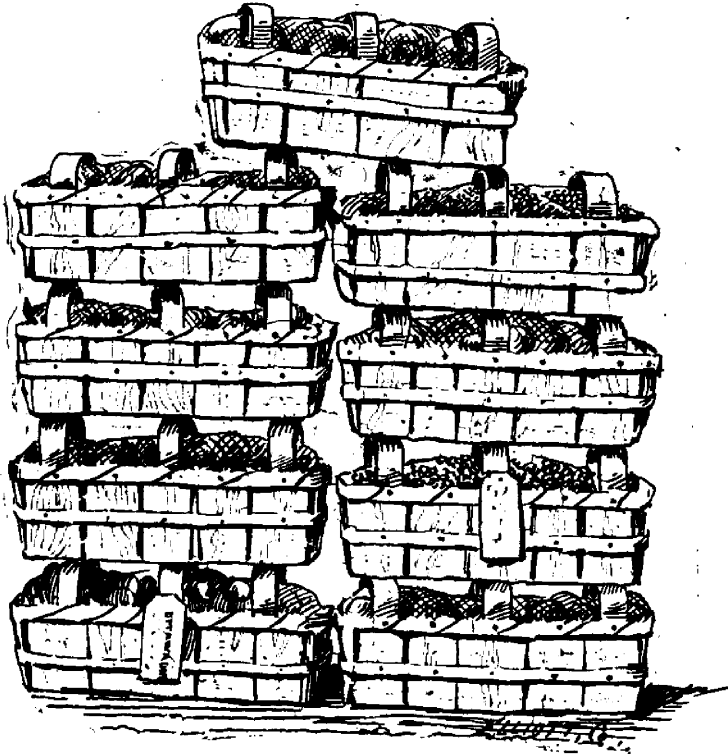


FIG. 50.—THE TRIBOW BASKET.

officials should have become impatient of delays and given an order, as they did the other morning, that the daily express trains were to stop no longer than was needful for the accommodation of passengers. Several hundred baskets of peaches were, in consequence of this order, left behind at Grimsby station, notwithstanding the angry faces of the many shippers who were waiting to see their fruit safely aboard.

One thing is certain, and that is, that the rapid growth of the fruit industry requires accommodations from the railway companies not yet thought of. Fruit