

privilege of exemption from postage is extended. Our work, of course, is to distribute information which will tend to develop the fruit growing industry in our country, and mere business details should be left to those who buy and sell. Our Association has no interest whatever in buying and selling of fruit; our work is purely educational. We had thought, however, that the publication of such a bulletin might be of much real advantage to a large number of our members.

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KEEPING FRUIT IN WINTER.—Dr. Hoskins writes a very sensible article in the *Garden and Forest* upon this subject. He says that an apple makes as much as one quarter of its growth while its seeds are coloring, and, therefore, it is not wise to gather them before this change takes place; but, as soon as the seeds are fully colored, it begins to deteriorate if left hanging, and, therefore, the gathering should be pushed as speedily as possible when the fruit reaches this point in its maturity.

When the fruit is carefully gathered, the question of keeping resolves itself into a question of temperature. The fruit cellars should be kept as near as possible to the freezing point.

It is important to avoid leaving the apples, after they are picked, exposed to the hot sun, the effects of which would be to ripen them very rapidly and very much lessen their keeping qualities.

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PEACHES ON CLAY.—The *Country Gentleman* criticises our statement that peaches will not succeed upon clay soil. The editor states that his finest peaches came from trees which grow on heavy clay soil. This may be true in exceptional cases, especially where the soil has been well drained and well cultivated, but under ordinary circumstances, we should never advise our readers to plant peaches upon clay soil. We have all varieties of soil at Maplehurst and have repeatedly put peaches upon heavy land; but invariably they have succumbed early to yellows, and the fruit, although highly colored, has been small in size. Of two orchards which we planted fifteen years ago, one upon clay loam and the other upon sandy loam, the former was entirely cleared out about five or six years after planting, while many trees of the latter are still in good health and bearing abundantly. We shall be glad to hear further testimony from any of our readers who have had experience in growing peaches upon heavy soil.

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THE BURLINGTON FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION visited Maplehurst in a body. They are a wide-awake company of fruit growers, and many of them are quite largely engaged in the business. Such an Association as this might be profitably formed in many parts of the country, much to the mutual advantage of its members. During the winter time they hold monthly evening sessions of their Association, at which one member reads a paper giving the results of his