

trees : Place a piece of aloe about the size of a walnut, in a quart of water; shake the bottle from time to time during three or four days, and apply the liquid with a small brush to the affected parts of the tree. If the weather be dry, a single application will suffice.

PRESERVING APPLES, PEARS, ETC .- The following is a precis, recently published by the Royal Horticultural Society, in relation to the preservation of fruits :

1. As the flavor of fruit is so easily affected by heterogenous odors, it is highly desirable that the apple and pear rooms should be distinct. "2. The walls and the floor should be annually

washed with a solution of quicklime, to which common salt is sometimes added. [Salt is objectionable.]

"3. The room should be perfectly dry, kept at as uniform a temperature as practicable, and be well ventilated; but there should not be a thorough

ing the fruit, which should be handled as little as possible.

"5. For present use, the fruit should be well ripened; but if for long keeping, it is better, es pecially with pears, that it should not arrive at complete maturity. This point, however, re-quires considerable judgment.

"6. No imperfect fruit should be stored with that which is sound, and every more or less de-cayed specimen should be immediately removed. "7. If placed on shelves, the fruit should not lie more than two deep, and no straw should be

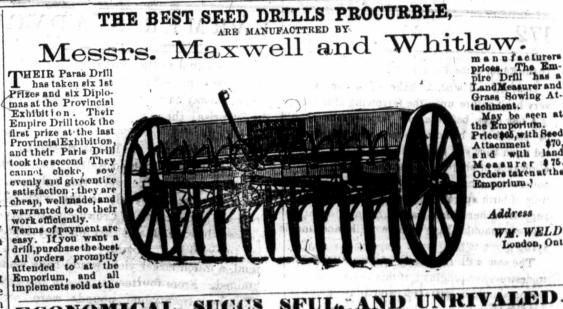
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"8. Where especially clear and beautiful specimens are wanted, they may be packed carefully ih dry bran, or in layers of perfectly dry cotion-wool, either in closed boxes or in large garden-pots. Scentless sawdust will answer the same purpose, but pine sawdust is apt to com-

municate an unpleasant taste. "9. With care, early apples may be kept till Christmas, while many kinds may be preserved in perfection to a second year."

An exchange gives the following sensible directions for driving young horses :

"In teaching a young horse to drive well, do not hurry to see how fast he can trot. Keep each pace clear and distinct from the other-that is, in walking, make him walk and do not allow him to trot. While trotting, be equally careful that he keeps steady at his pace, and do not allow him to slack into a walk. The reins, while driving, should



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