

ports were, that they arrived in perfect condition. I have also shipped to some commission houses in Glasgow, London and Liverpool, but these shipments, after slacks, wet, very wet, samples, and other various charges, have been paid, I am sorry to say have not done so well. I pick my apples and put them in barrels and they are all brought in under cover every night and the packing is all done inside. This leaves all cull stock in one place not scattered all over the orchard."

Mr. Pay certainly follows an excellent system in gathering and packing his apples. But in cases of very heavy

crops it is a great undertaking to carry all the apples to a packing house; and we have taken out our packing table into the orchard where the trees are heaviest laden, and had the pickers empty their baskets upon it. One man with one or two assistants will in this way pack forty or fifty baskets a day, keeping four or five pickers busy. We give a cut of our packing table, which holds about two barrels of apples, and is so inclined toward the opening that the fruit rolls toward the packer, and this much facilitates his work.

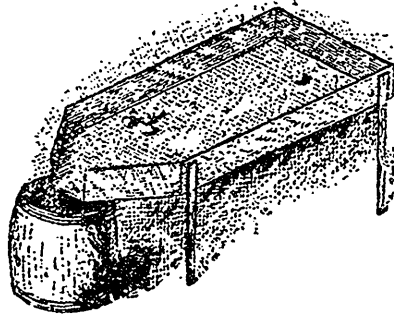


FIG. 1543.—PACKING TABLE.

AN EXPERIMENT WITH RASPBERRIES.

A YEAR ago last spring I turned under a heavy sod and planted corn, keeping it thoroughly cultivated and not allowing a weed or any grass to grow. Last spring I cross-plowed the field, taking pains to turn every furrow over, not cutting and covering, as is so common among some people. Then I pulverized the ground with pulverizing harrow until it became suitable for gardening. Then with a marker made of hardwood, 4 x 4, sufficiently long to make two rows at a time, by bolting standards two feet long and four feet apart, I marked the field out

one way. Then I began taking up my plants and setting them out in rows the other way, seven feet apart, using a line, and taking pains to have the rows straight both ways.

In setting out I used a spade, digging a hole sufficiently large so as to spread the roots out in their natural position, then filling in around the plant with fresh, mellow earth, packing it around the plant with the foot.

In taking up the plants, I selected good thrifty ones of the previous year's growth, and only took up a small quantity at a time, cutting them back to