

individuals, counties, or otherwise, when the several species of fruits are specified in the schedule, they must all be presented, or the collections may be passed by the committee.

6th. In all cases, but more especially in the display, or greatest and best collections, number of varieties is the *prima facie* test of superiority, other things being equal; but quality, relative value, their perfect condition and tasteful appearance, will be considered, and should rank thus, respectively: 1. Number. 2. Quality or Value. 3. Condition, approaching perfection. 4. Taste in the Display.

7th. Unless there are special rules to the contrary the general rules that govern the exhibition of fruit shall apply to the exhibition of flowers. For collections, viz.: Roses, palms, etc., not more than three of any one variety will be allowed in any one collection. In judging collections two plants of different varieties shall rank equal to three of one variety. To illustrate. On a scale of ten—

No. 1 may have 100 plates, the largest collection.....	10
Quality, some inferior varieties.....	5
Condition of Fruit, rather poor.....	5
Taste in Display.....	5
Total	25
No. 2 may have ninety plates.....	8
Quality, superior in most.....	8
Condition of Fruit, perfect.....	10
Taste in Arrangement, good.....	8
Total	34

No. 2 would, in this case, take the premium.

In the case of single plates of the several kinds named, or in a competition for the best plate or basket of any kind of fruit, we may consider condition, form, size, color and texture, with flavor. On the same scale we have two entries to decide, thus:

No. 1.

Condition, perfect.....	10
Form, abnormal.....	8
Size, overgrown.....	8
Color, Perfect.....	10
Texture and Flavor, superior.....	10
Total	46

No. 2.

Condition, stem lost.....	8
Form, perfect.....	10
Size, uneven.....	6
Color, too pale.....	6
Texture and Flavor, insipid.....	5
Total	35

This scale might be used in deciding between any number of single plates of designated varieties competing with one another for the best plate of any kind, or for the basket premium with assortment of single variety, according to the words of the schedule.

SPECIAL RULES.

The judges shall have an ideal standard of perfection in all cases, made up of the following particulars:

1st. The condition and general appearance of the fruit, which must be in its natural state, not rubbed or polished, specked, bruised, wormy, nor eroded; with all its parts, stem, and calyx-segments well preserved, not wilted or shriveled, clean.

2nd. The size, in apples and pears particularly, should be average, neither overgrown nor small. The specimens should be even in size.

3rd. The form should be regular, or normal to the variety, and the lot even.

4th. The color and markings, or the surface, to be in character, not blotched nor scabby.

5th. When comparing different varieties, and even the same kind grown on different