

condition. Nearly all of these fruits are raised in superabundance in this country, and the hardy varieties will stand shipment well enough to enable merchants to place them upon sale abroad in excellent condition. Our fast steamers enable shippers to place the fruits on the English stands within seven and eight days from the time of picking.

Australia is rapidly coming to the front as a rival agricultural country to this, and it is time that fruit growers of the United States made some concerted action to place the great variety of our fruits in the English market. Only the soundest, freshest and properly picked and packed fruits will do for this trade, but these under the direct control of a good fruit association could be made profitable. Fruit growers need to combine together for such a work far more than they do for political purposes. On the whole the American farmer and horticulturist is far behind the manufacturer in introducing his goods in foreign markets. He has been so absorbed in the work of raising fine fruits that he has forgotten to exercise his Yankee genius in disposing of them to the best advantage.—Germantown Telegraph.

Weeds always have been and still are the closest friends and helpmates of the farmer. It was they which first taught the lesson of tillage of the soil, and it is they which never allow the lesson, now that it has been partly learned, to be forgotten. The one only and sovereign remedy for them is the very tillage which they have introduced. When their mission is finally matured, therefore, they will disappear because there will be no place in which they can grow. It would be a great calamity if they were now to disappear from the earth, for the greater number of farmers still need the discipline which they enforce. Probably not one farmer in ten would till his lands well if it were not for these painstaking school-masters, and many of them would not till at all. Until farmers till for tillage sake, and not to kill the weeds, it is necessary that the weeds shall exist; but when farmers do till for tillage sake, then weeds will disappear with no effort of ours. Catalogues of all the many iniquities of weeds with the details given in mathematical exactness, and all the botanical names added, are of no avail. If one is to talk about weeds he should confine himself to methods of improving the farming. The weeds can take care of themselves.—L. H. BAILEY.

All Fruits have a medicinal value, and the cranberry ranks as an antiscorbutic. It is a blood cleanser; bruised and heated, not cooked, it has a healing effect on humors. One cut in half and bound on a corn will cure it in one or more applications. It will be equally efficacious in the case of pimples. As an article of food the cranberry is too little known. Many families know it only in the form of sauce, but it may be served in many other ways. A cool, refreshing drink may be made by boiling the berries in water double the measure of berries. Boil until the juice has been thoroughly extracted, sweeten with one half-pound of sugar to the pint of juice, and bottle hot.—Greengrocer.