

PACKAGES.—The old fashioned crate has been entirely thrown aside as a package for peaches. Baskets can now be had so cheap that there is no object in using crates in point of economy; and the fruit commands better prices in baskets set off with colored gauze. Indeed, many fruits that were once put up invariably in barrels are now being sold in baskets, as for instance, pears, choice apples and select onions. During the past season select Red Astrachan Apples have sold at sixty cents per basket.

An excellent crate basket for berries has been invented in Grimsby. It is a handle basket, holding twenty-four baskets, in three layers of eight each, with the usual slats dividing them, and a cover. The basket will cost about ten or twelve cents, and may be sold with the fruit; the express charges on the twenty-four quart wooden crate being about as much as the price of the basket. The advantage is that the crate-basket, besides being light to handle, can be reshipped from central towns to points where wooden crates could not be sent for fear of loss or long delayed return.

DESIRABLE VARIETIES OF PEACHES.

The **AMSDEN'S JUNE** has not proved itself to be a desirable variety, being no earlier than **High's Early Canada** and not so large.

The **ALEXANDER** and **EARLY CANADA** have both been grown in large quantities in the Grimsby section this season, and still the matter of distinction is difficult to solve. One grower says he sees the chief difference in the period of ripening. The **Early Canada** comes in a little the soonest, and ripens more unevenly than the **Alexander**, so that it sometimes hangs on the trees a week longer than the latter. This peach has on the whole proved itself well worthy of general cultivation, and may be called the peach of its season. Though on account of the very heavy crop it was this season smaller than usual, yet it was plump and round and finely colored. No peach during the whole season has been more remunerative.

The **RIVER'S SEEDLINGS** do not all come up to expectation, though it is unfair to judge of them from such an excellent season of superabundance.

The **BEATRICE** was very small and much too soft for shipping well. The **EARLY LOUISE** was also small and lacking in flavor.