

notice. The wood itself is of no value. It realizes nothing, the man who cuts it giving the wood gratis. When the wood reaches Toronto it sells for \$5.00 a cord, the \$3.00 being consumed in freight and profit to the dealer. The wood difficulty is becoming serious."

It would be well if those who are selling their wood as above would consider this. We should be planting instead of cutting so much down without any replacement.

BUSHEL BOXES FOR POTATOES.

NEXT to the potato digger, the greatest labor saver on the farm, in the line of potato culture, is our bushel box. Potatoes can go from the field to the grocer in the city, and then to his customer's cellar on spring wagons and under canvas, so they are fresh and nice as though just dug in the garden. The boxes, of course, are left with the grocer until emptied. When digging, the boxes are scattered through the field. A man can pick up a bushel almost without lifting, if he takes four rows at once. Then two men can empty them into the wagon, as it is driven through the field, very rapidly, or set them in, to go to the cellar. It is a great saving of labor over the common way of picking up in a basket and carrying them to heaps, then picking them up again from the heaps into the wagons. These boxes hold a bushel level full, so they can be set up three or four deep in field, wagon or cellar. We have board covers to put on when it looks like rain, or to keep the sun from injuring the potatoes. If you want to load a car from the field they are just the thing. There are hand holes in the ends, so they are about as easy to carry as a basket. The size is 13 x 13 x 16 inside measurement.—T. B. TERRY, *before a Farmers' Institute in Wisconsin*.

PACKING PLUMS FOR MARKET.

THE Plum is perishable, and more care in handling is required than often is given, especially on sorts designed to be sold on the retail stands of distant cities. These certainly should be picked with stems adhering and carefully laid in five pound to eight pound baskets; in all cases picking the small and inferior fruit by itself, to be marketed as second class. And while the varieties designed for preserving need not be so carefully packed, equal care should be bestowed in sorting that no imperfect fruit be packed in packages denominated first-class. In doing which you will find some one ready to purchase our fruit at its fair value, giving you fair compensation for all your labor and care, and you, in conclusion, abundantly satisfied that well-grown plums shipped in clean, neat packages, at the proper time and to the proper markets, are a crop not to be despised.—S. D. WILLARD, *Western New York Hort. Society*.