



Handsome Effect of a Porch Where Vines Grow Wild.

One of the most attractive trolley rides in the province is the one that can be taken from Hamilton to Vineland, through Winona, Grimsby, etc., through one of the most noted fruit sections in the province. A pleasant feature of this ride is afforded by the many handsome houses which may be seen, almost all of them being owned by fruit growers. The porch of one of these homes is here shown, the residence being that of Mr. Murray Pettit, of Winona, who has about 70 acres of fruit, over 30 being under grapes. The first 1000 vines were planted in the spring of 1872, at which time some of Mr. Pettit's neighbors, who are now large fruit growers themselves, asked him if he thought he would ever be able to market all the grapes. The vines about the porch shown are a combination of jasmine, clematis and Boston ivy, growing wild. During the summer season they present a most attractive appearance.

METHODS OF PACKING PEACHES

IN such fancy fruits as these, which are rather to be classed as a luxury than among the staple articles of diet, more depends on the style of packing than with either the apple or the pear. For ordinary grades of peaches the 11-quart basket is the cheapest and best package, for they must be sold with as little expense as possible; but for peaches $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches and over in diameter, with a colored cheek, the 7-quart basket, or more exactly the 6-2-3 quart basket, is much to be preferred.

Some object to this package because it has the appearance of a half of the 11-quart basket, but sales accounts scarcely justify this objection, for we often find the 7-quart baskets of fancy fruits bringing as much money as the large basket of common stock.

Mr. John Brennan, my neighbor, is a great champion of the Alexander peach. He thins it so closely that all his samples are large and fancy; then he packs in a California peach box, with a special label. The package takes two fruits deep, and all are wrapped in tissue paper.

We use a similar box, but it is a little different in size, being half the Ontario apple box. The object of this size was to secure uniformity in size and for packing car lots. Prof. Reynolds, of the O. A. C., is making a carload of mixed fruits for Winnipeg, and he intends using the California peach crate, or else the Georgia six-basket carrier. Either of these will be more satisfactory for distant shipments than the basket, which lacks firmness, and is not popular.—W.