

providing the reader can imagine the color of the skin to be a rich crimson. When thus highly colored, what apple could be prettier for the dessert table than the Astrachan, even though the quality is inferior to some other varieties.

This season this apple has sold well in Canadian markets, owing to the shortage caused by the late frosts.

The basket used is a very neat one, with board ends, on which is stamped the name of the grower and the grade of the fruit. The quantity contained is about a peck and a half, and when only the most fancy fruit is thus packed, they will always sell. The ventilated barrel is used for ordinary grades of summer apples, and two or three of these are shown in the back ground in Fig. 823.



FIG. 822.—PLATE OF ASTRACHANS.

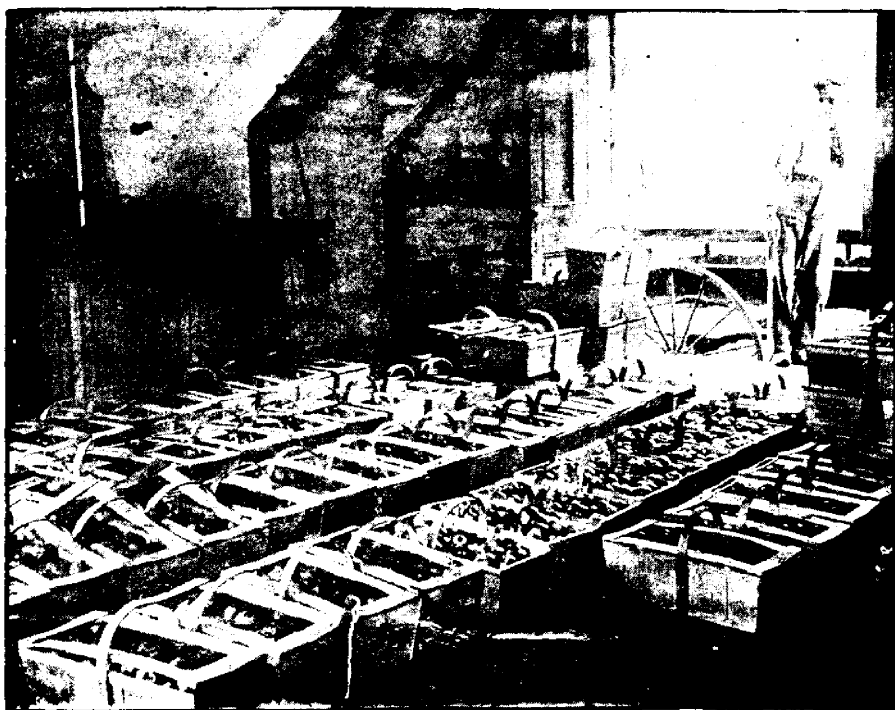


FIG. 823.—PACKAGES OF ASTRACHANS FOR SHIPMENT.