

FRUIT FARMING.

The Philadelphia Press gives an interesting account of C. Shearer's fruit farming in Pennsylvania. In the course of the description it says :

The apple crop is the most valuable harvest, and some novel methods add to the profit from it.

The best are stored in his fruit retarding house, which will hold 3,000 bushels, and sold in April and all along until July, bringing never less than a dollar per bushel, and sometimes nearly double. But few are lost by rot. They are stored in pine boxes, holding about three bushels each. The bottom and sides are tight, and they stand on each other in tiers, so that no apples are directly exposed to the air, except those in the upper boxes, and these are sometimes covered, which Mr. S. regards as best. The boxes are made of inch stuff, and when full it takes two men, of course, to handle them. Large boxes are regarded as more economical than small ones. The poor apples are made into cider, the greater part of which is made into vinegar. The pomace receives a tremendous pressure, so that most of the juice is pressed out at once, but after that it is put into large brick and cement vats in the earth, a little water added, and then it is pressed again, and the juice made into vinegar. By some after manipulation the pomace is preserved after this second pressure, so as to keep like sauer-kraut, and makes good food for his stock, answering about as well as bran or hay. It must be fed at first with care, or the animals will eat too much, but after a gradual introduction they are allowed to eat all they wish, and do well upon it. A bushel of apples will make ten pounds of pomace. He has now on hand about 10,000 gallons of vinegar, worth about ten cents a gallon.

THE PRESERVATION OF FRUIT IN ITS NATURAL STATE.

On Thursday last, under the auspices of the Montreal Horticultural Society, the Canadian Fruit Export Company, (lim.) made an exhibit of fruit that had been preserved in its natural state by Mr. Geo. A. Cochrane's patent case and method, for six months. There

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