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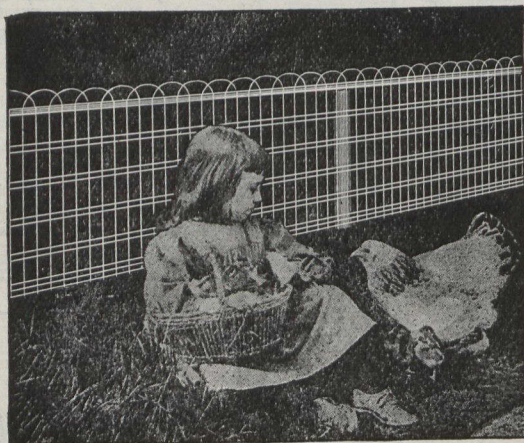
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Generally speaking the more matured apple has the better flavor, and there is this to be said: that the fairly well matured apple, which of course is not over-ripe, will keep longer and better in cold storage than a green one will. That is contrary to the opinion that is held by a great many people. An apple ripens more rapidly after it is picked than it does on the tree.

### Fruit Reports

Tent Caterpillars have been reported in several districts. This is nothing unusual, nor are there any indications that there is anything like an extraordinary infestation at any point. Nevertheless, indications are not wanting that in the neighborhood of Ottawa there will be many trees defoliated this year unless active measures are taken to repress the Tent Caterpillars. Their food plants are distributed so widely in fence rows and neglected bush lots, that the mild infestation of last year may possibly result in a serious invasion this year. Orchards that are well sprayed with the poisoned Bordeaux mixture will in all probability escape any serious injury.

#### SPRAYING

Perhaps the most noticeable feature in the reports of correspondents for this month is their universal testimony to the prevalence of spraying. Everywhere orchardists appear to be impressed with the necessity of spraying; and spray pumps, Bordeaux mixture, and lime-sulphur mixture have been used this year where they never were before. It would be less remarkable if these reports came from one or two sections but from Prince Edward Island to British Columbia, there is a universal revival in connection with combating insects and fungous diseases.—Bulletin Dominion Fruit Division.

The Norfolk Ontario Fruit Growers' Association sold last year some 36,000 barrels of apples. In addition it boxed a few pears. It paid to its fruit grower members over \$100,000 on the barrel stock alone as well as \$25,000 on their cull stock. Who will say that apple growing in the Norfolk district does not bring handsome returns?

At the meeting of the Western Association of Nurserymen at Kansas City, Mo., A. J. Brown gave the following definition of a nurseryman, which the Association approved: "A bona-fide nurseryman is one who propagates and grows trees, plants and shrubs from seeds and cuttings, or by budding and grafting, or by transplanting small stock for growing into large shrubs, regardless of the number of acres so grown."